



# Cairns Potters Club Inc.

## December 2024 Newsletter

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past few months have been incredibly busy for the Management Committee, with the planning of our 50th Anniversary National Ceramics Exhibition, MELTING POT 2024 (see page 3) and the upcoming Christmas Fair 2024 on Saturday 7 December (see below).

It's been a fantastic year for the club, filled with exciting events and activities, including exhibitions and weekend workshops featuring renowned ceramic artists from outside Cairns such as Chris Harford and Greg Daly, as well as numerous workshops run by our talented local potters. We also held our two annual fairs and participated in the Cairns Show.

Membership has grown this year, and we're optimistic that next year will bring even more opportunities and successes for the club.

## CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER

Join us for our Christmas Fair from **8 am to 2 pm**—we hope you'll have plenty of pots ready to sell!

**Set-Up:** Arrive by **7 am** to set up and secure a good spot. Need a table? Contact **Lone White on 07 4053 7508** (limited availability).

**What You Can Sell:** While pottery is the focus, you're welcome to sell other items too—such as glasswork, paintings, jewellery, plants, or fruit.



### Sales Details

- **Sales Sheet:** You must complete a sales sheet with your name, contact details, and a list of all your items for sale. You can pick one up from the clubhouse or request it to be sent to you.
- **Labelling:** Each item must have a sticker with your initials, item number, and price.
- **Drop Off:** Hand in your sales sheet at the sales table when you arrive.
- **Commission:** The club takes a 20% commission on all sales.

**During the Fair:** You don't have to stay with your items, but being there helps promote your work. The club isn't responsible for unattended items. Purchases will be processed at the sales table. If you can, lend a hand during the day.

**After the Fair:** The Fair wraps up at 2 pm, so please return to pack up any unsold items. It would also be a big help if you could assist with cleaning up the grounds.

**Other Ways to Get Involved:** If you don't have items to sell, we'd still love to have you! Come along, meet other potters, and help out for a few hours—it's a great way to stay connected. We'll also need volunteers for clay play activities with children during the day. If you can help, please contact Lone White on 07 4053 7508.

# MARKETPLACE!

## Kiln for Sale

The club is offering its old **Kiln 2**, a **Woodrow Hobby Fire single-phase model**, for sale.

- **Price:** \$2,000 (sold as is, without shelves or props).
- **Collection:** The purchaser is responsible for arranging collection and removal.

If you're interested, act quickly before it's gone!

## Free Pugmill for Parts

The club has an old **Venco 100mm plugmill**, no longer functional as it's missing an electric motor (Venco can no longer supply a replacement). However, it comes with a vacuum pump and is suitable for parts.

- **Cost:** Free!
- **Collection:** Must be removed by the interested party.

Contact **Vice President Geoff Riley** if you'd like to claim it. Please note: If it's not collected by the end of the year, it will be sent for scrap metal in January.

## 50TH JUBILEE NATIONAL CERAMICS EXHIBITION – MELTING POT 2024

The MELTING POT 2024 exhibition officially opened at the Courthouse Gallery on Friday 29 November and was a great success, with over 100 people attending.

The exhibition showcases 100 ceramic artworks, including:

- 79 pieces from 55 artists participating in MELTING POT 2024.
- Around 20 pieces from the City Collection, featuring award-winning artworks donated by the Cairns Potters Club from annual exhibitions held between 1978 and 1995.

The exhibition runs until 12 January 2025, and every Saturday morning from 10 am to noon, a potter will be demonstrating pottery-making techniques (see the schedule below).

## Thank You to Volunteers

A huge thank you to all the potters who worked hard to prepare MELTING POT 2024 for display and to those continuing to volunteer at the gallery and during Saturday workshops.



