



# *Cairns Potters Club Inc.*

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Newsletter

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**President:** Lone White.

**Vice President:** Hedy Verhulst

**Secretary:** - Dorothy Gourlay

**Minute Secretary & Librarian :** Christina George

**Acting Treasurer:** Mark Davis

**Kiln Booking Officer & Website Manager:** Jennifer Arthur

**Newsletter & Publicity officer:** Suzy Cory

Glass Officer: vacant

**Clay Officer:-** Di Sant.

**Committee Members;** The following members have agreed to be on the Committee:

Johanna Bradley, Tom Britton , John Charlton, Yuki Horiki, Samallie Kasirye, Heather McCoy,

## **CLUB MEETINGS**

The next Management Committee meeting will be held on **Monday 2 April 2018 at 4.00 pm** at the Club premises at 28a Grove Street Cairns. **Members are welcome to attend and/or bring issues to the Committee at this meeting.**

## **A word from the President.**

The club was very pleased with the attendance of members at the Annual General Meeting ( see page 4) and as you can see from the list ( above) we have some new members on the committee.

This will be my last newsletter as “acting “newsletter officer and the reason why you receive this newsletter early is that I am going overseas from 23 March to 1 May, but the newsletter will in the future be in the hands of our new member Suzy Cory.

Our next big event will be the Mothers Day Fair May 12 2018. Hope you are busy making pots to sell at the Fair also get some pots bisque fired for the raku firing on that day.

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**WHEN YOU COME TO THE CLUBHOUSE YOU *MUST* BOTH SIGN IN AND OUT IN THE BOOK NEXT TO THE ENTRANCE – STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES MUST ALSO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED IN THE BOOK – THE TEACHERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. IT IS AN INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

# At the Clubhouse

## CLASSES:

**CHILDRENS' CLASSES** (Tuesday and Thursday 3.30 to 5 pm Contact Hedy Verhulst – 0428 883 121 or email [hedy.verhulst@hotmail.com](mailto:hedy.verhulst@hotmail.com) .

## EVENING CLASSES

**Wed & Thursday evenings - 6:30pm to 9:00pm** - Wheel throwing and hand building class for beginners and existing potters who would like to refresh their skills. Contact Yuki @ [yuki.koyuki@hotmail.com](mailto:yuki.koyuki@hotmail.com) or 0438741922 (prefer SMS). **Please note** Yuki is for the moment overseas – so no classes are conducted. When she comes back, she is planning to change the way she conducts classes.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

### **TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNINGS - CLUB MEMBERS GET TOGETHER**

Between 9 and 12 noon– no cost involved.

Members can practise their hand building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques and perhaps share a firing, also a chance to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making.

Contact Glenys 0487194747 or Yuki on 0438741922 (prefer SMS)

## **Cains Potters Club website [www.cairnspottersclub.net](http://www.cairnspottersclub.net)**

On the website the club has a Galleries page.

This page enables club members to showcase their work.

Requirements to be featured on this page are:

- 1 A total of no more than 9 pics in the highest resolution you can manage.
- 2 A brief biography of your history and practice.
- 3 You must be a current financial member.

Emailed to [jennyarthur57@gmail.com](mailto:jennyarthur57@gmail.com)

It's a great way to get your name out there at no cost to you.

The website has lots of viewers from all over the world.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Saturday 17 March 2018.



The meeting was very well attended with 23 members, who also after the meeting got the opportunity to socialise and get to know each other better. Some members also brought up ideas about changes to club fairs etc. It was decided not to increase membership fees, however due to a shortfall in funds earned last year it was agreed that we raise the cost of clay by \$1 a bag for both members and non members.

Only one position was not filled at the election, that of treasurer. Mark Davis, who has held that position for some years and done a great job (THANKS), has decided not to continue, however since nobody nominated for the position, he then kindly volunteered to stay on as acting treasurer, until we find somebody who is willing to take on that position. So please, if you think you could do the job, let us know, as the treasurer's job is one of the most important for running the club. Mark has said he would be willing to help the new treasurer to start with. SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Annual General Meeting – Year ending 31 December 2017

The Cairns Potters Club has now been going for 44 years - quite an achievement. To run a "non-for-profit organisation" with volunteer staff is not an easy job especially now when Governments and Council and the Insurance Industry are placing more demands on small clubs and organisations. Anyhow we have survived so far and keep battling and hoping to find enough enthusiastic potters and glass artists to keep the club going in the future.

