

# Otaki Potters

## June 2023

I thank all who took time out of their weekend to come along to the AGM on Sunday. The minutes will be sent out in the coming weeks once approved. We covered good ground in the meeting, and I was really pleased with the feedback we received. It was good to get to hear members opinions and comments of the club. Through this medium I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee who worked tirelessly over the past year. We have made a few big changes to how the club is managed over the year including a change in the committee structure, instituting a "teams" system, revising and improving how classes are run including the enrolment process, and a newly implemented clay system. Working areas in the club have been improved, new shelving in the kiln room, the gallery lighting and shelving upgraded and a constant eye on managing building maintenance.

So a big thank you to Sue, Stephanie, Bryan, Jenny, and Rob for the sacrifices they make that enables us all to have this fantastic club.

I would also like to acknowledge our team leaders and their teams for looking after us so well and who also put in much of their time toward the running of the club. All team leaders have gone the extra mile this year. I would like to recognise our Tutors also. That the club is able to offer the number of classes we do – now 18 - and the variety of classes we offer, is fantastic. We are extremely lucky to have such wonderful tutors.

The committee was elected, and we welcome Kylie VanDyke on board. Kylie has agreed to manage Events and Marketing. I do hope some of you will give some thought to standing next year. It is healthy to have new people come to the team. If you are interested in a role please talk to me or Sue or the person who currently holds that position. That will enable you to shadow the current role holder to get a feel for the position.

As you are all aware, last year we restructured the committee. All committee members have a portfolio



***Exhibition opening  
night by Jean Kahui  
and Ramila Parbhu.***





and team that they manage but that is not to say that we can't look at increasing the number on committee. Indeed, if anyone wishes to attend a meeting to see what is involved, you would be very welcome.

The Administration Team will be formed as members come forward. However, we have assumed for now that the Team Leads from last year will continue. If this is not possible, please let Rob know ... and perhaps approach someone on your team to take the lead. If there are gaps, please consider putting your name there.

It was agreed that the **subscription** will remain the same as the previous year and the rebate of \$40 is offered to all those who go the extra mile as a team member. It is not given as a right as all club members are expected to be part of a team. Your application will be considered by the committee on recommendation from your team leader.

We are looking at **security** options for the club. There have been a few incidents of late and we need to have a protection system in place. Rob is looking at camera systems and we have been in conversation with the Otaki Maori racing club about other options.

We have a newly formed Gas Kiln team working under Neil Hey. Along with learning and understanding gas firing the team is looking to produce an extensive range of gas-fired glaze samples for the glazes and clays that are currently available at the club. The aim is to understand each of the glazes and the results each give on the wide variety of clays that are in use, and to develop and widen the range of colours and textures that are available and which will then be for all members to use. There are currently over 15 glazes and over 12 clays being used, which is a lot of combinations and we have very few current gas-fired glaze samples.

Clay stocks are good however there is a shortage of porcelain. Lynne is looking for places to source this from. When ordering clay please use the code given to the clay as per the price sheet available in the clubrooms. This prevents confusion as a description can sometimes apply to other clays. – see notice later in the newsletter how to order.

We have eight new stools for our wheels - 6 in the club rooms and 2 that were missing in the wheel classroom.

**Test Kiln** – thank you to Jenny for finding us a test kiln. This means we will be able to run test

glaze samples through much faster, hold glaze work shops and see the results more quickly. This is something the club has needed for some time.

#### VACANCIES:

**Rooms Manager** - we are still looking for someone to take on this role. This does not mean that you do the work looking after the rooms, it is managing the team who are responsible for various areas. - if you are interested, need to know more, please let me know.

**Health and Safety:** Murray has stepped down from this role having setup a good foundation for someone to take over. Ideally, we would like this person to have some understanding of health and safety management however I am sure Murray would be happy to discuss what this involves.

**Workshops:** We have some interesting workshops coming up.

- **Pottery Postural Patterns with Nik Curry.** \$45pp 17th June 10am – 2pm.
- **Kintsugi with Ema Frost.** \$175pp 26 th June 9am – 12 noon.
- **Art of Bonzai with Steven Yin.** \$175pp 26 th June 1 – 3pm
- **Pit Firing with Chris Dunn** – at this stage we are taking expressions of interest. This will be held in Spring.

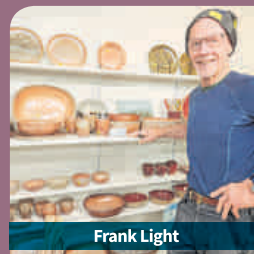
For more information on these workshops please go to the website.

**Star Glaze:** Sue and Rod have Star Glaze on track. This will be a great event this year which is also running alongside Whakaari Whakairo sculptural and weaving workshop – see the ad further in this newsletter or go to our website.

**Tote Modern:** the opening for Sarah Bromley - featured Potter- and Julia Bromley - as our featured artist- exhibition is this coming Thursday 1st of June at 5.30 pm. Bring family and friends to support these artists - everyone is very welcome.

I wish you all well for the coming winter months. Lets all have something for Star Glaze  
Happy Potting...

Caitlin.



