

Otaki Potters

October 2022

Thank you to all those who attended the Special General Meeting and thank you to those who submitted written comments on the discussion document. We had a great turnout – a reflection of the interest in the future of the club. The discussion on the class fee review was robust with some very pertinent points put forward. The committee recognised that this would be a concern to members and agreed it needed to be presented to enable an informed and balanced decision. After careful analysis of the clubs accounts and taking into consideration all of the costs associated with the running of a class together with the (overdue) increase of our tutor fee it was clear there were huge holes and that the class fees would need to be increased. Our administration (chasing kiln fees, clay, and tools sales, managing the various books) has become a huge time-consuming task and with this proposed change it is hoped to reduce the time the Finance team and the tutors will need to put aside to manage. However, I need to clarify that the driver here is not about making money solely but that the club needs income to operate as a club, to continue to provide as an educational provider and to maintain the facilities to enable that. While our Festival is a fantastic fund-raising event the proceeds from this are allocated to larger ticket items such as kiln replacement, building maintenance, improving our equipment. Therefore all areas that are a cost to the club will need to cover these costs by charging a fee. We hope to have a decision at the next committee meeting and will email members as soon as this has been decided.

Derryn and her team ran another “Have a Go” early in September which was extremely well received by the attendees.



**Adult class
exhibition
- Opening**





This is an area that would be very good for the club to explore more – opening up the club to one day experiences. Derryn is keen to set up a team to better organise this. If you can help Derryn please contact her at robson.pyle@xtra.co.nz.

Classes: We have two new classes starting next term. A hand building class run by Paula Archibald on Mondays at 12.30 and an additional beginner's wheel class run by Monica McCormack on Thursday at 2pm.

Classes resume for term four on the week of the 17 October and run through to the 5 December.

Workshops: The “Goddess in your Garden” workshop was a great success. Jean is a fantastic tutor and all students were very well engaged with this project. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Pit firing workshop and hope to run one early in 2023. If you are interested in this or any workshop and indeed if you have a suggestion for a workshop, please contact Jenny. at greensj@xtra.co.nz

Tote Modern: The gallery has had a great month: A group of 45 that came through from the Levin 60's Up, thought it was wonderful. Thank you to Paula and her team for looking after them.

A big thanks to Brent for making the much-needed small plinths for the Gallery and many thanks to the team who painted them.

Katherine has obtained a grant for larger plinths to be made and painted. This is a fantastic result thank you Katherine – we know this has been a big task.

The Adult class exhibition opening was a great success with a large turnout on such a wet and wild night. Thank you to Rod for organising this and to Kaye, Paula, and the Gallery team for their great work.

Derryn is managing the Arts Trail, this will run for the whole month of November. Please see the



Goddess in the garden workshop

notice board for more information if you wish to participate. Kath Ansett is the Guest Artist with beautiful local photography scenes.

The 'Christmas' exhibition will be set up during the last week of November. We will need new work for this final exhibition of the year.

The Tote Modern Gallery closes on 18 December for the year and Club members are asked to have their work removed by 8 January 2023.

Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2023:

20th January – 25th January 2023.

Please register early, particularly if you require indoor space. We need someone to become part of our publicity and promotions team to manage newspaper advertising and releases. Contact Rod Graham if you can help.

Public Raku: Sue Wilson and her team are on track for what will be our first Public Raku at our new venue for the 3rd December. If you are able to help please contact Sue at kakacat29@gmail.com.

Clay: The Clay team are still looking for someone to help with stock management. If you can help, please contact Rod 027 4457545.

Maintenance: A team has been investigating the drains as the flooding of the front of the building continues to be a problem. Please take care around the outside of the building especially around the excavations.

Thank you to all of you who dedicate so much of your time to the club. We wouldn't have the club that we do without you.

As always, if you have any thing you would like to place in the newsletter, we would love to hear from you otakipotteryclub@gmail.com or you can post your ideas in the suggestion box.

Stay safe and have a great month.

Caitlin

**Emma
Densey**



**Kylie
van Dyke**

Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2023

January 20th - 25th 10am - 4pm*



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Next Committee Meeting

20th October at 6.30pm

Last Cleaning Bee

10 December 9.30 start

New Members

Welcome to:

Janine Hearn

Simon Hales

Michelle Hayward

Gemma Ball

Angela Buswell

Julie Stewart



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Kapiti Arts Trail - 5/6 and 12/13 November

We are extending the Gallery again for this year's Arts Trail. It was a great success last year so would like as many as possible to participate again this year. The club will be taking the normal 15% commission on all sales.

There will be Registration forms for you to take and fill in, on the "Sign In" desk from 7 October. Please also put your name on the "Wish to Participate" list and of course the "Volunteers List". We would appreciate your help for a few hours over at least one of the 2 weekends.

Your goods for sale and a copy of your stock sheets should be delivered to the glaze room from 3 Nov.

Any queries please contact Derryn Robson
027 465 7536 or robson.pyle@xtra.co.nz subject
– Arts Trail.

School Holiday Programme: Open to young people
8 - 18 years. Christmas Themes.

More information on the website or contact Derryn:
robson.pyle@xtra.co.nz

We are still looking for someone to manage the clay
stock – please contact Rod Graham 027 4457545.

Festival publicity person needed to help the team
please – contact Sue. E: 29kakaroad@gmail.com

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

**Members from
our Adult Classes**

Come along and see the
great work on display

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB

Children's School Holiday Workshops Christmas Themes



Christmas Decorations, Candle holders, Angels & Tea light Christmas Trees

Dates: Tuesday 4th October & Tuesday 11th October

Times: 1st Session - 9.00am - 12.00pm

2nd Session - 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Children aged 8 - 18 yrs

Cost: \$30.00pp per session

***Please enrol on website www.otakipotteryclub.org

Children may bring an adult (\$30.00 per head)

Includes clay, underglazes and glazing