## SATURDAY POTTERY DEMONSTRATIONS - 10 AM TO NOON

30 Nov	<b>Karen Charlebois</b> karen.c.ceramics@bigpond.com (040) 700-7556
7 Dec	<b>Nigel Perera</b> nigelwperera@gmail.com (040) 945-9013
14 Dec	<b>Geoff Riley</b> atavis1@hotmail.com (040) 039-7980
21 Dec	<b>Annette Tranter</b> annettetranter@tablelandvet.com.au (04) 2840-1970
28 Dec	<b>Carol Lomax</b> clomax54@gmail.com (042) 429-2748
4 Jan	<b>Geoff Riley</b> atavis1@hotmail.com (040) 039-7980
11 Jan	<b>Nigel Perera</b> nigelwperera@gmail.com (040) 945-9013

## Winners of the exhibition - Judge Greg Daly

1	Cairns Potters Club No 68 Peter Thompson – Voco. Wik Munkin 1	Open Award - \$2,000
2	Marion Ireland No 8 Mollie Bosworth – Cinnabar Nights	Acquisitive Award - \$1,500
3	Goodman Chartered Accountants No 14 Len Cook – Flower Container	Acquisitive Award - \$1,200
4	Simon George & Sons No 11 Karen Charlebois - Resilience	Acquisitive Award - \$1,200
5	Piccone's Family of Companies No 78 Lone White – Flower Blossom inspired form	Acquisitive Award - \$1,000
6	Ray White No 22 Cathy Franzi – Matchstick Banksia	Acquisitive Award - \$1,000
7	Michael Healy Member for Cairns No 4 Joanne Ball – A Doodle of Dodo's	Non-Acquisitive Award - \$500
8	Warren Entsch Federal member No 38 Carole Lomax – Sake set - Kiseto	Non-Acquisitive Award - \$500
9	Just Art No 30 Chris Harford - Dish	Non-Acquisitive Award - \$250
10	Crystalbrook Bailey No 67 Ellen Terrell – "Lotus" carved lustre shallow bowl	Voucher
11	Ochre Restaurant	Voucher - \$200



No 75 Caroline Walker-Grime - Cyclonic

12 The Australian Ceramics Association

Voucher - \$160

No 21 Carol Forster – All about the Banksia

13 Cairns Adventure Group

Voucher - \$150

No 71 Annette Tranter - Sacred Songlines



1. Voco. Wik Munkin 1



2. Cinnabar Nights



3. Matchstick Banksia



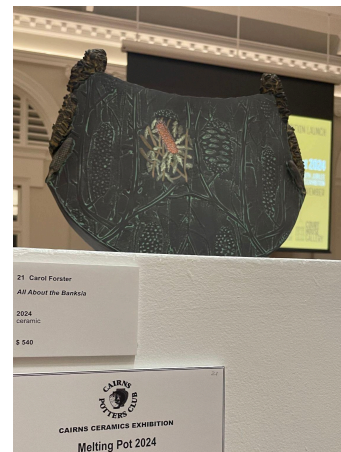
4. A Doodle of Dodo's



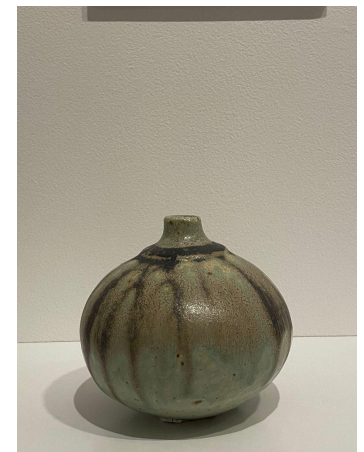
5. Sake set - Kiseto



6. Dish



7. All about the Banksia



8. Sacred Songlines

## CLAY AND MATERIALS ORDER

Great news! The transport company will deliver our order from Picasso's Ceramic to the clubhouse on **Monday 2 December at 8 am**. If you've received an invoice, you can collect your order that morning, and we'd greatly appreciate help unloading the ton of clays and materials. If you can't make it, orders can also be picked up on **Wednesday or Saturday mornings between 8:30 and 9:30 am**. For those who didn't place an order, we have some extra Walker's clays available for members. Looking ahead, the next club order to Picasso's Ceramics will be sent in **January**. To include your items, please email your request directly to [lone@tpg.com.au](mailto:lone@tpg.com.au) (not the club secretary).

