

# Otaki Potters

September 2020



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings.

Spring is in the air! Things are on the move! The rooms are getting busy, especially on Friday's. The shelves are full of pots.

You will be pleased to know that the heaters are now operational. You just push the red button and they come on for one hour (two hours in the classrooms).



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We are getting ready to move to a keyless entry system for members. You will be notified of your code to enter the building. You still need to fill in the sign in book.

The Pit Firing Workshop with Chris Dunn is full. So far there has been

little response for the *CLUB PIT FIRING* on October 31<sup>st</sup>, but if you are interested in participating you will need to contact Margaret Hunt asap. Firewood is always gratefully received - please contact Caitlin on 021 390 888.

Since opening there has been a big upsurge in interest for adult classes. Suzanne McAllen is joining us to tutor a

beginners' wheel class on Thursday mornings and a hand building class in the afternoon. Lyuba, in addition to her Monday night wheel class, has agreed to tutor a wheel class on a Wednesday night for those who have moved on from beginners. All adult classes for term four are now full.



The *Play Date with*

*Clay* programme is underway and has stimulated a lot of interest. It's an opportunity for adults to "have a go" and experience an introduction to clay. It is also an opportunity for members to help with tutoring. So



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 12 September, 10 October & Sunday 11 October -  
PIT FIRING WORKSHOP WITH CHRIS DUNN

Tuesday 29 September & Thursday 1 October - HOLIDAY PLAY  
DATES WITH CLAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Saturday 3 October - CLEANING BEE

Thursday 29 October - AFTER SCHOOL CLAY CLASSES (6 WEEKS)

Saturday 31 October - CLUB PIT FIRING DAY  
and - PLAY DATE WITH CLAY

Saturday 28 November - CLEANING BEE

Saturday 5 December - PUBLIC RAKU FIRING

Tuesday 22 January - Sunday 27 January 2021 - FESTIVAL OF  
POTS & GARDEN ART

**Festival of Pots & Garden Art 2021**  
January 22nd - 27th 10am - 4pm

Please note the Festival is running for a shorter time period than previous years.



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Anam Cara Gardens 150 Rangioru Rd Otaki

“thank you” to those who have put their hand up to help. This programme will run once a month from February to November in 2021. If you have a skill that you would be willing to share with others or be part of the team to help, please contact Sue Wilson on [kakacat29@gmail.com](mailto:kakacat29@gmail.com) or phone 04 293 8187.

We will also run *Play Date with clay- Junior* for young people during the school holidays, wheel and hand building. If you are available to help contact Rod. The Play Date programmes are supported by Creative Communities NZ.

The **TOTE MODERN** is becoming known and sales are encouraging. Thanks to Wendi Lindsay and those sharing through digital media. We have printed small posters to go up to promote the gallery. Please help by taking one and getting it displayed in your area. If members want to display and sell work in the gallery, please contact Jude Bismark. You will also see that we will be extending the gallery into the classrooms for the Kapiti Arts Trail. Please contact Derry Robson if you would like to participate. This is also open to members outside the Kapiti area. The focus is on emerging potters.

We need to reinstitute **cleaning bees** to run bi-monthly until the end of March 2021. It would be great if someone would volunteer to manage these. In the meantime, I need 15 members to contact me who can do 2 hours on **Saturday 3 October** and another group of 15 who can do **Saturday 28 November**. Please contact me or fill in the sheet when you sign in. A reminder that all members are required to do one two-hour cleaning bee each year or pay our cleaner to do it for you (\$40). If you decide that you prefer to pay, could you please let Derryn know before cleaning bees start. Committee members and those who manage an area of responsibility are exempt. You can apply to the committee, in writing, for an exemption if you think that you have a valid reason.

If you put a suggestion in the **SUGGESTION BOX**, they are



Children's classes with Paula

tabled at the monthly committee meeting and acted on, even if there is some delay. If you put your name on them someone will get back to you.

Installing the **gas kilns** has been a challenge. Thank you to Alan Hunter, Chas and Neil Ambrose for hanging in there with this. *All going well*, we hope to be operational by the end of the month. Work is beginning to appear on the shelves.

Trevor Wright started work on refurbishing the up-draught gas kiln and the Number One Electric kiln. We appreciate the time Trevor is putting into this.

Hu and Penny Eames have increased their sponsorship of the gallery to enable storage to be built. We thank them for their

# PLAY DATES WITH CLAY

**HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE.**

**Tuesday 29th September 10am—12 noon**  
**WORKING ON THE POTTERY WHEEL**  
**10 places. 10—18 years. \$20 per student.**

**Thursday 1st October 10am—12 noon**  
**CREATING WITH CLAY AND GLASS**  
**12 places. 8—18 years. \$20 per student.**

## OTAKI POTTERY CLUB.

The Old Tote Building at the Otaki Race Course  
47 Te Roto Road, Otaki.

Play dates with clay and workshops for young people are supported by  
Creative Communities NZ

generous support.

Kaye Stead has done a magnificent job in managing the rooms and seeing that the various areas are equipped and functioning. Thank you to those who have offered to assist. Minor adjustments and additions will be made as we proceed.

The **Public Raku** will be held on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Sue Wilson is the convener, assisted by Margaret Roil. Pot-ins are looming!!

The *donated pots* section of the Festival of Pots and Garden Art was so successful in January, raising nearly \$6000, that we would like to repeat it for 2021. If every member donated one piece of work or donated their surplus pots, this would have a significant impact on our fundraising target.

