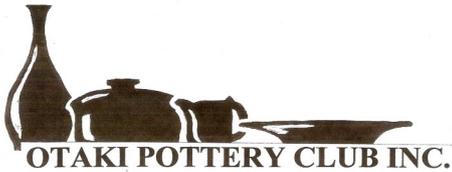


# Otaki Potters

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! There's snow on the mountains; the heat pumps are worth their weight in gold!

The place has been buzzing. Our Empty Bowls Pot-in was a hive of industry, we are well on our way to reach our target of 200 bowls. I still have clay if anyone wants to hand build or throw; we want to despatch finished pots at the end of July.

There has been some exciting work coming out of the Clay Workshops for Young People.

Our second workshop on plaster moulds with Bruce Walford was a most enjoyable day. It's all those incidental tips that you pick up along the way that make these sessions so worthwhile. Last year we had a great two day workshop with Bruce working with plaster moulds – Waka workshop. We have had requests for another from people who missed out so Margaret has this in hand. If you missed out and want to get on the list please email Margaret.

The lighting has been upgraded in the rooms and heat guns have been purchased. Double plugs have been installed near all wheels to allow for heat guns.

Thanks to Ern for his work drilling the holes for the new batts. We have some spare 300mm batts for sale at \$10 each. Club batts must not be taken home.

Murray Hopping has been researching our glazes and is in the process of putting them into one of three categories: TOXIC (not food safe); FOOD SAFE and CAUTION (glazes that may be marginal). Murray will label all buckets with appropriate information. Murray and Helen make up club glazes on Friday afternoons after their class. They are doing a great job and will be working around the sinks in the glazing room between 12.30 – 3pm.

The committee has decided to phase out 1260 glazes over a period of time. Popular 1260 glazes will be reconfigured to perform at cone 6 (1220) we currently refer to these glazes as "1200 glazes".

New clays are being tested. The Primo Terracotta performs well, colour is good at 1140. Primo Cream (has a wide firing range) is looking good. Mac's Buff (toasted) and Mac's Whitestone are good. Whitestone is shaping up to be a good hand building clay and like other grogged clays can be used on the wheels.

Thank you to those who completed their police vetting forms. I realise that some issues have arisen concerning the process and these will be investigated. Thank you also to those who have provided details of any vehicles that you drive into the College. This is required of all members, including associate members.



## Dates to Remember

Next Gas Firings: July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>. Pots to be labelled and on the shelves by noon the day before.

Next Raku: September / October, date TBC

*President's Report Cont.*

This month we had our 100<sup>th</sup> firing in the gas kiln and a very good firing it was with some stunning reds. We got Betsy in and had a small celebration. Betsy donated the gas kiln to the club. Our first firing was a disaster. Shelves collapsed and pots stuck together. After a workshop with Neil Grant things were put to rights and it's been plain sailing ever since (well nearly!)



Irene Walker was a foundation member of the club and was a hard worker to build the club up in the early years and continued her active involvement up until her death last year after celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Irene's family have given the club a very generous donation in her memory. If you have suggestions how we can best spend this money please email Caitlin.

We are organising a Mid-Winter get together to be held at the Curry Town Otaki on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Drinks 6;30; dinner at 7pm; approx. I will post the menu in the rooms. If you would like to come please let us know so we can reserve the tables. Contact Caitlin or add your name to the list posted on the notice board in the rooms. Go to [www.currytown.co.nz](http://www.currytown.co.nz) for information on menus etc.

*Editors Note: Photographs of OPC potters' recent works are included in this newsletter. Apologies to those potters whose work is unnamed. Please feel free to email me to identify your work and I will acknowledge this in next months newsletter. Anna (a\_j\_wood@yahoo.com)*

***EVERYONE*** who comes into the rooms ***MUST*** sign in and sign out regardless of the time spent there.



## CLUB EVENTS

### Mid-Winter Get Together

21<sup>st</sup> July 6.30 Curry House Otaki please put you name on the list in the rooms or email Caitlin.

## CLUB NOTICEBOARD

### Exhibition at Art scape

Work by Huhenia Paurini and Errol White.  
16 June – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017



### Cleaning Bees



Have you helped at a cleaning bee this year? As a requirement for full members, please add your name to the sheet in the Club Room. Dates for remaining cleaning bees are: 15<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Alternatively, you can pay \$30 to cover your cleaning contribution. Please contact Stephanie to discuss.

### College Policy — Police Vetting Process

We have been working closely with the College, providing information in response to their request, as an act of good faith. We want to maintain a good relationship with the school and need to be mindful that we are part of the College community. Please continue to observe the gate times – even if the gate is open during their recesses- and park appropriately. Thank you for your co-operation and, please, if you do have any issues let Rod or Brent know so we can attend to it.

### Needed: Vacuum Cleaner Bottles

The Club Rooms need vacuum cleaner bottles. You will be reimbursed if you purchase them.

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