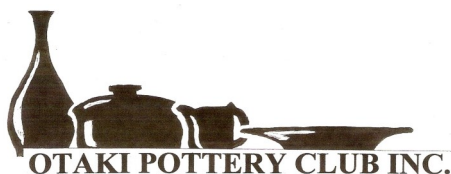


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! The baton is being passed on. We have a new newsletter editor. Thank you again to Caitlin who has done such a magnificent job and welcome to Anna Wood. If you have information for the club newsletter Anna is the one to go to ([a\\_j\\_wood@yahoo.com](mailto:a_j_wood@yahoo.com)).

Newsletter distribution is being reorganised. Hard copies will now be produced in colour and this newsletter will be the last complimentary copy. The four options for receiving the newsletter are:

- Mailed to you, for \$3 each month
- Pick up your copy from the club rooms, for \$2
- Read the clubroom copy for free
- Receive an electronic copy via email, also for free!

Please contact Stephanie with any changes to the way you receive your newsletter (06 364 0644 or [geeup1@clear.net.nz](mailto:geeup1@clear.net.nz)).

The Club's next raku firing will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Members and adult class students are welcome. We will have visiting potters from Levin and Kapiti joining us for the day. We do have some bisque ware for sale if time ran out before you could make something. Postponement date is the following Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. A decision will be made at 9am so ring me if in doubt (027 445 7545).

The workshops for young people held during the holidays were a great success and the place was buzzing. Thank you Paula for your energy and enthusiasm. If we have sufficient interest we will run an after school workshop over four Mondays starting on May 15<sup>th</sup> for students 7 years and over.

We have had a request for a home schoolers programme once a term. The first will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May if we have enough enrolments.

Adult Classes for term two commence on the week beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. There is one space in the Thursday Sculpture and Garden Art class and three spaces in the Friday morning class.

Contact Margaret to register ([mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz)).

We welcome back Bruce Walford. Bruce will run a mold making demonstration workshop on May the 13<sup>th</sup>, after which participants can then make their own molds in their own time. Bruce will also demonstrate using plaster molds. To register contact Margaret ([mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz)). Because of the level of interest Bruce will run a second workshop, date TBC. We are also negotiating with Bruce to run further workshops working with plaster molds (either yours or his).

Jenny and Jojo have been reorganising the clay shed and testing new clays. All Southern Clays are no longer available now that the factory has closed. Primo Red/Brown Terracotta is looking good. Good orange at 1140, darker to brown at 1220. There are samples beside the Clay Price Sheet. Other clays from Primo and Waikato Ceramics are in process. The committee has decided to discontinue stocking some clays - see the list in this newsletter. If you like using any of these clays get in quick while stocks last.

Some people have been taking books out of the club library without filling in the notebook. This is a definite NO NO! You will see a list of books missing from the library in this newsletter. Please check your bookshelf and see if you have any. When returning books be sure to mark them off in the



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notebook and put them on the shelf for Kaye. Please don't just put them back with the other books.

Jackie Fawcett and Kathryn Lim have reviewed our Health and Safety practice in terms of the Act and presented a plan to the committee. We need a small team of three who are willing to begin to implement the recommendations. If you are available to help please contact Jackie (Jackie.fawcett@xtra.co.nz), who will also survey members about any H&S concerns. We need to appoint a Health and Safety Officer, so we welcome any nominees.

It is my job to empty the old kiln shed and Kaye has kindly offered the club storage. I need one or two people to help. This would count as a "cleaning bee". We need to have this done during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please contact me.

The College Board of Trustees has given us permission to install two containers on the south side of the gas kiln shed. Brent and Jojo are organising this. We will have to wait until later in the year for the ground to dry out before they can be put in place.

The committee has decided to upgrade the lighting in the rooms.

We are trialling a new system for pricing fired work based on a formula developed by Trevor Wright. We have adapted it for our situation and it seems to be working well. Feedback is welcomed, see Stephanie (geeup1@clear.net.nz) or myself. You now have to *the last day of the month following* to pay your kiln account. So you have until May 31<sup>st</sup> to pay for pots fired in April.

Ern has done a great job on putting new screws in the wheelheads and is steadily working through the batts to make sure that the holes fit. The screws have been engineered, sooooo... if you are removing them please make sure that they go in the labelled plastic container.

The first meeting for the Festival of Pots 2018 has been held. It was a really positive meeting and all the issues raised at the AGM have been addressed. Peter and Julie Collis from Auckland have agreed to be our guest potters and George Thompson from Waikanae is our guest painter. We are off to a flying start.