We are now entering the *busy season*. A lot is happening. Take a mental health break. Get your hands in clay!

*Happy  
potting,  
Rod*



## Upcoming Club Events & Notices

The date for the Public Raku is now confirmed as Saturday 5 December. Sue Wilson and Margaret Roil will be in touch asking for volunteers. Please mark the date in your diary. We hope you will also be available to help make some raku pieces at the Club rooms.

Play Date with Clay - this was a very successful event and everybody had a lot of fun. Thanks to our volunteers June, Sarah, Stephanie and Allie.

The **last Play Date with Clay for this year** will be held on Saturday 31 October using coils. We still need **three** more people to assist, so if you are available between 2 and 4 pm on that date, please contact Sue Wilson on [kakacat29@gmail.com](mailto:kakacat29@gmail.com) or phone 04 293 8187.

### SPECIAL REQUEST -

Has anyone got a spare vacuum cleaner, please? It would be good to have a second one for use at the cleaning bees. Please contact Caitlin on 021 390 888 .



Last month's Children's classes with Paula

**Club Day - every Thursday 10am-12noon.** This is a great opportunity to drop in, have a cuppa and catch up with others. It's also a good time to bring along friends and show them through the place. Please make an effort to come along; you never know you may just have that urge to get your hands in some clay. Visitors from other clubs are always welcome.

**Access to the Clubrooms** - Our new access system to the clubrooms has now been installed and we are planning for this to be in action by Monday 14 September. The new access system is by keypad and you will be issued with a four (4) digit random number as your access code. Please email Stephanie at [geeup1@outlook.com](mailto:geeup1@outlook.com) and she will issue you with a number.

We would like all existing keys returned ASAP. The keys

## PIT FIRING



### CLUB PIT FIRING

This will be held on **Saturday 31 October**, starting at 9 am at Te Horo Beach, if there is sufficient interest from members. Postponement date will be November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cost \$10 per person or a sack of wood; kindling; pinecones. Dried manure, dried seaweed etc is also welcome. Please indicate what you will be bringing when you register.

Please register with Margaret [mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz).

## OTAKI POTTERY CLUB

### After School Clay Classes

Tutor: Paula Archibald

6 WEEKS from 29th October \*  
Every Thursday 4pm - 6pm.

Maximum of 12 Students from 8 -18 years

\$75per Student incl. materials and firings.

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[Otakipotteryclub.org](http://Otakipotteryclub.org)

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\* We are now located at the Otaki Maori Racing Club in the Old Tote building.  
47 Te Roto Road, OTAKI.

### FOR SALE

Talisman wheel  
\$150

Text or ph Diana Litton on 022 621 8583, or email [diana.litton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:diana.litton@xtra.co.nz)



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can be left in the Payment Box in the clubrooms marked for the attention of Stephanie or you can post them to 45A Waerenga Road, Otaki. If your key has a number on it you do not need to identify yourself but if it is an unmarked key it would be good to leave your name with it.

A fee of \$10 will be charged for keys that are not returned by the end of September 2020.

- Thanks, Stephanie (Membership Manager)

**From Caitlin** - We recently made a trip around the lower North Island which included a night in Whanganui.

One of the highlights was a visit to **Rick Rudds "Quartz Museum of Studio Ceramics"**. What an absolute treat! It is indeed Potters heaven.

Rick has amassed his own very substantial collection but recently inherited Simon Manchester's vast collection. Simon's passion for collecting ceramics began over 30 years ago and before he died he expressed the wish that his collection (of over 3,000 works) be gifted to the Rick Rudd Foundation with the intention of it being available for public viewing. An extract from a piece Rick has written on this collector " Simon collected works from many potters but rarely just one piece from a maker. He often had numerous works - collections in their own right. The whole collection will now be available as a national resource..."

Rick has such a quirky sense of fun... I spied four or five 1 metre tall columns with bowl shapes pressed into the top section - he called them "a set of bowls" !!

Here is another treat - "Does my bum look big in this T-Pot"

While Rick's gallery was the highlight for me, Wanganui has many other pottery studios and other types of studios to visit. Glassworks - where you can see glassblowing in action and see on display beautiful finished work.

Whanganui Pottery Club and the gallery next door are worth a visit and if you go on a Saturday the River Traders Market is operating.



## Management Committee

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#### Other Contributors

Club Library & Rooms: Kaye Stead

Newsletter: Diana Litton

Cleaning Bees: (vacant)

Clay: Rod Graham and David Timperley

Glazes: Murray Hopping and Helen Walch



## CONGRATUALATIONS!

to

**Margaret and Michael Hunt**

On the occasion of their  
60th Wedding  
Anniversary



### ADULT CLASSES : TERM FOUR - STARTING MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Monday 7pm-9pm: *Beginner's Wheel* with Lyuba Zhilkina

Tuesday 10am-12noon: *Beginner's Wheel* with Brent Craig

Tuesday 7pm-9pm: *Beginner's wheel* with Mike Page

Wednesday 7pm-9pm: *Continuing wheel* with Lyuba Zhilkina

Wednesday 7pm-9pm: *Hand Building* with Biz Hayman.

Thursday 10am-12: *Wheel for those with some experience* with Suzanne McAllen.

Thursday 1pm-3pm: *Hand building* with Suzanne McAllen.

Thursday 7pm-9pm: *Hand building* with Biz Hayman.

Friday 9.30am-12.30pm: *Intermediate/Experienced*, covering all aspects of hand building and surface decoration.

*All classes are full.*