***Thank you, and we hope to see you Monday morning!***

## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP - DUE 1 JANUARY 2025

Your membership will expire at the end of the year. Only financial members for 2025 will have access to the clubhouse and be able to purchase clay from 1 January 2025 (*exceptions will be notified individually*).

The lock will be changed on 1 January 2025, and we'll inform you when on-site membership renewal and key purchases are available.

To renew your membership, please complete the membership renewal form on our website or pick one up at the clubhouse: [cairnsottersclub.com/membership/](http://cairnsottersclub.com/membership/).

The preferred payment method is a direct deposit:

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**Thank you for your continued support!**

## CLASSES AT THE CLUB

***Parents and children's sensory class with Luisa Manea***

**START DATE: 13/12/2024**

Join this immersive, hands-on workshop designed to introduce parents and children to the joy of working with clay. The 2-day session costs \$199, which includes clay, tools, and bisque firing.

For more information, contact **Luisa at 041 995 6309** or scan the QR code.



**KIDS AND PARENT POTTERY WORKSHOP**

Join us for an immersive and hands-on pottery workshop that promises to introduce children to the fun, fine motor and sensory play of clay!

**What you will learn:**

- Hand-building techniques
- Trimming & Finishing
- Imaginative creation

**Price: \$199**  
Use of clay tools and bisque firing included so please wear old clothes, we will get messy!

**Starts on 13.12.2024**  
13th & 20th Friday DEC  
14th & 21st Saturday DEC  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM for 2 weeks  
28 A Grove St, Parramatta Park

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.LUISA.MANEA.com](http://www.LUISA.MANEA.com)  
MOBILE. 041 99 56 309

The poster features a blue background with a white oval containing a clay rabbit sculpture. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. A small image of a hand holding a clay piece is in the bottom left corner.

## CLUB MEMBERS REGULAR CATCH-UPS

**WEDNESDAYS AND FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

Let's catch up! Join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and on the third Sunday of each month from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It's free! This is a great opportunity to gather, share skills and knowledge, or just enjoy the company of fellow potters.

Connect with other potters, share the joy of pottery making, and foster a sense of community within the club.

# CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

Member Catch-up

Booked for class or workshop

December Clubhouse Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Greg Daly's workshop	- 16:00 - 18:00 Committee Meeting	- 9:00 - 12:00 Lorraine's Class	- 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up			- 8:00 -14:00 Christmas Fair
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
		- 9:00 - 12:00 Lorraine's Class	- 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up		- 10:00 - 11:00 Luisa's Class	- 10:00 - 11:00 Luisa's Class
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
- 10:00 -16:00 Members Catch Up		- 9:00 - 12:00 Lorraine's Class	- 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up		- 10:00 - 11:00 Luisa's Class	- 10:00 - 11:00 Luisa's Class
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
		- 9:00 - 12:00 Lorraine's Class	- 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up			
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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.

## Committee Members

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Committee Members:	Alison Lacy and Catherine Louison		



## Aisha Kennett

One day in June 2022, I was browsing online when I casually stumbled upon the Ceramic Skill Set course at TAFE. Although I had never touched clay before, I decided to enroll in the course and began my ceramic journey the following month.

It has been a magical experience.

Soon, I found myself constantly thinking about what I could create with ceramics. Even waking up in the middle of the night, I was too excited to explore the possibilities and often struggled to go back to sleep.

In 2024, I started the Diploma of Visual Arts at TAFE. As a ranger working in the rainforest, much of my inspiration comes from the flora and fauna of the Wet Tropics. While I can't wheel throw yet, most of my works are hand-built. I love bright and vivid colors, so this year I primarily work with underglaze.

There are still many skills I can explore and improve upon in the world of ceramics. My passion has not diminished, and I am truly excited to see what I can create in the future.

Find me on Instagram: [canopyceramics](#)





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