

# Otaki Potters

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!

We are now in daylight-saving time and that means energy levels will rise and hopefully the feeling of wellbeing with it.

The Tote building is moving along at a cracking pace, thanks to the time and energy put in by Mike and Brent and those members turning up for the Saturday working bees.

Make sure that you pop in on a Saturday morning between 10 and 12 to see how things are progressing. If you can't help hands on perhaps you could drop in something for morning tea or lunch. All contributions are gratefully received.

Maureen Hunter has donated her **gas kiln** to the club. It's larger than the one we currently have, it's in pristine condition and comes fully equipped with shelves and props. This is a very generous donation and very timely. Maureen and Alan are great supporters of the club. Alan is doing much of the preliminary work for the plumbing at the new building. On your behalf, I thank them both for their contributions. The Elecfurn Gas kiln will be put up for sale.

The **Festival committee** met last week. Thank you to Diana Litton (Administrator) and Caitlin for getting the website operational and the publicity material produced. Please check out the website and register if you are going to exhibit. My challenge to all members is to have at least one piece in the Festival. It will give your confidence a real boost and motivate you to greater heights. Sue Wilson is managing the distribution of cards and posters. If you are willing to help, especially if you can get material into Wellington, Wairarapa, Manawatu, Hawkes Bay, Whanganui and beyond please contact her Sue Wilson, email: 29kakaroad@gmail.com or phone 021 623 880. Those on the Kapiti Arts Trail will be offered material

publicizing the Public raku and Festival. Jude Bismark is managing radio, newspaper and magazine advertising. Wendi Lindsay is managing digital media and organising rosters. Please help where you can.

We let you know last month that we would be inviting all members to donate a piece to be sold at the Festival to help fund our shift to the Otaki Racing Club. We haven't done the ring around yet but it was really encouraging when some members didn't wait to be asked but offered work. When Margaret shared the idea with the Thursday afternoon class they responded enthusiastically and that included the non-members. We are asking people who are donating work to leave it on the shelves in the drying room. Please label with your name and sale price.

Our **Cup Cake Orb Making Pot In** was a hive of activity on Monday 30 September and what an afternoon tea! Thanks Bonnie and Sheryl for taking the workshop and



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Relocation work on all Saturdays, from 10am to 12noon**

**Fish'n'Chip Pot In Friday 4 October, starting at 4pm, fish'n chips around 6pm**

**Pit Firing – Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October**

**Next Gas Firing - Thursday 17 October**

**Mentoring Programme with Pamella Annsouth  
Friday 15 November 4-7pm**

Michelle, cupcake maker extraordinaire! Thanks to everyone who participated. This was a great opportunity to learn how to make quality orbs and support the raku.

Our **Fish'nChip Pot In** will take place on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4pm, fish'n chips around 6pm. Wheel and bench workers required. We need you to register for catering purposes. Contact Sue Wilson at 29kakaroad@gmail.com or write your name on the sheets on the notice board.

**The Pit firing is on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.** You are welcome to join us at Caitlin's Cottage for the opening at 1pm on the Sunday.

Don't forget the **Kapiti Arts Trail** on the first two weekends in November. Get out there and be inspired!

HAPPY POTTING

Rod



CLUBROOMS RELOCATION TIMELINE								
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
DEMOLITION & CLEANUP								
FRAMING DOORS &								
PAINTING & FITTING OUT								
ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING								
RELOCATION								

**CLEANING UP AFTER YOURSELF:** It has been noticed that some members are **forgetting to clean up properly.** Please ensure that you leave your work areas clean and tidy, ready for others to use.

## CLUBROOMS PROJECT

### News from the ( new ) rooms

Thanks to an enthusiastic group of volunteers over the past 2 x weekends, most of the hard graft is completed.

The de nailing has come to an end, and we're now splashing some colour about, with the class room windows sanded & painted.

The electrician ( Brent O'Hagan & Dale ) have begun to install the wiring for the lights and power.

Alan Hunter ( Plumber ) has been busy locating "tobies" & leaking pipes prior to the more serious work of laying out our wash benches.

