



April 2020

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- **Saggar Firing Workshop**
- Shabbi Phelps at SORPC
TBC
- **Empty Bowls -**
ChristChurch Grammar **TBC**
- **Pit Firing - Chris Rogers'**
place. July 4 or 11 **TBC**
- **MCAA Awards** **TBC**
- **RAKU Firing - Atwell**
house **TBC**
- **Pop-Up Exhibition - Atwell**
Gallery September **TBC**
- **Lunch in the Gallery -**
Graham Oldroyd 'Fire'
Wednesday Sept **TBC**
- **Glorious Mud - 'FIRE'**
September 14 - 20
- **Atwell Christmas Bazaar**
- November 20th onwards

Check the Atwell Gallery website
for updates on gallery activities

April Meeting

The April committee meeting was held via Zoom and the technology allowed us to get together and update the business of the Club in the style of the times.



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Empty Bowls Project

The Empty Bowls project is NOT cancelled but the organisers are hoping to schedule a new date, hopefully in September.

So there's still heaps of time to get your bowls made and if they aren't used this year, they will certainly be a great start for next year's event.

Remember that the soup bowls should be of a generous size (suggested 14-16cm wide x 6-8cm deep) and, of course, food safe.

Our goal is to contribute at least **50** bowls!

Our contact person for the project is Geff Gomez
geffandjeannie@gmail.com



Glorious Mud Exhibition

The committee has been looking forwards and discussing contingency plans for our biennial exhibition, "Glorious Mud". The theme this year will be 'FIRE'. The planned date in September seems like a long way off and who knows what the virus situation will be by then. At the moment we hope to be able to have the exhibition as usual, in the gallery. But if restrictions are still in place we may have a 'virtual' online exhibition instead.

So, either way, 'Glorious Mud' IS happening so keep the 'fire' theme in mind and get potting!

Covid19 protocols

Hand sanitiser and surface wipes have been provided in the Club work shed - please use them in addition to the usual cleaning procedures when working in the shed. Let's keep the workshed limited to no more than two people at a time.



Saggar Firing workshop Shabbi Phelps

The saggar firing workshop with Shabbi Phelps will not be going ahead on the planned date in May. Shabbi has agreed to put it on hold and hopefully re-schedule for a suitable date later in the year. In the meantime she is encouraging everyone to keep preparing pots suitable for the saggar firing and is looking forward to seeing us later in the year.



Kiln

If you have pots for firing, feel free to leave them in the kiln room on the appropriate shelf and Graham will fire them when there are sufficient for a load. Please contact Graham to tell him that you have left pots for firing - and don't forget to mark them with your ID stamp or signature.

Potters' Market Trading

The Potters' Market is still open for business although on a limited basis. The shop door is closed but Julie will bring your requirements to the window for you or you can contact her by email or phone and she will leave your order in the car park for collection. Some items are in short supply due to delivery delays.

Details of the opening hours are updated on their website <https://thepottersmarket.com.au/> or phone 93376888, or e-mail your orders to Julie Drury <julie@thepottersmarket.com.au>

Pottery Information Online

No doubt lots of you are finding all sorts of interesting and instructive stuff online so let's share the links so that we can all be inspired. Here are a few that I have found but please email me with any others that you have found so that I can add them to the list in the next Mudlark. I won't include the Ceramic Arts Network stuff which most people are familiar with.

Facebook Groups:

Help for Australian Potters - Advice and Tips

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/710740852375129/>

Pottery Equipment for sale in Western Australia

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293420614482014/>

DIY Pottery Tools

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115910182683902>

Australian Ceramics Forum

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/australianceramicsforum/>

Anna's Aussie Ceramics

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190032657715988/>

Australian Ceramics Network

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/204654880152950/>

Worldwide Pottery Challenge

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/worldwidepotterychallenge/>

Potters' Network

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/219780908063139/>

YouTube Videos - next month

Send me your favourites!

Next meeting:

In the interests of 'social distancing' the next committee meeting on Wednesday May 14th will held online.