

Otaki Potters

June 2021

Greetings.

Congratulations to Caitlin Taylor (President) and Sue Wilson (Vice President). The club is in good hands. Caitlin and Sue have a real passion and strong vision to lead the club into the next season. Welcome back to Margaret Hunt, Stephanie Tidman and Lynne Corkin. Great to see Allie McHugo, Wendy Ransfield, Ann Porter (Treasurer) Jojo Hare and Neil Hey join the team. All that is needed now is for someone to step up and fill the role of Secretary (which under the "team" system will not be onerous.) If this is something that you can assist with, please contact Caitlin. It is unfair to expect Caitlin to continue as Secretary when she is putting her energy into the role of president.

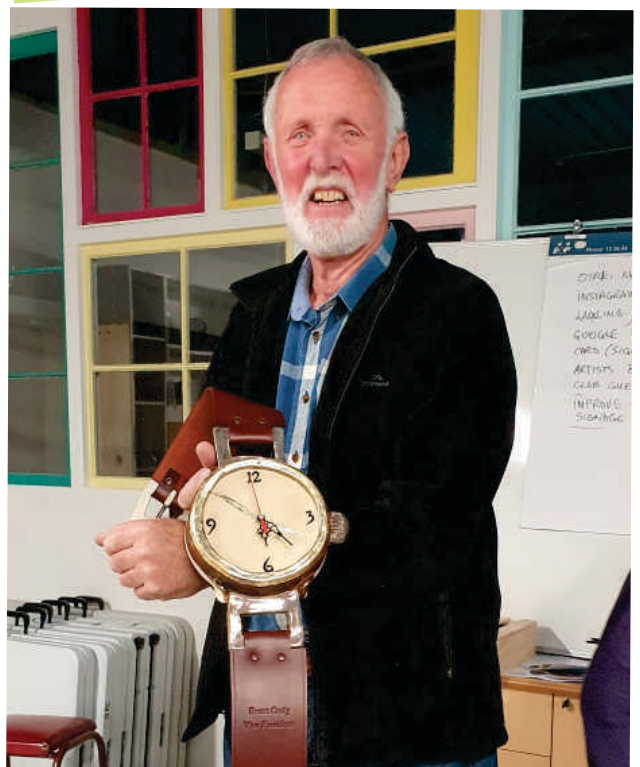
While Derryn has stepped down from the committee she still remains part of the finance team. Brent and I both received our "gold watches". What a feat; 9 attempts to get to the finished article! Mine is ticking away on the wall reminding me that time waits for no man! (or woman!). Brent and I thank the club for their generous gifts. Be assured that we both will continue to be active in the club.

There was a good turn out to the AGM with a good flow of ideas. Very pleasing to see new members attending. The meeting was followed by a great BBQ.

Caitlin's proposal for a "teams" approach to share the workload and increase participation by members in the running of the club was approved. It has been pleasing to see people coming forward to "sign up". There will be a role for every member who is willing to get involved.



Rod & Brent with their "Gold Watches"





The subscription for the 2022/2023 year was set at \$220. \$200 if paid before the last day of April, 2022. There is a further reduction of \$40 for those who opt into the teams project during the current year.

Congratulations to Maureen and Alan Hunter who were made honorary members of the club. Both have made great contributions to the club and continue to be active supporters. We appreciate them and acknowledge their valuable contributions.

The BIG TILE MAKING COMPETITION is under way! We would like every member to make one to commemorate our first year in our new clubrooms. Please have a go.

I am really proud of what we have achieved over 33 years as the Otaki Pottery Club. We have 34 years to go on our land lease; let's make every one of them count. I would be 108 years old when the lease needs renewing. It's unlikely, like many of you, that I will be around to see it, but I wouldn't mind being a fly on the wall! Well that's my lot.

Pot On with joy!

Rod



4 week wheel workshop



I would like to thank everyone who supported my nomination for club President and especially to thank Rod for his 22 years as President.

Rod believed in the club and recognised it as the valuable community asset it is for Otaki and the wider region. He led the development of a culture of creativity, friendship, learning, sharing of ideas and skills which has meant the club has grown into a vibrant community in its own right.

Clubs are strange beasts in that it is the function of the club that attracts people to it - people from all walks of life and so our club is a place of people who reflect different cultures, beliefs, ideas and talentand it works...and I believe in most part this is due to the dedication and energy put in from Rod. Thank you Rod

And a big thank you must also go to Brent. As Vice president for 16 years Brent was a great support to Rod in steering the club on the positive and solid road it is now on. Thank you Brent.

With the newly formed committee I believe we will continue well from the foundations formed by the dynamic duo!

I look forward to working with you all and please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the committee if you have ideas you would like considered, any concerns you think need addressing, any help you may need or may be able to offer. - **Caitlin.**



**Adult
Clay Date**

Kurinuku carving method



Opening of the gas kiln last week

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Gas Kilns

Both kilns have been fired and work is on the shelves. We plan to fire the down draught kiln during the week of 13th June. Work need to be labelled and on the shelves by the 12th.

Please note that Purple Haze, Silverton Blue and Van Guider's Ash are not suitable for a 1300 firing and need to be fired in the updraught kiln.

Clay

Some clays remain in short supply, in particular Grogged white stoneware and Paper Clay. We now have PW20 in stock.

There is a whiteboard on the clay room door which informs you of which clays are in stock.
Thank you. **Rod**

TOTE Gallery

We have now rolled over to June so need your support in making time to oversee the gallery on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Please fill in the wall chart on the table in the kitchen or email me with dates and times on gogojustine@gmail.com.



Next Committee Meeting

16th June



APOLYGIES

The wrong name was put on this lovely platter in last months newsletter.

It was actually made by Isabel Fernandes-Day

