



Cairns Potters Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It looks like we again will have a busy year ahead. The Mother's Day Fair is our next big activity and hopefully, you are all busy making pots to sell at the fair. Last year our membership grew to around 200 members and already many members have renewed their membership, so we should have a great selection of pottery for sale at the fair.

Proposed Extension - The majority of the Council requirements have at last been met and we will shortly be able to proceed with getting quotes and applying for funding for the extension which will house all the kilns in a purpose built area, together with an area at the front of the clubhouse where the clay will be stored, (instead of the shed) allowing easier access.

CLAYS AND MATERIALS

Our January order from Picasso's Ceramics has still not left Brisbane due to problems with getting a transport company to deliver it. All the transport trucks are prioritised for food delivery to Far North. As soon as the club knows when it will be delivered, we will let you know. The club did manage to get its order from Walkers Ceramics so we have some spare Walkers 10, PB103 and SES earthenware – stoneware clays for sale.

If you want to order either clays or materials, please forward your order to lone@tpg.com.au.

The clubhouse is open on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM for the pick up of orders or the purchase of clay.

SOCIAL FIRING

To those who usually participate in our social firing, please keep the following points in mind.

- Please specify the type of clay and glaze. Social firing is for Stoneware only.
- If you are using your own glaze, please test it first.
- Use kiln biscuits if you are firing small pieces or fragile items to avoid the firing officers touching them directly.
- Fill out a firing form with similar products; for example, if you have a single tall vase along with mugs, please complete a separate firing order form, one for the vase and one for the mugs
- Please do not put more than 5 items per form
- Share shelf spaces with others.
- Avoid touching other members' greenware or glazed pots.

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. After the meeting, the clubhouse entrance key can be renewed for members who have not yet bought the 2025 key.

- 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, Librarian, Minutes Officer, Kiln Officer, Glaze Officer, Clay Officer, Maintenance Officer, Website Manager, Newsletter Officer, General Committee at least 3 (All must be a financial member)

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 abovementioned 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 _____

CLUB LIBRARY

Do you know we have a great collection of pottery books?



The Club has a good selection of books and reference books and we subscribe to several magazines - notably – the Journal of Australian Ceramics, and Ceramics Monthly. Members may borrow books at the monthly meeting or when committee members are in attendance and may be returned at meetings, or posted in the slot in the brown cupboard.

MAKE SURE BOOKS ARE SIGNED IN AND OUT

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 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

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 expressing your interest.

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

March Clubhouse Calender						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	- 16:00 - 18:00 Committee Meeting		- 9:00 - 12:00 Member Catch Up		10:30 - 12:30 Carole's Advanced Class	
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	29	30
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* 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.

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Lachlan Mackee

I am an emerging studio potter working out of a private studio in Bayview Heights. I work with stoneware and, more recently, foraged clay. My work focuses on objects for use within the home, such as drinking vessels & interior design-focused pieces. While making, I aim to strike a balance between the looseness of form and contrasting mark-making. I choose to leave evidence of the making process in my work, helping connect the maker to the end user.

I am an avid wood firer and have the privilege to be mentored by the small but tight-knit community of North Queensland wood-firing potters. For 2025 I am part of the 'Foster A Potter' cohort and will be firing with Len Cook in Paluma.

I spent the majority of 2024 studying production pottery and wood-firing techniques at the incredible Golden Bridge Pottery in southern India. It was a life-changing experience in such a special place. The skills obtained during this time allowed me to transition from a fourteen-year career as a detective to that of a working artist. I established Service Ceramics to continue to serve the community, only now with objects I make. My journey in India will be chronicled in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Australian Ceramics.

I have fired Anagama kilns in three countries and will spend the majority of 2025 and onwards seeking further opportunities to do so, as I deepen my understanding of how these kilns work and chase my curiosity with the surfaces and marks they produce on my work.

2025 will also be a transition year for me as I intend to move to the Atherton Tablelands and establish my own kiln. With the view of running wood-firing workshops for the local ceramic community. More information can be found on my links below or by getting in

touch at
hello@serviceceramics.com.
Any leads on firebricks for sale
would be appreciated (You can
never have enough!)

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