2017 was again a busy year. Our traditional activities throughout the year included:

- . Adult classes (hand building and wheel throwing taught by Yuki Horiki – Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
- . Children's day time classes were taught by Hedy Verhulst.
- . Tuesday & Wednesday "open day" organised by Yuki Horiki & Glenys Lonie
- . Mothers' Day Fair
- . Cairns Show
- . Open Ceramic Studios and group Raku firing days □
- . Christmas Fair

Thanks again to our webmaster Jennifer Arthur for looking after the club's website [www.cairnspottersclub.net](http://www.cairnspottersclub.net) . It gives information about the Club, the latest newsletter, art news, kiln firings etc and promotes the works of club members by showing picture samples – further contributions would be warmly welcomed. Through the web site we have now often people contacting us re info about the club and its activities and people from all over the world are visiting the site. It is great promotion for the club. Jennifer has also been busy as our kiln officer.

Thanks to Hedy Verhulst for being in charge of our Facebook and our treasurer Mark Davis for handling our finances so well.

Also thanks to Di Sant, our venture into selling clay from the clubhouse, has been very successful and we are now selling more types of clay and materials to our members.

Australian Ceramics Association is again planning an Open Studios Australia. Last year's open Studio weekend was very successful. The club opened its doors to the public and some pottery was sold as well as people becoming aware of what pottery is all about.

As mentioned, it takes a lot of effort to run the club, especially since it is all on a voluntary basis. I would therefore like to thank all the members who gave their support and helped with the activities during the year - but a very special thanks goes to the executive Management Committee, who worked hard and were always ready to step in when needed.

I am sure the new committee can look forward to another challenging year with our National Ceramics exhibition MELTING POT 2018 coming up in November and I hope they will continue to promote and foster club activities to the mutual benefit of all members.

Lone White.  
President  
March 2018

## **MOTHERS DAY POTTERY FAIR**

### **Saturday 12 May 2018**

The Management Committee is considering changes that can be made to make our Fairs more successful, however since the Mothers' Day Fair is fast approaching, we might this time not have enough time to implement many changes. More about the Fair in the next newsletter.

Do not forget to make some pots suitable for the raku firing, which we will be holding during the Mothers' Day Fair. The pots must be bisque fired and have an even thickness. The club will try to arrange a bisque firing before the fair, so the pots will be ready on the day for glazing with raku glazes which the club provides. If you do not have time to make some pots then you can buy a bisque pot from the club (pots left over by club members, however suitable for raku firing).

## CLAY FOR SALE

Next order for clay and materials will be sent to ClayShed 3 May 2018, so if you want the club to order clay or materials for you then you will have to **email Lone with your order before 1 May**

\*Non members of Cairns Potters Club will have to pay \$5 extra pr bag.  
Clay types – can all be fired to stoneware temp except Feeneys

Terracotta Sales price per bag



Blackwattle White Paper Clay stoneware	\$ 26
Walkers No 10	\$ 23
Walkers School eathernware/Stoneware	\$ 20
Walkers Feeneys white stoneware	\$ 22
Walkers PB 103	\$ 23
Feeneys dark stoneware	\$ 21
Feeneys red stoneware	\$ 21
Feeneys Buff Raku - Sand	\$ 20
Feeneys Buff Raku - Trachite	\$ 20
Feeneys Terracotta	\$ 18
Feeneys White raku	\$ 19
Keanes White Raku	\$ 26
Keanes stoneware 33	\$ 28
Keanes stoneware 7	\$ 28
Keanes Lumina Mid fired Porcelain	\$46
Bats ( masonite) diameter 20 cm	\$ 4
Bats ( masonite) diameter 39,5 cm	\$ 8

If you would like to purchase some clay please contact Di Sant on 40324487 or 0419657553 email [disantart@gmail.com](mailto:disantart@gmail.com)

Payment for clay can be either cash or chq to Di Sant on 40324487 or 0419657553 or directly deposited into the Club's Bendigo Bank A/C by making an electronic transfer to the following bank account showing your name and reference to clay and/or materials  
Cairns Potters Club – Account # 119552826 BSB 633-108

**Artists of the North** entries are open at last. So if you want to enter one of your ceramic artworks then you may enter on Eventgate <https://reg.eventgate.com.au/Event/12107/Artists-of-the-North-Exhibition-2018> or drop into the Cairns Art Society Gallery at DFO Shopping Centre, 274 Mulgrave Road, Westcourt, Cairns and get an entry form and pay by credit card, cheque or cash.



## Jennifer Arthur

I've been somewhat obsessed with clay and making functional things on the wheel for a few years now.

While doing the diploma of visual arts a few years ago at TAFE I discovered the ceramics department while doing a unit in mold making and never really went back to painting, except for painting birds on some of my pots.

I still attend TAFE once a week under the watchful eye of a wonderful, passionate teacher, Jenny Valmadre.

I absolutely love making things that people choose to use in their daily lives, it is very special to me.



Having dabbled with raku, assembly and at the moment the Japanese art of Nerikomi, I still just love using the wheel. My studio (garage) has my wheel and kilns and shelving with a lovely view out over the garden.





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