

Otaki Potters

September 2021

Kia Ora koutou, Greetings.

An interesting month for the club and for everyone now with delta rearing its head. I trust that you are all keeping safe and well and that lockdown is not too distressing.

As lockdown started the week the Committee was due to meet there is little club news. Committee news will be emailed out after we meet. As you are aware under levels 3 and 4 we are not able to use the rooms. Thank you to you all for your cooperation here.

Rod has been keeping an eye on the clubrooms for us. A shipment of clay arrived so our stocks are up – see Rods report later in the newsletter.

The Philipp foundation has very generously supported the purchase of the building which has enabled the repayment of the loan. We are very grateful for their continued support.

Thank you to team managers for their updates.

Tile competition: Brent and Philip have mounted the tiles. Voting started on Sunday and ends on the 12th September. Voting papers & a ballot box are in position. Should we remain in level 3 for some time we will look at extending the voting period.

Workshops: Jane McCulla's workshop scheduled for the weekend of the 21st August was cancelled due to the lockdown. This has been long waited for so it was a big disappointment for those who enrolled for the 2nd time! Other workshops are on hold pending level decisions.

Tote Talks: Lockdown also meant we had to cancel the "Special Tote Talks" with Jane McCulla "My Journey with Clay". It is always interesting to hear of a Potters' beginnings and evolution, so it is a shame we lost this opportunity.



Guy Baker's Shino vase in PRG clay



Bowl by Biddy

Some like it messy!!!



Stephanie Tidman



JoJo Hare

Kathryn has pencilled in “talks” for the next few months but is also keen to hear from you with suggestions of “talks” on topics that you are interested in. Please let her know.

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Susannah Salter – Hamilton pottery tools – has indicated she is willing to bring the tools she has for sale down to us when the times allow.

Events: With this uncertainty it is difficult to schedule our usual events. In previous years we have held a Pit firing in October. We can work toward one this year if there is enough interest. Please let me or Rod know.

The Public Raku was cancelled last year due to weather. Now we hope for fine weather and no lockdowns this December.

The Gallery will be holding an exhibition for the Kapiti Arts trail. Members and students’ work is very welcome. Derryn is managing this.

The Festival Team continues to work on the 2022 event.

Teams: We are still looking for more help with the rooms – if you can help here please contact Kaye.

We also need someone to take on “New members” as Stephanie has taken on areas of club secretarial work. If you have expertise in graphic design, please contact Caitlin. The work here is in relation to the Festival graphics. I am currently setting this up for the 2022 event and it would be a good time to lead someone through what is involved.

Classes: All classes have been affected by the closure. Until we get to level two, we will not be able to establish exactly how we will manage the missed classes. Term 3 was set to finish on the 24th September. Your tutors will keep you up to date as decisions come to hand. Tutors of the adult classes have confirmed that they will be happy to resume teaching at Covid Level 2.

Term 4: Lyuba is heading to the Coromandel for term 4. Jojo has agreed to take Lyubas Wednesday night continuing wheel class and Brent Craig will take the Monday night beginners wheel class (for term 4). We will be looking for a tutor to take the Monday night class in 2022. If you can help here please let Emily know. **emilyf@xtra.co.nz**

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Dates: Term 4 will commence the week beginning October 18th and finish the week beginning December 6th (except for the Monday night class which has the interruption of Labour Day, so will end Monday Dec 13th).

Website: Tutor's bios are now on the website. Many thanks to Kylie for keeping the website up to date.

Cleaning Bee: The next cleaning bees are the 25th September and the 27th November.

Clay supply: Whitestone-ware grogged is in stock with a small amount of mid-fire porcelain. Unfortunately, high fire porcelain is unavailable at the moment. We are awaiting PW20.

Gallery: Margaret Hunt and Jos Smith exhibition opening was a lively event and enjoyed by all. When we are open, do have a look through there are some great pieces on show. Paula is looking at the dates for the next exhibition which will be impacted by lockdown - as has the current exhibition. More information on this when we know of the level changes.

Brent has completed the gallery roster board which has been installed in the kitchen and the gallery information board which has been installed above the admin bench in the main area.

Maintenance: The western storage area (the lock-up on the hand-build classroom exterior wall) stairs have been removed and the wall & ceiling partially reclad. The floor has been reframed and re-laid (for the first 6 metres). Thanks to Mike Mealings and Brent Craig for doing this work. When this area is completed it will house the "events" equipment and paraphernalia.

Brent has also completed two rolling storage cupboards for the plaster molds - also fitted with an anti-roll bar for the top shelves.

Health and Safety: While we do have the necessary certification for OPC to store LPG Murray has suggested we run a group through an emergency plan - in case of an LPG fire, spill or leak. If you are interested in attending this emergency test please either contact me or Murray Hopping. - murrayhopping@gmail.com

Enjoy these days!
Caitlin Taylor.