Frank Light



James Carter



Tanya & Jenny Shearer

## 4 Potters 2 Studios

Open 3rd + 4th June 10am-4pm

*Frank & James*  
at 28 Manly St Paraparaumu

*Jenny & Tanya*  
at 48 Manly St Paraparaumu

Plates | Bowls | Cups | Mugs | Vases of many kinds  
Oven Dishes | Platters | Jugs | Bowls big & small | Seconds

*All Welcome*



# Star GLAZE

**CELEBRATING MATARIKI 2023 - JULY 13, 14, 15.**

After such a successful event last year the club will again run the event with some minor changes. There will be 90 spaces. Club members have priority until May 14th. Registration \$60 includes GST. Registration is free for young people. A space will be set aside for young people to exhibit their work. ALL work must be for sale.

One club member can pay for a space and share it with other members. EVERY EXHIBITOR, including young people, must fill in a registration form (same as for the Festival of Pots) with a 3-digit code listing items for sale. You will need to provide two copies when you arrive to set up your work.

Commission is 15%.

Trestle tables are available at \$10 each. Display panels for display: 2400 X 1200 @ \$40; 1200 X 1200 @ \$20.

**Set up and pack up:** Set up is Wednesday 12 July between 11am – 8pm. Pack up is Saturday 15 July between 4pm – 7pm.

It will be great if we can have people working in the rooms during the event. The “Have a Go” activities were very popular and we would like to run them again. We will need help to set up the venue (same as last year) and pack down on Sunday, 16 July. There is a race day on the 14 th and Kiwi Kai will have their food truck on site. It would be wonderful if Tutors would encourage their students to get together as a group to participate.

We encourage new members to get involved and experience the joy of seeing that other people like your work enough to buy it. A great encourager! Also a great motivator to have work ready for the Kapiti Arts Trail in November and the Festival of Pots and Garden Art in January 2024. To register <https://www.otakipotteryclub.org/star-glaze.html>

Please make payment to Otaki Pottery Club 38-9003-0784227-11, putting your surname in the Particulars box, and Starglaze as the code. If you need further help or information please refer to the website [www.otakipotteryclub.org](http://www.otakipotteryclub.org) or contact.

**Sue Wilson** kakacat29@gmail.com 021 623 880 or **Rod Graham** rodgraham1948@gmail.com 0274 457 545

## Ordering Clay

Lynne Corkin and her team will coordinate all clay for purchase.

A member of the Clay Team will be at the rooms every Saturday between 10am and midday for you to purchase clay. Outside of these times, we ask all members to email: [clayotakipottery@gmail.com](mailto:clayotakipottery@gmail.com) to order their clay.

The Clay Team will reply advising if your clay is in stock, offer an alternative if it has sold out, and/or tell you when new stock may arrive. You will be advised when your clay will be available to pick up. Your clay will be left on the shelf outside the Clay Room doors for you to collect. A sales slip will be attached to your clay, and you will just have to complete payment with cash, EFTpos or online before you leave the rooms. Please note there will be a 5% penalty if the accounts team have to chase up any non - payment.

## Management Committee

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## Administration Team

**CLASSES Adult** Alastair McKenzie

**Children/Youth** Derryn Robson

**CLAY** Lynne Corkin

**CLEANING BEES** Jojo Hare

**EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE** Rob Young

**EVENTS & MARKETING** Kylie Van Dyke

**FUNDRAISING** Katherine Joyce-Kellaway

**GALLERY** Paula Archibald

**GLAZES** Rod Graham

**GRAPHICS** Kylie Van Dyke

**HEALTH & SAFETY** Murray Hopping

**KILNS** Rod Graham

**LIBRARY** Kaye Stead

**MAINTENANCE** Brent Craig

**MEMBERSHIP** Stephanie Tidman

**NEWSLETTER** Lyndele MacDermaid

**ORIENTATION** Kathryn Lim

**ROOMS Manager Needed**

**SOCIAL MEDIA** Wendi Lindsay

**WORKSHOPS Adult** Clare Botha

**Children/Youth** Derryn Robson

# TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

Thursday 1st June 5.30pm

This months exhibitors

**Potter: Sarah Bromley**

**Artist: Julia Bromley**

# MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

- **AGM - Thursday 15th June at 6pm**
- **ROOMS MANAGER** and people to join this team needed. Contact [otakipotteryclub@gmail.com](mailto:otakipotteryclub@gmail.com) if you can help here.
- **APRONS FOR SALE**  
Stephanie found these great Aprons and has had them specially designed for our club. They come in 2 colours.  
**\$40.00 - Members. \$50.00 - Non-members.**  
Contact Stephanie if you would like to buy one.  
[otakipotteryclub@gmail.com](mailto:otakipotteryclub@gmail.com)
- Vacuum cleaner needed to replace the one we use in the spray booth. If you have an old working Electrolux spare please let us know.



## ERN BALE

We remember Ern Bale and extend our sympathy to Ern's family and friends.

Ern was a gentle soul but such a clever talented man who was always ready to help solve any problem presented to him... or was there to just help, advise, encourage.

We were privileged to have Ern as a member of the pottery club.