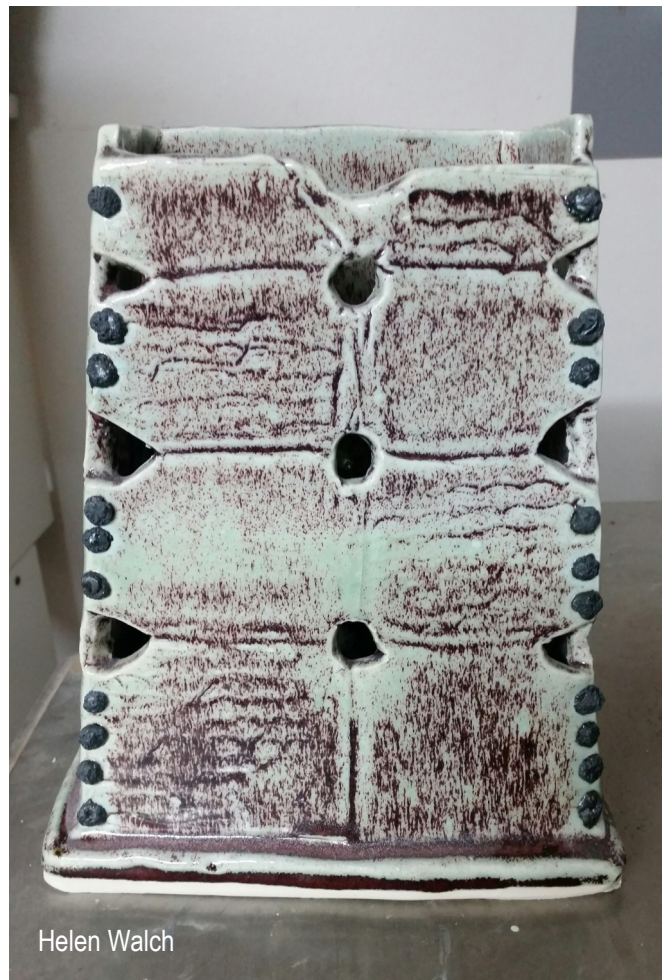
We are having a fish and chips 'pot-in' for the Empty Bowls project on 9 June. Handbuilding and wheel clay provided. Keep an eye on the noticeboard. More info in the newsletter.

*Rod Graham*

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Jenny Pilcher



Helen Walch



Sue Wilson



# BRUCE WALFORD

## MOLD MAKING WORKSHOP

The workshop will be basic mold making - how to go about setting up objects (one or two piece molds) for either press molding or slip casting.



**Saturday 13th May 10am - 4pm**  
**\$40 pp Shared Lunch**

Contact Margaret Hunt: [mhunt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mhunt@xtra.co.nz)  
or put your name on the board.

Payment with enrolment to ensure your place.



Empty Bowls NZ was launched in 2015, building on an international idea and a lot of questions about how to support our community. The initiative encourages potters to make and

donate bowls to be sold in order to raise funds to support Wellingtonians in need. Over 900 bowls were made and sold in 2015, raising almost \$20,000 for Wellington's Downtown Community Ministry.

The Empty Bowls initiative is being run again this year. The bowls will be made by a community of professional potters and members from OPC, Wellington Potters Association and Porirua's Woolshed Potters. Bowls can be turned or hand-built and the only requirement is that they are food-safe.

All clay is being generously supplied by **Waikato Ceramics** and all bowls will be sold via Moore Wilson, at their Wellington city, Wairarapa and Porirua locations, from Saturday 2 September.

If you are interested in participating, OPC will have a pot-in at 6-9pm on May 9th (BYO fish and chips). To register for the pot-in and/or to request your free clay to make an Empty Bowl, please add your name to the sheet on the noticeboard in the Club Room or email [rodgraham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rodgraham@xtra.co.nz)

## CLUB EVENTS

### Club Raku

10am - 3pm, Saturday 29th April

\$5 per person firing work

Shared lunch | Adult class students welcome

If poor weather, decision to postpone will be made at 9am—contact Rod on 027 4457545

### OPC Management Committee

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Club Library & Rooms	Kaye Stead
DVDs and Enrolments	Margaret Hunt
Orientation	Jude Whitaker
Newsletter	Anna Wood
Website	Biz Hayman
Cleaning Bees	Beryl Rowe
New members	Stephanie Tidman
Property Maintenance	Russell Kitto
Clay	Jenny Turnbull
Keys	David Simmonds

# CLUB NOTICEBOARD

## Welcome New Members

Tam Chung  
Dee Carleton  
Lyuba Zhilkins  
Karli Mitchell

## Subs

**Member:** \$120 per year  
(includes key)

**Associate member:**  
\$35 per year



## 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.

## New Firing Charges Trial

We are trialling a new system to get greater consistency in charging for firing. The trial started on April 4th and will run for five bisque firings before being reviewed.

- Very Small Pieces = \$1 each or less
- Small Pieces (Coffee mug/ small bowl) = Length + Height
- Medium Pieces (Plates/ bowls) = Length + Height x 2
- Large Pieces (Platters/ large bowls/sculptures) = Length + Height x 3
- Once fired = Length + height x 2 divided by two thirds

## Books Missing from the Club Library

517 The Ceramic Surface (on loan)  
176 Making Marks Robin Hopper  
258 Glazing Techniques  
168 The Complete Book of Clay and Glazes  
169 Figure in Clay  
173 Modelling Heads and Faces  
185 Pottery  
202 The Shapes We Need  
224 Pottery  
314 Penland Book of Ceramic  
CA10 Innovative Techniques

People are waiting for some of these books so please return them asap.

## Club Notices

- Member's kiln accounts need to be cleared by the end of the following month to avoid a 10% penalty
- Please leave the club rooms clean and tidy; if you can't clean it don't use it
- Please remember to number your work for firing. If you have multiple small pieces please identify at least two of them. Unnumbered work is charged out at a higher rate. If you have your own mark please make sure that it is registered in the front of the kiln book.
- The College has informed us that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds

## Clay Stocks

The following clays will not be replaced when current stock is exhausted:

- WDW
- Clayworks Sculptural Coarse and Sculptural Fine
- Raku red
- CB3
- Primo Mid-fire Porcelain