



# Cairns Potters Club Inc.

## July 2025 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've enjoyed another busy month, with classes running, firings underway and a fresh clay delivery from Walkers Ceramics. I'm currently in Denmark where, in between catching up with family and friends, I've had the pleasure of viewing some truly inspiring ceramics.

I'll be back on 30 June, and straight after that we'll be gearing up for the Cairns Show (see below) and our "Open Weekend" in August.

### CAIRNS SHOW | 16-18 July 2025



The Visual Arts Association and Cairns Potters Club are once again teaming up to set up and run the Visual Arts display at the Cairns Show. If you're a club member entering work in the show and can't make the official delivery day (Wednesday 9 July), you're welcome to drop your pieces off earlier at Lone White's place: **18 Duignan Street, Whitfield**.

**Delivery of Exhibits:** Wednesday 9 July, between 12pm and 6pm at the **Visual Arts Hall** (located under and behind the David Headrick Grandstand, opposite Mulgrave Rd).

**Judging:** Sunday 13 July at 10am

**Collection of Exhibits:** Saturday 19 July between 9am and 12pm.

Please note: no responsibility will be taken for work left after this time. Anything not collected by

**Friday 29 August** will become the property of the Cairns Show Association—unless other arrangements have been made before the show ends.

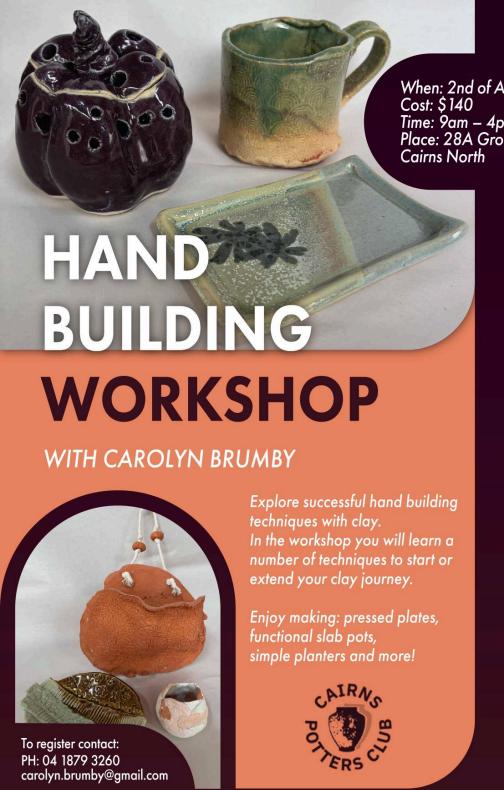
**Set up of Display:** Any members wishing to assist with the setting up of the display of the 3D section please ring Chris. George 40532240.

**We need volunteers!**: Help is needed to staff the display across the three show days (**Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 July**) in the following shifts: 9am–12pm, 12pm–3pm, 3pm–6pm, 6pm–9pm

Volunteers will receive a **free entry pass** for the whole day they're rostered on. Otherwise, entry is \$30 per person per day (if not pre-paid). If you're able to help, please contact **Lone** at [lone@tpg.com.au](mailto:lone@tpg.com.au) or ph: 4053 7508

**Sale of pots:** Members are invited to sell their pots in an area around the walls of the Visual Arts Display beneath the paintings. The club will take the usual commission of 20% on any sales. These pots will need to be delivered to the Visual Arts Display on Monday the 14th July between 12.00 & 4.00.

## WORKSHOPS AT THE CLUB



**HAND BUILDING WORKSHOP**  
WITH CAROLYN BRUMBY

**CRAINS POTTERS CLUB**

When: 2nd of August  
Cost: \$140  
Time: 9am – 4pm  
Place: 28A Groves St.  
Cairns North

Explore successful hand building techniques with clay.  
In the workshop you will learn a number of techniques to start or extend your clay journey.

Enjoy making: pressed plates, functional slab pots, simple planters and more!

To register contact:  
PH: 04 1879 3260  
carolyn.brumby@gmail.com



**CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB**

**DRAGON SCULPTURE WORKSHOP**  
WITH CAROLYN BRUMBY

Welcome to the world of magical garden dragons.

In this workshop the concept will be to make one dragon bust.

Inclusive - participants will receive ½ bag of White Raku Clay

What to bring:  
-Tools  
-Turn table  
-Board  
-Spray bottle  
-Vinegar  
-Water

To register contact:  
PH: 04 1879 3260  
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Participants must come with a visual or choose a visual from my folder. The aim is a bust, not a bodied dragon.



