



Cairns Potters Club Inc.

February 2022 Newsletter

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Art Work by Yasue Asai

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A word from the President

Hopefully this year we can go ahead with our pottery without too many restrictions due to Covid. Some classes have already started and some are planned for the middle of this month for both beginners and more experienced potters as well as classes for children. The club will also begin to plan our biannual ceramics exhibition at the Cairns Art Gallery from 16 December 2022 to 15 January 2023, so **you have now plenty of time to make your special pieces for that exhibition.**

Also note the Annual General meeting is set for Saturday 26 March at 2 pm at the clubhouse. More about it in the next newsletter.

Kiln Usage at the Club

For the moment we have problems with kiln 2 and kiln 3 is still under repairs. However, if you want to book a kiln for a bisque or glaze firing then please contact our new kiln officer, Nigel Perera on 0409459013 (text message). He will also put the bookings on the kiln calendar on the club's website.

~ You can use the kiln to fire your own works or share with a small group of members to fire as a collective (working in groups allows support for the packing, unpacking, placing of bungs etc.).

GLASS WORKSHOPS

Having had two years of Covid restrictions and no Glass Workshops, we are currently unable to hold further glass workshops as the two glass kilns have been taken out of the main room to make more space. This will hopefully be rectified in the future by creating another workroom. In the meantime, however Kate is run one-on-one or maximum 2 participants, wanting to continue with glass in her Green Door Studio in Kuranda. Creating in glass is fun and challenging as more and more up to date materials such as enamels and glass clay are used. Those wishing for further information should contact Kate on 0400 517 949.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP??

Each year you must renew your membership from 1st January, so please (if not already renewed) fill in a membership renewal form (you will be able to get it from the CPC website) or pick it up from the clubhouse. You do not need to have been covid vaccinated to be a member of the club, but if you want to have a key to the clubhouse for the year (form also to be found on our website) and/ or want to use the clubhouse, then the Management committee again on 31 January decided to continue the access restriction .Only members who are vaccinated or can show evidence of a medical exemption will be permitted to use the clubhouse to protect everyone. Masks needs to be worn indoors

Single Member:	\$55.00	
Family Membership	\$65.00	
Associate Member	\$45.00	Open to interested people who reside outside the Cairns District
Student	\$25.00	(18 and under)
Concession:	\$40.00	Centrelink Customer Reference Number CRN Required
Key for clubhouse	\$30.00	(optional)

Preferred method of payment is a direct deposit into the Club's Bendigo Bank account:

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If paying electronically, please email the completed form to our email address, including a copy of your receipt from the banking transaction, so we can match your payment to your membership form. For direct deposit, it is greatly appreciated if you add the purpose of payment in reference.

If you joined the Cairns Potters Club as a new member In November/ December 2021 – then you do not have to renew your membership or key, it is carried over for 2022.

KEY FOR CLUBHOUSE

The key to the clubhouse has been changed. Each year you will need to buy a new key for \$30. When there are no classes going on, you may use the clubhouse. This year however you can only buy a key if you have been vaccinated and can prove it. We used first to change keys at the AGM, but due to the covid situation we have had to do it now, so if you want to use the clubhouse individually then please contact our secretary Alison Lacy (cairnspottersclub1@gmail.com).

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.

Classes available at the Club

WHEEL THROWING & HANDBUILDING CLASSES

Starts Friday 18 Feb for six weeks - 6:30pm-9:00pm

Contact Alison Lacy 0407482858 email alilacy2622@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Starts Friday 18 - 4pm to 5.30pm

Contact Alison Lacy 0407482858 email alilacy2622@gmail.com.

THROWING OFF THE HUMP

Tues. 3:30-5:30pm / Sat: 10:00-12noon

Carol will resume classes for those interested on both the Tuesday and Saturday in the New Year.

