

CAIRNS POTTERS CLUB 2026

- GENERAL INFORMATION -

Location

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

As a member of the Cairns Potters Club, you will have access to many facilities offered by the Club, subject to the Club's rules.

Present facilities include: throwing wheels, slab roller, kilns (electric, raku, and glass), spray gun and compressor, glazes, and a library. As a member, you can purchase clay from the club, access workshops and seminars, and participate in sale fairs and exhibitions at the member rate. You will also receive exclusive information. Membership in the club provides you with a chance to meet other potters, exchange ideas and views, and enjoy the best of what the Club offers.

MEMBERSHIP

Applications are considered at the normal monthly meetings. Dues are payable from January 1st each year. The Club offers the following memberships: Ordinary, Family (parents and up to 2 children under 18 years old), Group, Student (under 18 years), and Concession (Concession Cardholder)—rates as per Application Form.

New members ONLY (*not members who have been previously enrolled*) joining after August 31st are charged 50% of the current rate. Membership renewals can be made at any club meeting or function, posted to Cairns Potters Club Inc., PO Box 1470, Cairns, QLD 4870, sent by email, or paid directly into our bank account.

Once both the application form and payment are confirmed, you will receive a unique membership number. This will be renewed every year.

Memberships may be rejected or terminated if individuals fail to comply with any of the provisions outlined in the club's constitution or if they conduct themselves in a manner that is considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the club.

MEETINGS

Management Committee Meetings are usually held on the 1st Monday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

These are open meetings, and we encourage members to participate in the organisation and function of the Club. We use the meetings to

- conduct general business
- accept new members etc.,
- discuss club activities – seminars, fairs, and community events
- consider members' suggestions

CLUB ACCESS AND USE

Members can obtain a club key for \$30.00 per annum. Keys are changed annually and can be picked up with proof of payment on the changeover date, Sat, 9:00 - 11:00 am or before the monthly meeting. *This allows use of the Club facilities at members' convenience* (except when classes or seminars are in progress).

Remember to lock the door securely. Failure to secure the door may attract a "break-in" and possible damage to the clubhouse, including loss of valuable equipment.

Limited space is available to store greenware prior to firing, so all work is stored at **the MEMBER'S OWN RISK.**

KILN FIRINGS

The club has several kilns available for members to fire their work. Regardless of prior kiln experience, anyone wishing to use the club kilns must be authorised and registered by completing a competency check. For further information, please contact cairnspottersclub1@gmail.com.

Firing bookings should be made by members with the Kiln_Booking Officer: **Nigel Perera 0409459013** (please text for bookings). Use the logbook to record your firing. Cones are provided and must be used to monitor the final firing stages. A variety of stoneware glazes are available in the club, and users must pay the cost for each piece based on the chart in the glaze room.

Social Firing

If you do not have a kiln load yourself, you can participate in our social firing. Pay the firing deposit to the club under your membership number. The officer will deduct the firing charges from the deposit. Please see the detailed information in the Social Firing document.

Raku Kiln

Booking is to be made with the Kiln Officer, who will ensure the gas bottles are full. Raku firing is also club members only.

LIBRARY

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 (the librarian is on site on Wed social morning) and may be returned at meetings or posted in the slot in the brown cupboard.

MAKE SURE BOOKS ARE SIGNED IN AND OUT

SALE OF CLAY

ONLY Members can purchase clay from the club on **Saturday mornings between 9:00 and 11:00 am**

if we have any stock in our storage.

Sat: Di Sant 0419657553 / disantart@gmail.com

Payment for clay can be either cash or payable to Cairns Potters Club by being directly deposited into the Club's bank account by making an electronic transfer.

CLAY/MATERIALS ORDERS

Members can order Materials, specific clays, tools, and underglazes through the club. To order clays and materials from our supplier, please send your order by email to **lone@tpg.com.au**. You must include your name, membership number, item name and quantity. The order is sent approximately once a month to the suppliers. Once the ordered clay and materials are dispatched, you will receive an invoice. You must pay before you pick up your order. You can pick up your clay and materials with proof of payment, preferably upon arrival of the consignment or Sat 9:00-11:00 am.

FUNCTIONS AND SALES

The Club holds two fairs annually before Mother's Day and Christmas. This provides an opportunity for members to market their work and become involved with the craft scene. We also have sales and exhibitions at various times. E.g. Cairns Show, Open Day. The Club also organises a biennial ceramic exhibition.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

The Club aims to hold one or two specialised workshops each year, featuring visiting ceramists and potters. Over the years, a number of highly

regarded professional potters have led exceptionally interesting and inspiring workshops.

- CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES -

CLUB MEMBERS GET TOGETHER

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon, is the time set for regular catch-ups. No cost involved. Members can practice their hand-building, wheel throwing, decorating and glazing techniques. It is also a chance to get to know other potters and share their joy in pottery making.

The club organises wheel throwing and hand building classes for adults and also classes for children on a regular basis and those classes are advertised in the club's newsletters and website.

CLASSES

Classes for beginners and advanced potters are held throughout the year and are usually run by club members. If any member has a particular skill to impart to the rest of us or if you know of an exceptional tutor for workshops, please let us know and we can organise a special class. News of classes appears in the newsletter and is usually advertised over our social media platform or on our website. These can be great social exercises, where you can also learn a vast array of ceramic skills.

- SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND -

Visitors log book must be signed to comply with insurance requirements with your **membership number**. The logbook is located inside the entry door - lefthand side

Benches must be sponged down thoroughly, use clean water and items used need to be cleaned and put away again and do not use Club Tea towels for clay.

Items left to dry or for firing must be labelled with the members' name, number and date, even if they are still to be turned or are being built.

Please do not use the club as a storage place. **The club is regularly cleaned. Notification of the cleaning date will be given, and green or fired pots not claimed at such date will be taken to the dump. Members are asked not to use the clubhouse when classes are in progress**, as space is limited during these times. You may continue firing but try to keep out of the way.