Cairns Potters Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our next big event is our yearly Mother's Day Fair (see below), a fair that we have been conducting for more than 40 years and it keeps getting more popular, so we hope to see you there.

Do not forget to start making pots for the Cairns Show which is on from 17 July to 20 July, but entries close on 21 June. There will be more info in our next newsletter.

The committee continues its collaboration with the Cairns Regional Council to secure approval for an extension to be built onto the clubhouse. This extension will provide us with a better space to accommodate all of our kilns.

Thanks go to Geoff Riley who organised the club clean-up and with some helpers also tidied the garden. Unfortunately, many members or past members did not come and pick up pots that have been sitting on shelves for a long time, so they have now been taken away.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CLUB MEETING

The next Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 4:00 pm, at the Club premises, 28a Grove Street, Cairns. Members are encouraged to attend and raise any issues with the Committee during this meeting.

CLAY AND MATERIALS ORDER

The club has just received the second tonne of its March clay and materials order from Picasso's Ceramics. If you wish to place orders for clay or materials through the club, please send your order via email to lone@tpg.com.au instead of the club's email address.

MOTHERS DAY POTTERY FAIR-Sat 11 May 2022

Plan to arrive early, around 7 am, to secure a prime spot for your table setup. Beyond pottery, feel free to showcase and sell other creative works such as glass art, paintings, jewellery, plants, and fruits. To streamline the process, kindly complete a sales sheet with your name and contact information. You can obtain a sales sheet from the clubhouse, request one via email, or download it directly from our website.

Ensure each item for sale is properly labelled with a unique number, price, and your initials. The club will levy a 20% commission

on sales, so remember to drop off your completed sales sheet at the designated Sales Table upon arrival. While you're not obligated to remain stationed at your booth throughout the event, your presence can greatly enhance the promotion of your work.

All purchases must be settled at the sales table. If time permits, consider lending a hand at the table to assist with transactions. As the fair concludes at 2:00 pm, kindly pack up any unsold items and lend a hand with the post-event cleanup. Even if you're not selling, your assistance for a few hours is greatly appreciated and offers an opportunity to connect with fellow potters and stay informed about club activities.

Additionally, we're seeking volunteers to facilitate clay play activities for children throughout the day.

CLASSES AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB

Introduction to Pottery - Wheel throwing- with Geoff Riley

Tuesday Evenings 6 to 9 pm ***- Next set of classes start on Tuesday 4th June***

Discover the art of wheel throwing in a small group setting (maximum 4 students) during this 6-week class designed for adult beginners. The set of 6 classes is priced at $320, which includes clay and a starter kit. Contact Geoff Riley at 0400 397 980 to reserve your spot.

CHILDREN'S CLAY CLASSES with Natalie Peckham

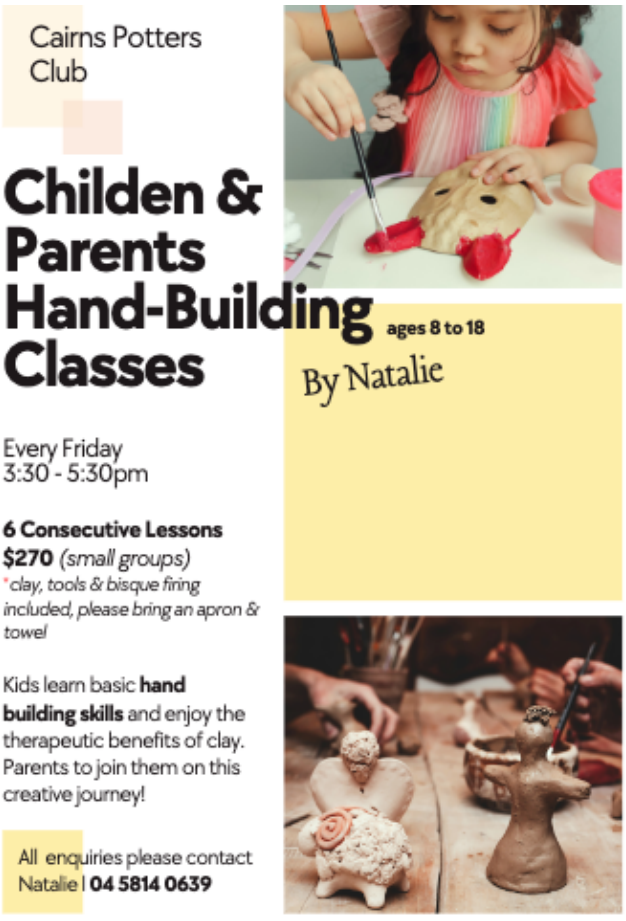
Friday afternoon 3:30 - 5:30pm

Parents & Children learning and creating your own clay forms together! Clay and first bisque firing are included in the cost. Set of 6 sessions $270. Glaze and firings are paid per piece. After Completing beginner lessons, intermediate-level pottery will be available. Contact Natalie at 0458140639 for more information.