Mike Mealings has been working tirelessly with the framing of the rooms, to the extent that we're about 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

Mike & I are at the rooms 10 - 3 Tues - Friday; if you want to pop in and give us ideas or contacts that we can call upon later.

The only bad news is that some persons from the lower end of the gene pool, have thrown rocks through 8 x windows. The Landlord will not be happy.

Hopefully the proposed spotlights on the south side of the building will prevent any further such damage.

**There's still work to be done.**

**We need your help on Saturdays from 10am.**

**It's become the social event of the week!**

Bring old clothes and a steady hand, for painting activities. If you don't feel comfortable with that just come along as there are many more small jobs to be done that contribute to the tasks in hand.

I must also point out that the gratefully received food supplied for morning tea is superb.

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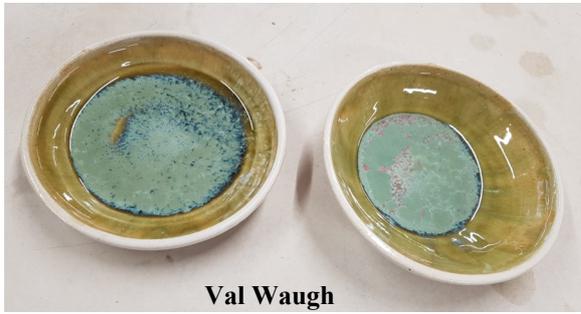
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## CLUB NEWSLETTERS

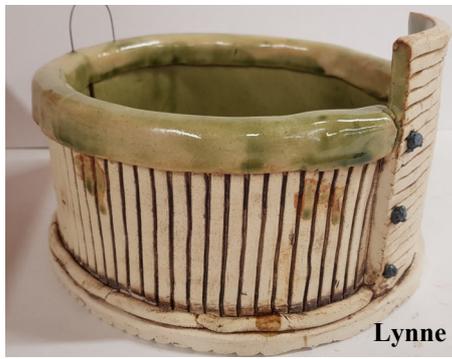
If you wish to receive newsletters from other pottery clubs as they come in, please let Caitlin know, if you haven't already done so:

[otakipotteryclub@gmail.com](mailto:otakipotteryclub@gmail.com) .

Thank you.



Val Waugh



Lynne Corkin



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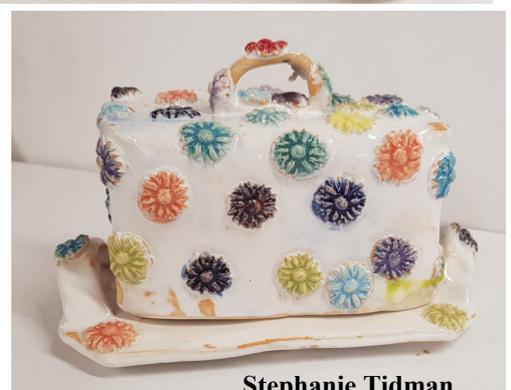
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**NOV 2/3  
& NOV 9/10**

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**The Kapiti Arts Trail** is on Nov 2/3 and 9/10, with studios and hubs across the Kapiti Coast open for you to see artists creating and showcasing their work. Many of our club members are exhibiting. We have brochures in the clubrooms, and you can get a digital guide here: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/whats-on/things-to-do-in-kapiti/kapiti-arts-trail-2019/>



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## CLAY STOCKTAKE CONCERNS

The following bags of clay are unaccounted for. Can you please check your bags and contact Rod if you can help:

**White Raku: G180 & G182**

**Classic White: 0205**

**Paper Clay: V206.**

**T196, SB15.**

Thank you.



**SLIP, SLOP, SLAP** is a sculptural ceramic exhibition being held at Wellington's Thistle Hall, 293 Cuba St

Mon. 7 Oct. to Sun.  
13 Oct. 2019.

As the title suggests, the exhibition is a study of the use of porcelain slip and uses

a destructive technique involving plaster moulds.

With this technique Rebecca creates diverse and organic textures and would love you to drop on by!