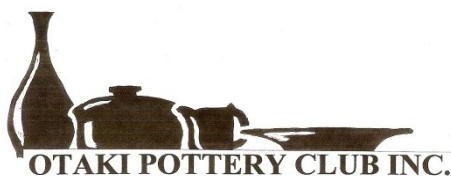




Otaki Potters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings!
A new year.
New opportunities.
New challenges.
Let's make it a good one.

The **Festival of Pots and Garden Art** has come and gone. A BIG **THANK YOU** to all who contributed and the many who went the extra mile to make the event the success that it was. On your behalf I would especially like to acknowledge the work that Paula and Kaye put into running the café, Lynne and Kevin for organising the sales desk. Maureen and her team for curating the inside exhibition; Murray for organising the demonstrations; Anna for taking up the role of administrator and managing the festival website; and Ann for the many hours she put into processing, sales, accounts and payments to artists. This was Ann's last year in this role and we are grateful to the great job she has done in the past three years. To Alan and David who were the backbone of the set up and pack down team - always there, always reliable, to Mike Mealings who arranged signage in the southern part of the region and finally Brent who let me work with him to convene the event. It was definitely Brent's last year as convenor; four years – well done!

We thank Big Mac Slabs and New World Otaki for the sponsorship that they gave us. If I have missed anyone, I just want you to know that you are valued and the work you do for the club is appreciated.

In the midst of the Festival the **containers** arrived on site. Thank you to Caitlin, Brent Jojo and Dave Hare for the work that they put into the project. Mike Mealings shelved out one of the containers on the last weekend. The family of Irene Walker gave the club a donation of \$2000 in her memory. With their agreement we put the donation toward this project so a plaque will acknowledge this.

To add to the excitement the **Shimpo Electric Kiln** turned up as well. Thanks to the truck driver and Alan and David the kiln was soon unpacked and in place. It is working well. The new cable has been installed and now all three kilns can be fired simultaneously.

All **Adult Classes** are full and up and running. **Clay Workshops for Young People** will run on Mondays 3.30-5pm and in the school holidays if there is enough interest. Paula Archibald will tutor these.

A **Mentoring Group** will start in April. This is for those who have completed four years of instruction or who meet the criteria as agreed at the meeting. The group will comprise up to 12 club members who will meet informally on Friday afternoons/evening (the rooms will be opened for other members to work) and meet with a mentor once every four weeks for a day workshop. The rooms will be closed during this time. The mentor for the first three workshops will be Chris Dunn from Wellington. His CV is available on request. If you were not at the initial meeting but are interested in being part of the group please contact me.

Dates to Remember

7 + 10 March: New Clubroom key collection dates
31 March: 2018 Fees Earlybird Special
14 April: Interclub Raku at OPC

President's report cont.

The lock will be changed on the Club Rooms door on Wednesday March 7th. Check the notice concerning **Key Exchange**. The cost of keys are included in the subscription.

The **Inter-club Raku** is booked in for Saturday April 14th 10am start with a shared lunch. Sandra will again work with those who want to do Obvara. Working with feathers on hot pots and Naked raku will be on the menu. This is a great way to meet other potters and have a fun day so it's time to get cracking and get pots made and bisque.

If you are a regular (at least once a fortnight) worker in the rooms and would like a shelf or a cupboard please contact

Kaye Stead 0274 365 184. If you have a space but don't intend to be a regular user could you vacate your space and inform Kaye.

There have been some **minor changes to the school timetable**. School starts at 9am every day and closes early on Thursdays (1:20pm). Interval is from 11:20 – 11:45. Lunch remains the same 12:35 – 1:20.

Our condolences to Isabel Fernandez-Day and Wi Taepa whose mothers passed away recently. Our thoughts are with you.

Rod

OTAKI POTTERY CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

We had a good turn out to the AGM; thank you to those who made the effort. The 2017 committee was re-elected, apart from Beryl who decided her time has come to stand down. We acknowledge the many years of service Beryl has given to the committee over the years. No doubt she will still be serving morning tea at club day on Wednesdays. Ann Porter has let the club know that she will stand down as Treasurer at the end of this year. We welcome Stacey Young and Derryn Robson to this year's committee.

John Drake and Suzie White gave an interesting presentation concerning a proposal for a Ceramics Centre in Te Horo. The club is supportive of the concept.

With 92 members there is a lot of work to be done to keep the club operational. Thank you to Kaye Stead (Rooms and Library); David Simmonds (heat pumps and vacuum cleaner maintenance); Anna Wood (club newsletter and FOP website); Biz Hayman (Club website); Helen Walch (glazes); Ern Bale (engineering/maintenance).

The committee need a minute secretary. We also need someone who lives in Otaki to manage clay (this could be a shared task). These have been ongoing vacancies so if you can help please contact Caitlin.

Various reports are available on request. Ann will post an interim financial summary of the year's Festival of Pots and Garden Art on the club notice board.

Inter Club Raku 14th April 10-3pm

Shared lunch

Obvara demonstration and hands on.

Bring bisqueware; \$3per kg
(OPC members no-charge)

Otaki Pottery Club
Otaki College
233 Mill Road, Otaki

If wet, postponement date 15th.



Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2018

Congratulations potters and thank you for your support





CLUB EVENTS & NOTICES

KEY EXCHANGE

The Key exchange will take place Wednesday March 7th 10am-12noon and Saturday March 10th at 10am. If you can't make these times you will need to contact Stephanie Tidman geeup1@outlook.com 021 267 7052

SUBSCRIPTION 2018

1st January – 31st December.

\$120; \$100 if paid by 31st March
OR \$60 to be paid by 31st March with a further payment of \$60 by June 30th.

Your key is included in the sub.

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