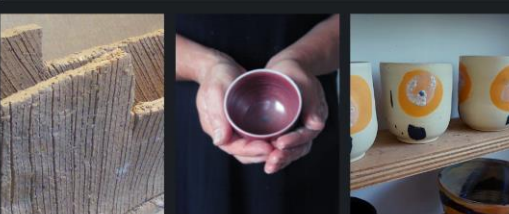
As these are very small intimate sessions, classes will begin when there is at least 4 people booked for a class.

Please email Carol if you are interested in attending one of the classes:

Contact Carole Lomax: clomax54@gmail.com

(When the space is booked for classes, then it would be appreciated, that other potters do not use the club facilities (except for kiln firings))

**WHEEL THROWING
AND HAND-BUILDING
CLASSES**
CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB
SIX - WEEK COURSE
CONTACT ALISON LACY
ALILACY2622@GMAIL.COM OR
0407482858



FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSES
18TH FEBRUARY 2022
6.00 - 8.30 PM
**\$240 FOR CLASSES, CLAY CAN BE
PURCHASED ON THE FIRST NIGHT**
**GLAZES AND FIRINGS COSTS ARE
DEPENDENT ON WHAT YOU CREATE**

CAIRNS
POTTERS
CLUB

**CHILDREN & TEEN
SIX-WEEK
POTTERY
CLASSES**

Commencing on the 
18th February 2022



HANDBUILDING WHEEL
THROWING SCULPTURE

8 yrs to 14 yrs
Friday afternoons 4 - 5.30 pm
Cost \$230 includes all clay, glazes and firings
CONTACT ALISON 0407482858
alilacy2622@gmail.com

February Clubhouse Calender						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	2 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	3	4	5
6	7	8 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	9 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	10	11	12
13	14	15 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	16 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	17	18 - 16:00-17:30 Children Class Wk1/6 - 18:30- 21:00 Adult Class Wk 1/8	19
20	21	22 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	23 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	24	25 - 16:00-17:30 Children Class Wk2/6 - 18:30- 21:00 Adult Class Wk 2/8	26

CLAYS AND MATERIALS

As you are aware the club orders clays and materials from ClayShed for members nearly every month. If you want to get something from ClayShed then please send Lone White lone@tpg.com.au your order and she will include it in the next club order to ClayShed.

Our December order first arrived in Cairns a week ago, so we do not expect to send another order to ClayShed before mid February 2022.

ClayShed has had problems getting clays from suppliers, so many potters did not get all that they ordered. To make it up to the 2 tonnes, we got extra clays – Walkers 10, PB103 and Feeneys Buff raku, plus a few extra types of clays, which members, who have not already ordered clays, can buy.

Wednesday mornings from 8.30 to 9.30 Di Sant (0419 657 553 disantart@gmail.com) is opening up the shed for members to pick up their orders or to buy clays and Alison Lacy (cairnspottersclub1@gmail.com) will do the same on Friday afternoons from 5pm to 6 pm , when she starts classes Friday 18 February.

Club Members regular catch ups

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Let's catch up! Between 9am-12 noon Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday evenings. No cost is involved for members. Get together to share skills, knowledge and tricks of the trade! Or simply come to hang out and enjoy the company of other potters.

Members can practice their hand building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques and perhaps share a firing. Take the opportunity to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making

THE CLUBHOUSE OPENED UP AGAIN FOR THE NEW YEAR ON 5 JANUARY 2022 and it is now looking great, thanks to a few hard working members.



Yasue Asai



Hello I am Yasue. [y'ʌ s'ʊ é].

When I lived near the clubhouse nine years ago, I was always curious about what pottery was like. After my son started to go to school, I decided to visit the club on one open Wednesday.

There, very friendly and experienced potters showed me how to do everything from the beginning. I was extremely fortunate. Since then, I have been a casual potter for years and visit the clubhouse every Wednesday to practice my wheel throwing skills.

Last year, I decided to attend the TAFE ceramic course. That in turn motivated me to learn more different skills and techniques.

I am originally from Gifu Prefecture in Japan. Surprisingly, I have never visited Tajimi City which is famous for pottery. Next time I travel to Japan, I would definitely like to spend my holiday there.





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