



June 2023

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- Friendship Group – For club members only. Wednesday afternoons. Between 2 - 4pm at Karlup Studio
- Monthly Meeting – Next Meeting Wednesday July 19th 10am. Karlup Studio.
- Empty Bowls: Sunday August 21st. Christ Church Grammar School
- CAAWA Members' Selective Exhibition – September 16th – October 1st. Moores Building, Fremantle.
- Glorious Mud Selective Exhibition October 6th – 16th
- MCAA Art Awards exhibition August 18th – September 3rd
- York Art and Craft Awards. September 2023.

JUNE MEETING

Storage of bisque and glazed work has been looked at. Members glazed work is now being stored on the new shelves in the library/office area. Check regularly that your work has been fired and ready to pick up, and that work in progress is completed in a timely manner and moved to the shelves in the kiln room for bisque firing.

Members are asked to be vigilant when exiting from the toilet as the door sometimes does not close and lock properly. Within a short period of time the door will lock. Double check the door.

New scales have been purchased for weighing pots when submitting them for firing. There is a separate scale for bisque (\$5 per kg) and another set of scales for glaze firing (\$7.50 per kg). Please complete the spreadsheet and payment slips with all your details and deposit funds into the kiln account to cover your firing costs.

There are concerns with glazed work being double dipped and pots are covered with too much glaze which is resulting in the glaze running off the pots and onto the kiln shelves during firing. The kiln technician has recommended that if pots need to be double dipped that members only double dip the rims and to decant glaze into a separate container before dipping second glaze, so as to not contaminate the entire bucket of glaze. If members are unsure about glazing please ask for advice before glazing pots. Remember to wipe all glaze from the base of your pots and the lower edge near the base so the glaze does not adhere your pot to the kiln shelf during firing.

Members please note that on the inside of the kiln room door there are contact numbers to call if you have problems at the studio. Graham Longhurst is available to call if there are issues with your alarm code.

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We have **updated the Club Rules** and would like to highlight a couple items:-

No visitors (non members) are permitted to join in clay activities except on designated days such as City of Melville Open Studio event.

HEALTH and SAFETY

Members please be aware that due to Health and Safety precautions **no dry sanding** of work is permitted inside the studio area. If work needs to be sanded use wet sanding – immerse pottery item in water and use wet sand-paper. Wearing a mask further protects your own health.

CERAMICS CLASSES

A list of classes has just been launched on the Club website for Term 3 2023.

(<https://sorpottersclub.com/classes>) Members are encouraged to have a look and spread the word to friends and family who might be interested in the classes. There will be regular Instagram posts to promote the classes and you are encouraged to share these with your network.

Please note: Bookings for these classes can only be made through the SORPC website.

RECYCLED CLAY FOR SALE



Tracey-Lee van den Bergh and Barbara Wheeler have worked very hard on a new initiative – recycled clay will be sold at \$3 per 2kg bag in the studio.

Members can record their purchases of the bags of clay in the register associated with the clay.

Payment can be made directly to the Bank account with the bag #, word "recycle" and your name.

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Volunteers are still needed for assisting with the recycling of clay. If you can help please contact Barbara Wheeler (b.wheater45@gmail.com)

EMPTY BOWLS



The Empty Bowls fundraising event for Food Bank is happening again in August. The South of the River Potters' Club has been a long-time supporter of the Empty Bowls project and we encourage all of our members to get involved once again this year. Every year our members, together with potters from all over WA, create soup bowls to be donated to the Empty Bowls project and sold at their fundraising event for Food Bank in August.

It's a wonderful project and a great way for you to practice your skills at making soup bowls. The bowls that you make should be of a generous size to hold a big portion of hot, delicious soup. The Club subsidises the firing and glazing of your bowls and they should be clearly marked with 'EB' on the base and logged as 'EB' when you weigh them and submit them for firing. The standard of bowls being donated in past years has been very high and many guests at the lunch event in August have bought several extra bowls to take home and treasure. It's always fun and rewarding but we still need glazed bowls by the end of July delivered to the studio.

On Wednesday 12th of July there will be a group glazing session at the studio between 10-12pm. If you are free please join in to help glaze the donated bowls. Bring your own donated bowls as well to glaze.

The big bonus for our club is that we get to have a stall at the Empty Bowls event at Christ Church Grammar School where members can sell their work. This has been quite successful in the past and it is great exposure for the club.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Wednesday afternoons between 2-4pm. Members are welcome to work together, exchange ideas and enjoy each other's company for a couple of hours. Please bring your own clay. Contact Robyn for more information on (0420809144). Or please just drop into the studio on Wednesday afternoon.

This is a great way for new members to get to know each other and find out more about the club. Please note that this regular event is for members only.

BADGES FOR COLLECTION

To all members remember to collect your badge which is pinned to the noticeboard inside the library area.



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19/7/2023

10am at Karlup Studio.

All members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERS are invited to submit any items of interest - information/events/photos that can be included in the July Mudlark – Please email to Kerry Palmer - kj.palmer@outlook.com

Creativity is the world's greatest weapon. Expand your minds and begin your creative journey.

