



# Cairns Potters Club Inc.

## February 2025 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It looks like the Potters Club will have a busy year ahead of us. The club closed down the MELTING POT 2024 exhibition on Sunday 12 January 2025 (see below)

The next important event is our Annual General Meeting (see page 4) where we hope to get new members on our Management Committee and many of the members attending to bring up new ideas of how the club should move forward.

## Clays and Materials

The club's January Picasso's Ceramics order should arrive at the clubhouse in early February. Potters who have put in orders will be advised. The club's Walker Ceramics order will also arrive shortly (members will be advised) and plenty of Walkers 10, PB103 and SES School earthenware/stoneware clays will be available for purchase on Saturday mornings between 9 am and 11 am.

## CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB INC. 50TH JUBILEE NATIONAL CERAMICS EXHIBITION – MELTING POT 2024



The MELTING POT 2024 exhibition officially opened at the Courthouse Gallery in Cairns on Friday 29 November and was a great success, with over 140 people attending the opening. The exhibition showcased 100 ceramic artworks, including

- 79 pieces from 55 artists from Cairns and other parts of Australia participating in MELTING POT 2024.
- Around 20 pieces from the City Collection, featuring award-winning artworks donated by the Cairns Potters

Club to the City from annual exhibitions held between 1978 and 1995.

Every Saturday morning from 10 am to noon, a potter demonstrated pottery-making techniques, which many visitors enjoyed.

The exhibition concluded on 12 January 2025, and about one-third of all the ceramic artworks were sold, which proved how popular the exhibition was.

Cairns Potters Club is one of the longest-running artists' initiatives in Cairns, providing studio, equipment and support for ceramicists for fifty years.

### From Curator

Melting Pot 2024 included impressive ceramic artworks created for the exhibition, supplemented with items from the Cairns City Collection. This was the first time those items in the Collection have been publicly exhibited in one venue. The exhibition was well received and the demonstrations were also popular. High praise from the judge, Greg Daly was well deserved.

### Visitors' Comments

Stunning display of vibrance – congrats to all potters and CPC! / I was laughing with glee and delight! So proud and impressed. / Loved this show – plenty of variety – clay rules! / Amazing! This is art! / Amazing pieces, love, love, love. Love all the work on display. / Wonderful work, congratulations CPC. / Finally out of the container! Beautiful pieces! Evokes many thoughts and emotions. / You can really see the spirit of the artist in each work. / Inspiring! / Honourable exhibition celebrating a remarkable club. / Congrats all around! / Beautiful, breathtaking, I loved it! / Great exhibition, well worth the time. / Some amazing works of art.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who supported the event!

## **AWARD winners (the 7 top awards)**

**1 Peter Thompson - Voco. Wik Munkin    2 Mollie Bosworth - Cinnabar Nights**



**3 Len Cook - Flower Container**



**4 Karen Charlebois - Resilience**



**5 Lone White - Flower Blossom Form**



**6 Cathy Franzi - Matchstick Banksia**



**7 Joanne Ball - Doodle of Dodos**



**Visit our gallery for more exhibited works**  
<https://cairnsottersclub.com/melting-pot-2024/>

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cairns Potters Club -Annual General Meeting **Saturday 15 March 2025 at 2 pm.**

Please come to the AGM and support the Club. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet other members and share ideas about the future of the club. You are of course more than welcome to nominate for a position on the Management Committee.

Afternoon refreshments will be served.

- AGENDA
- APOLOGIES
- MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- AUDITOR'S REPORT
- CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS
- APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
- GENERAL BUSINESS.

## List of Positions:

President / Vice-President / Secretary / Treasurer / Publicity Officer / Newsletter Officer / Librarian / Minutes Officer / Kiln Officer / Glaze Officer / Website Manager / Clay Officer / Maintenance Officer / General Committee at least Three

(All must be a financial member / Current committee members are on Page 6)

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## NOMINATION FOR 2025 COMMITTEE

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print) hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

For the position of \_\_\_\_\_

My nomination is seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign)

Seconder \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign)

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ (Sign)

## PROXY FORM (as stated in Constitution)

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Being a member of the abovemention club, here by appoint \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ or failing him \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual

General Meeting of the club, to be held on 15 March 2025 or at any adjournment therefore.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## CLASSES AT THE CLUB

### ***Advanced Class: Throwing off the hump with Carole Lomax (Members only)***

This class focuses on advanced techniques, mainly 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 for **\$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 centering and raising clay.

The initial class is fully booked, and the new set of classes is scheduled to begin on **27 March**.

Please send your expression of interest, including your availability for Carole to organise classes (suitable days and whether you prefer morning, afternoon, or evening sessions) to:

**Carole Lomax** [clomax54@gmail.com](mailto:clomax54@gmail.com)



Upcoming class information will be announced through our website, email and SNS when it becomes available.

Please send us your idea of the workshops that you may wish to attend. We will refer to your ideas for future workshop arrangements!

If you are interested in becoming an instructor at the clubhouse, please send an email to [cairnspottersclub1@gmail.com](mailto:cairnspottersclub1@gmail.com)

# CLUB MEMBERS REGULAR CATCH-UPS

## WEDNESDAYS From 9 am to 12 pm

The clubhouse is reserved for members to catch up on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. 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

February Clubhouse Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 16:00 - 18:00 Monthly Committee Meeting	4	5 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 - 9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up	27 10:30 - 12:30 Carole's Advanced Class	28	

\* Please avoid using the clubhouse while it is booked for classes and other occasions.

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

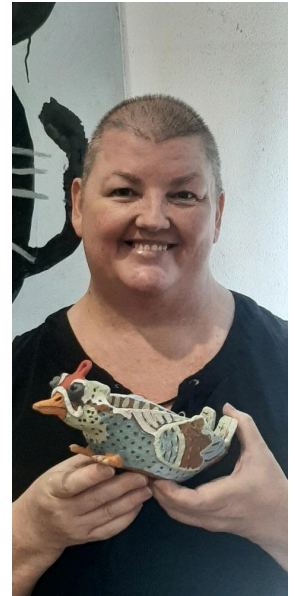
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## Jane Jehne

Hi, my name is Jane, and I am relatively new to the Cairns Potter's Club. You may have seen me around and possibly seen some of my work coming out of the kiln. I was asked if I could provide a quick background about myself and my art. I come from a fine art/illustration background having lectured at University in Fine Arts and Illustration. I have also run my own illustration business, Junglenook Studio for almost thirty years, completing various government and private commissions.

However, in March 2020, I was diagnosed with a non-operable brain tumour, which in turn as a result of the tumour and various treatments, has left me with some difficulties. I am an incredibly creative person and I looked upon this setback as an opportunity to try something new. In late 2023, I was fortunate to attend a series of lessons with Kettle Black Studio which taught me some basics of ceramics.

In joining Cairns Potter's Club, I have been introduced to the wonderful world of wheel-thrown pottery and I am absolutely relishing it. In fact, spending time on the pottery wheel is so therapeutic and encompassing that allows me to be consumed by my creativity and not dwell on negative medical issues. It is so exciting to be able to create wonderful ceramic art on the pottery wheel and explore the myriad of beautiful underglazes glazes and top glazes to create artworks that I love. I look forward to meeting everyone over the coming weeks and months...



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