### **Hand Building Workshop - 2ND AUGUST**

Discover the joys of making pots with a variety of successful techniques. You will be working with various clays and learn what is the best fit of the clay body for each project.

Explore the process of making functional as well as decorative pieces. How to pattern to add texture and depth, what is sgraffito, and tips to join and shape. The skill will provide a grounding for your independent works in clay.

### **Sculpture Workshop - 30TH AUGUST**

Join me for a full day immersive experience where you will learn the art of sculpting a magical dragon, inspired by your imagination. Explore the techniques and principles of working with clay to make a 3-dimensional project. I will discuss and demonstrate various making processes, the firing cycle for sculpture and the finishing technique for your dragon. This workshop is suitable for most people, as you don't require previous experience.

Contact Carolyn at: [carolyn.brumby@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.brumby@gmail.com)

## CLASSES AT THE CLUB

### Advanced Wheel Throwing Classes with Carole Lomax (Members Only) *Expression of Interest and restating interest (Tentative starting date: 10 July)*

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.

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



### Wheel Throwing Classes with Paulina Tapia

Tuesday mornings: 9:30-12:00 (next class 12 August)

Wednesday evenings: 18:00-20:30 (July 16)

Discover the art of wheel throwing in a relaxed, small group setting (max 6 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 a bisque firing.

Contact Paulina at: [paulinat.ceramics@gmail.com](mailto:paulinat.ceramics@gmail.com)

**BEGINNERS**

### Wheel throwing class

WITH PAULINA TAPIA

Join a 6-week course designed for adult beginners (6 students max).

You'll learn the basics of wheel throwing in a relaxed environment.

Price \$330  
Tools, clay and first bisque firing included.  
Contact:  
[paulinat.ceramics@gmail.com](mailto:paulinat.ceramics@gmail.com) or 0475 725686

**6 CONSECUTIVE CLASSES ON**  
Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 12:00 pm  
or  
Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**  
Cairns Potters Club 28A Grove Street Cairns

### Wheel Throwing Classes with Carolyn Brumby

Monday evenings: 18:00-20:30 (Starting Monday 21 July)

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](mailto:carolyn.brumby@gmail.com)

### 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

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## **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*



## **LOST & FOUND: Silver necklace**

A silver necklace with three charms has been found at the club.

If you think it might be yours, please contact the club and describe the charms so we can confirm it belongs to you.

## **PLINTHS FOR SALE**

Di Sant has a range of plinths in various sizes available for sale. They're located at her home and ready for collection.

If you're interested, please contact her at ph: 0419 657 553 or [disantart@gmail.com](mailto:disantart@gmail.com)

## **CLAY AND MATERIALS ORDER**

Our next bulk order to Picasso's Ceramics goes in on **7 July**. If you'd like any clay bodies or materials included, please email [lone@tpg.com.au](mailto:lone@tpg.com.au) before then.

## **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!

## 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

July Clubhouse Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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.

### Committee Members

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## **Carolyn Brumby – NORTH QUEENSLAND POTTER/SCULPTER**

I have worked and created with clay for many years in North Queensland. I enjoy creating in this medium, generating surfaces that flow in many forms and colour. I love the way the curves glide, its endless forms and the tactile interaction. I create by wheel, hand-built and sculpture items. There is my functional ware to consume and enjoy each day. My decorative pots for your eyes to feast on, as your place in that special spot. While we touch and feel the creations, emotions are enhanced and allows the imagination to develop.

I began my journey in country towns in Queensland, where there were Pottery Clubs. When in Mackay, I invested in my first gas kiln. I was then based in Charters Towers for many years and finally had my own studio and another gas kiln. Thus I made reduction glazes.

In 2021, Charters Towers community had a sculpture project, where 11 life-size statues were made by artists, including myself for the town. This was under the guidance of Janna Pameijer. An amazing experience that sparked my enthusiasm in sculpture. I find making 3-dimensional sculptural forms are both challenging and rewarding. The skills required are a different set to make the end product.

There is a satisfying feeling when creating with your hands.

Since moving to Cairns, 3 years ago, I now fire in an electric kiln. My new glazes lend themselves to change and exploration. Crystaline is wonderous in its growth and colour. Gold lustres applied to the glazed pot for a third firing, adds another depth of colour. I reflect on the natural world to sync and be inspired in glaze colours. My aim is to make works that speak for themselves.





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