



Cairns Potters Club Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April was another busy month for the club, with a members' raku firing (see page 3) and ongoing pottery classes, as well as preparations for our annual Mother's Day Fair (see below). The fair will be held on Saturday 10 May, from 8am to 2pm — we hope to see many potters taking part and selling their beautiful creations.

Exciting news on the clubhouse front: Cairns Regional Council has given us the go-ahead to extend the building! The plan is to create a larger kiln room to better support members' firing needs. We'll now begin the process of applying for funding, so it may take some time — but we're hopeful we'll secure a grant to bring this project to life.

MOTHERS DAY POTTERY FAIR - Sat 10 May 2025

Stallholder information:

Please arrive early, around 7am, to set up your table and secure a good spot. If you need a table for your display, contact Lone White on 0740 537 508 or at lone@tpg.com.au to reserve one — there are limited tables available.

You're welcome to sell other handmade or homegrown items in addition to pottery, such as glasswork, paintings, jewellery, plants, fruit, etc.

To sell your work at the Fair, you'll need to bring a **sales sheet** with your name and contact details. Sales sheets are available at the clubhouse, can be emailed to you, or downloaded from our website.

Be sure to:

- Include your initials on the sales sheet (these should match the ones used on your item stickers).
- Label every item with a sticker showing the **price, item number, and your initials**.
- Drop off your completed sales sheet at the **Sales Table** when you arrive.

The club retains a **20% commission** on all sales.

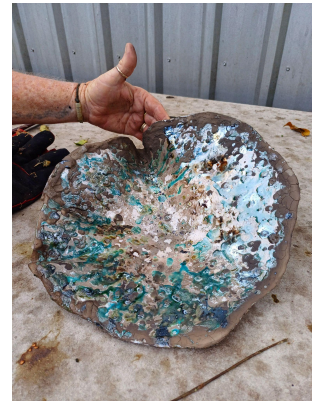
You're not required to stay with your work all day, but being present helps promote your items. All purchases will go through the sales table — and if you've got time, please consider helping out there. The Fair wraps up at **2:00pm**, so please collect any unsold items and help tidy up the grounds. Even if you're not selling, we'd love your help for a few hours — it's a great way to connect with fellow potters and keep up with club news.

We're also looking for volunteers during the day to run **clay play activities for kids** — let us know if you're keen to help!



MEMBERS RAKU FIRING April 26, 2025

Club members who came along to the raku day had a busy and exciting time experimenting with a variety of raku glazes, which were prepared the Wednesday beforehand. Some striking pieces were pulled from the kiln at 1000°C! We did run into a hiccup with the gas cylinder, but Geoff Riley came to our rescue – thanks to him, we managed to complete two firings. A big thank you to Geoff for stepping in and helping out, and John and Sandra for the photos!



CLAY AND MATERIALS ORDER

The club's order to Walker Ceramics and Picasso's Ceramics was placed late last month. The Walker Ceramics order is already on its way, but the delivery from Picasso's Ceramics may take a bit longer to arrive. We'll keep you updated as soon as we hear more.

Members are not to place the order to supplier directly asking for their requirements to be added to the initial order placed by Lone. Members are advised that they **must order through Lone**, as she ensures that orders do not weigh more than 1 tonne to satisfy the freight agreement.

MESSAGE FROM TREASURER

Mark, our Treasurer requested that members be reminded that when making any payments to the club online that they show their name, membership number and full details of what the payment is for, so he can apportion them correctly.

SHELVES AWARENESS!

Please make sure you're putting your ceramic work on the *right* shelf (not just the one closest to your arm's reach). Look for the labels under each shelf to know what goes where. Here's the breakdown:

- **Drying shelves** – label your work clearly with your name and date. (Work in progress form)
- **Bisque firing shelves** – for bone dry greenware ready to be fired.
- **Glaze firing shelves** – for bisque pieces that are glazed and ready for their final firing
- **Collection shelves** – for picking up your finished bisque or glaze-fired work.

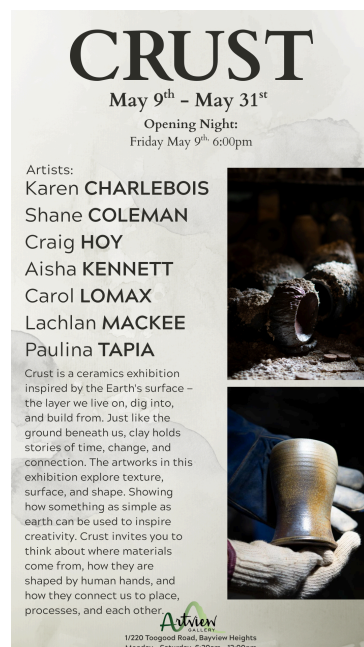
Thanks for keeping the club flowing smoothly!

EVENT INFORMATION

CRUST exhibition 9 - 31 May 2025

On the 9th of May Artview Gallery in Bayview Heights is hosting a ceramics exhibition featuring many current CPC members. This is the first time the gallery has hosted a ceramics only exhibition and it would be wonderful for members to attend and support the exhibition.

