



Cairns Potters Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The December highlight was our Christmas Fair, which was the best we've ever had, thanks to all the potters who participated and all the visitors who purchased the potters' works. (See page 3).

The Management Committee is continuing to work with Cairns Regional Council to resolve repairs and maintenance of the building. Once completed, we can apply for an extension of the clubhouse, as we need more space for various activities.

The Cairns Potters Club's *50th Anniversary National Melting Pot Exhibition 2024* is still on display at the Courthouse Gallery until Sunday, 12 January 2025. (See page 4).

The club is also seeking more teachers for adult and children's classes. If you are interested in conducting daytime or evening classes, please contact me.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Memberships must be renewed each year from 1 January. If you haven't already renewed, please complete a membership renewal form, which can be downloaded from the CPC website or picked up from the clubhouse.

The preferred payment method 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 club email address and include a copy of your payment receipt. This helps us match your payment to your membership form.

Important Note: If you joined as a new member in December 2024 and paid the full membership fee, you do not need to renew your membership or key for 2025. Your new membership card will be sent directly to you.

Membership Fees for 2025:

- **Single Member:** \$55.00
- **Family Membership:** \$65.00 (Up to 2 adult family members plus 2 children under 18 years of age)
- **Associate Member:** \$45.00 (For individuals residing outside the Cairns District)

- **Student (18 and under):** \$25.00
- **Concession:** \$40.00 (Centrelink Customer Reference Number [CRN] required)
- **Group Membership:** \$65.00 (For schools or organisations; certain conditions apply)
- **Key for clubhouse (optional):** \$30.00 (Please return your old key if you have one).

KEY FOR CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse key has been updated for 2025. Each year, members need to purchase a new key for \$30. When the clubhouse is not in use for classes, workshops, or meetings, it is available for members to access.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

There will be no Management Committee meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 3 February, at 4 pm** at the clubhouse.

CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Christmas Fair was held on Saturday, 7 December 2024, from 8 am to 2 pm. We would like to thank all the potters who participated in the event. There was a fantastic display of pottery, and we had more stallholders than ever before.

Despite the occasional showers, people began arriving even before 8 am, eager to buy pottery, and the flow of visitors continued until we closed the Fair at 2 pm. Thanks to the excellent publicity—bright yellow posters around town, as well as announcements in the newspaper, on the radio, and on Facebook—crowds came streaming in to admire and purchase artworks. The sales desk was incredibly busy, with queues of customers waiting to pay for their purchases.



This year's Christmas Fair was our most successful ever, generating over **\$19,000 in sales** in just one day—the highest single-day sales total in the club's history! Combined with the Mother's Day Fair earlier this year, our club achieved a remarkable **\$34,000 in total sales** for 2024. What a fantastic accomplishment for everyone involved!

50TH JUBILEE NATIONAL CERAMICS EXHIBITION – MELTING POT 2024

The exhibition closes on Sunday, 12 January, at 2 pm. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet, there's still time to drop in and admire the 100 ceramic art pieces on display. The exhibition has been incredibly popular, with many visitors signing the guest book and expressing how impressed they are with the works. To date, we've sold 15 of the entries—an excellent result!

After the exhibition closes on **Sunday, 12 January, at 2 pm, the club has been asked to collect all 60+ plinths and return them to the clubhouse**. To make this happen, **we need a few volunteers**. If you're available to help, please contact Lone at lone@tpg.com.au.

Important Reminder:

The collection of entries from the Courthouse Gallery will take place on Monday, 13 January 2025, between 10 am and 12 noon. If you're unable to collect your entries during this time and cannot arrange for a friend to do so, please contact Lone to make alternative arrangements.



SATURDAY POTTERY DEMONSTRATIONS - 10 AM TO NOON

4 Jan **Geoff Riley** atavis1@hotmail.com (040) 039-7980

11Jan **Nigel Perera** nigelwperera@gmail.com (040) 945-9013

CLAY AND MATERIALS ORDER

We are continuing to source clays and materials from Picasso's Ceramics on the Gold Coast for **club members**. If you'd like the club to place an order on your behalf, please email Lone at lone@tpg.com.au with your request. The next order will be placed in mid-January 2025.

For picking up clays, materials and the club key, the clubhouse will now be open every Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

CLASSES AT THE CLUB

Expression of Interest: Advanced Wheel Throwing Classes with Carole Lomax

This class focuses on advanced techniques, including throwing off the hump for both individual pieces and repetition production. Spiral kneading for large amounts of clay will also be taught, and basic forms will be revisited to refine and enhance throwing techniques.

Classes will be offered in 4-week blocks at a cost of **\$120**. Participants must provide their own clay and tools. Each session will run for **2 hours**, with only **4 places available** to ensure personalised guidance.

Participants must already be proficient in centring and raising clay. The day and time of the class are yet to be decided.

If you're interested, please send your expression of interest, including your availability (suitable days and preferred morning, afternoon, or evening sessions), to:

Carole Lomax
clomax54@gmail.com



CLUB MEMBERS REGULAR CATCH-UPS

WEDNESDAYS AND THIRD 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
			1 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	16	17	18
19 - 10:00 -16:00 Members Catch Up	20	21	22 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	30	31	

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.

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Joanne Ball

I began potting way back in the 1970's in Western Australia and after successfully completing a 5 year diploma in Ceramics at TAFE followed by 1 year at Curtin University studying glaze technology I then became a production potter, although not full time.

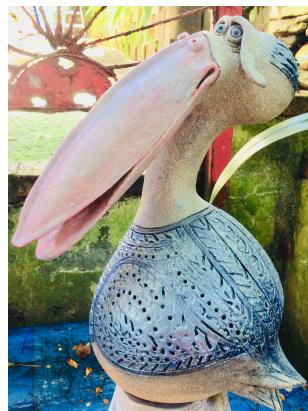
Because I lived in WA but also owned a house in Kuranda I spent most of my adult life travelling between the 2 states working in Journalism in WA and producing production ware to sell at the Kuranda and Port Douglas markets. After completing an order for 200 teapots I decided it was time for a change and began hand/sculpture building focusing on large pieces suitable for gardens.

I have exhibited in several galleries and wineries in WA and over a 12 year span exhibited annually in the garden of Holberry House in Nannup WA with usually in excess of 15 large pieces.

Now that my husband Fred has retired we are living permanently in Kuranda and my work is currently exhibited in the Australis Gallery in Kuranda.

I enjoy exploring different firing techniques but prefer firing with Gas and Wood, always making my own kilns to accommodate larger pieces.

My life in retirement is now totally focussed on being in my studio daily and as I constantly say. "It keeps me off the streets".





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