ADULT'S CLAY CLASSES with Natalie Peckham

Saturday morning 10:30 – 12:30pm

Beginners hand building projects will include: Pinch Pots / Slab Building / Coil Work / Sculptures. After completing beginner lessons, intermediate-level pottery will be available. Set of 6 sessions $300. Tools, First Clay and First Bisque firing included. Please bring an apron and a towel. Contact Natalie at 0458140639 for more information.



ADULT POTTERY CLASSES (Calling for a teacher)

The club is in search of another individual to lead adult pottery classes once a week in the evening. If you are interested, please reach out to Yasu Mackenzie.

ONE DAY STONEWARE SLIP CASTING WORKSHOP.

We are still seeking expressions of interest in a one-day stoneware slip casting workshop to be led by experienced slip caster John Charlton.

The workshop is tailored for beginners at an introductory or basic level and will cover the following topics:

- Understanding slip casting: its purpose and mechanics.
- Demonstrating the preparation of a simple pop-out mould.
- Instruction on preparing slipcast liquid.
- Creating a couple of pots from simple pop-out moulds.

The workshop will take place at a private residence in Mareeba on either a Saturday or Sunday. The specific day and date will be advised once we have firm numbers.

Further information will be provided once the number of participants and the date are confirmed. Due to limited space, the class will be limited to 4 persons. The cost will be $50 per person.

If you're interested, please email your interest to Geoff Riley a avis1@hotmail.com.

CLUB MEMBERS REGULAR CATCH-UPS

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Let's catch up! Join us from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesdays and from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursdays. There's no cost involved.

This is an opportunity to gather and share skills, knowledge, and tricks of the trade! Or simply come to hang out and enjoy the company of fellow potters. Members can practise hand building, wheel throwing, decorating, and glazing techniques, and perhaps even collaborate on a firing.

Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other potters, share in their joy of pottery making, and foster a sense of community within the club.

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.

Clubhouse Calendar

Member Catch-up Booked for class or workshop

May 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 - 15:30 - 17:30 Natalie's Kids Class	4 - 10:30-12:30 Natalie's Class
5	6 - 16:00 - 18:00 Committee Meeting	7 - 18:00 - 21:00 Geoff's Class	8 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	9 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	10 - 15:30 - 17:30 Natalie's Kids Class	11 - 10:30-12:30 Natalie's Class
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19	20	21 - 18:00 - 21:00 Geoff's Class	22 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up	23 - 9:00 -12:00 Member Catch Up - 18:00 -21:00 Member Catch Up	24 - 15:30 - 17:30 Natalie's Kids Class	25 - 10:30-12:30 Natalie's Class
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Luisa Manea

Hi there! My name is Luisa Manea, and I've been practising art and design for what seems like forever. I can't spend a day without creating, painting, or drawing something. Over the years, I've won many awards/prizes in various art forms, but I can never settle for just one medium. I enjoy all art forms, from bridal to textile art, painting, photography, self-taught florist, pottery, sculpture, and printmaking.

It's surprising how little some galleries know about art. Recently, Cairns' Art Gallery told me in writing that Raku ceramics are not fit for display, and they will only accept vitrified ceramics. Additionally, some curators have told me that my textile art is not art but craft. However, it's time we shake things up a bit in Cairns. In major cities all over the world, galleries showcase all forms of art, including Raku, wonky frames, dirty frames, art falling apart, art decaying, poorly made textiles, and perfectly painted art. Art is art, and no one should tell you otherwise. There's something perfect about the imperfect, and we must have both.

Now we have an Archibald winner who won with a textile piece. This has opened the door to accepting many more creative art forms. Art is for everyone and anyone. The best feeling is when you make art you hate but someone else loves.

Cairns is a great place to live in, especially for artists. With all the new infrastructure happening at the art precinct in town, it's now time for the local council to invest and create bigger and better clubs and art organisations so that we can keep up with the growing demand and supply. That means investing in the local artists, not just buildings.

I paint, print, host pottery parties, photograph, teach, and sell. Please visit my website to learn more.

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