Opening night is the 9th of May at 6:00pm there will be refreshments and a cash bar.



Wedgwood: Artists and Industry 1 May - 24 Aug

Exclusive to Australia in 2025, *Wedgwood: Artists and Industry* showcases highlights from over 200 years of Wedgwood ceramics and design — straight from the UK's Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A).

Venue: Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Corner Denham Street and Flinders Street Townsville QLD 4810

<https://whatson.townsville.qld.gov.au/events/wedgwood-public-programs>

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS WEDGE 2025 2–5 October

Love ceramics? Want to be part of something special? We're seeking passionate volunteers to help make WEDGE 2025 an unforgettable event! Whether you're local or travelling, delegate or not, there are roles for everyone – from registration and gallery guides to event set-up and more. Volunteering is a great way to connect, contribute, and enjoy unique perks (including discounted registration). *Spots are limited – early applications preferred!*

Apply now at australianceramicstriennale.com.au/volunteers



CLASSES AT THE CLUB

Expression of Interest: Advanced Wheel Throwing Classes with Carole Lomax (Members Only)

Next class starts Thursday, 22 May, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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 **\$140**. 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.

If you're interested, please send your expression of interest to:
Carole Lomax clomax54@gmail.com

Wheel Throwing Classes with Paulina Tapia

Next class starts Wed 4 June

Discover the art of wheel throwing in a relaxed, small group setting (maximum 4 students). This 6-week course is designed for adult beginners — no experience needed, just a willingness to get your hands dirty! Each week, we'll cover the basics and build your confidence using the pottery wheel (2.5-hour class per week). In the final session, we'll go through the glazing process so you can finish and take home your pieces.

The full course is \$330, which includes clay and bisque firing.

Contact Paulina at: paulinat.ceramics@gmail.com

Wheel Throwing Classes with Carolyn Brumby

Starting Monday 9 June

Learn the age-old technique of forming pots on the wheel with Carolyn Brumby in this relaxed and hands-on 6-week course. Each week (2.5-hour class), you'll build your skills — whether you're just starting out or want to take your technique to the next level. In week 6, you'll also be introduced to the glazing process to finish off your beautiful creations. Limited places available.

Contact Carolyn at: carolyn.brumby@gmail.com



BEGINNERS

Wheelthrowing class

with Paulina Tapia

Join a 6-week course designed for adult beginners (4 students max). You'll learn the basics of wheelthrowing in a relaxed environment.

The set of 6 classes is priced at \$330. Tools, clay and first bisque firing included.

Contact Paulina for inquiries and booking your spot: paulinatceramics@gmail.com or 0475 725686

6 consecutive classes on Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 8:30 pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Cairns Potters club 28A Grove Street Cairns

WORKSHOP WHEEL THROWING

with Carolyn Brumby

STARTS 9TH JUNE 2025

MONDAY 6PM - 8:30PM

Cairns Potters Club: 28A Grove St. Cairns North.

WORKSHOP OUTLINE:

For Beginners to Advanced / 6 Weeks
Duration / Max. No. 5 Students / Includes
1 Bag of clay, Starter Tool Kit & bisque firing
(glazes and glaze firing additional cost)

6 Week Workshop
\$330 per person

PH: 04 1879 3260
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CLUB MEMBERS REGULAR CATCH-UPS **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Let's catch up! Join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 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

May Clubhouse Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div>9:00 -12:00 Members Catch Up</div> <div>18:00-20:30 Paulina's Class</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10:30-12:30 Carole's Class</div>	2	3
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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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Catherine Louison

Catherine Louison has always been interested in arts and crafts, thoroughly enjoying the learning and making processes. She has been interested in pottery since 2014 when she found an inspiring pottery studio on the Island of Santorini whilst on a Mediterranean cruise. Returning to Australia she investigated classes and the purchasing of materials. It was a slow start as working full time left little opportunities to really engage in learning and practicing pottery.

Now semi-retired Catherine has more time to devote to pottery. Through attending Tafe and the Cairns Potters Club she has been continuing to explore her fascination with clay, glazes and various techniques. For her it's a wonderful never-ending learning and experimenting journey. She has tried many clays, glaze, techniques including Nerikome, and participated in Raku and pit firing. Catherine has an eclectic collection of pieces, striving to learn new techniques and producing a successful piece through continual practice and determination.



Catherine says she knows she has a long way to go to achieve the level she aspires to but enjoys every part of the journey. The mud, the water, the mess, the disasters and the very satisfying successes are all part of the experience, with a great friendly supportive community sharing the journey. She has made many wonderful friends through her pottery endeavors.

Catherine has more recently become involved with the Cairns Potters Club, taking on the Vice President's role this year. She says "It feels like I have found my tribe, with all the very kind and welcoming passionate dedicated potters in the club community. Working together to make learning, facilities and resources available to all who are interested. The club has some very exceptional potters who share their expertise and knowledge. And many wonderful novices like me are so eager to share, learn and enjoy making their art whilst having some fun. Through the workshops and applying the craft I am seeing the world through different eyes. I just wish I had discovered pottery 50 years ago."





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