



April 2022

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- SORPC Monthly meeting – Wednesday May 18th, 6.15pm
- City of Melville Open Studios May 7 & 8
- CAAWA Selective Exhibition September 9 – October 15 Central TAFE
- MCAA Art Awards exhibition September 19th - October 15th
- Glorious Mud: October 20 – October 30



Link to Club website

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

To better coordinate with the MCAA Board meetings, it has been decided that the SORPC monthly meetings will move to the THIRD Wednesday of each month. There will be no change to the availability of Room 2/3 for our usual Wednesday morning gatherings and we will still be alternating between morning and evening meetings. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday May 18th at 6.15pm.

APRIL MEETING

Apart from a discussion about the changed meeting times, there was some information about the progress on the Karlup studio building. Fruitful discussions have been held with MCAA about the financial arrangements for managing Karlup, especially regarding teachers, technicians and classes. There have been a few problems with the progress of the building including several acts of burglary and vandalism on the site. But lockup is expected in May with handover in July.

The MCAA membership is being increased by \$5 to \$35 and as this forms part of the SORPC annual fee, it will increase to \$115 as a result.

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EMPTY BOWLS 2022



The annual Empty Bowls event is on again this year on Sunday, August 21st at the usual venue, Christchurch Grammar School in Claremont. The South of the River Potters' Club has supported this event for many years with members creating generously sized soup bowls to be sold, full of soup, at the event to raise funds for Food Bank. The Club is also able to have stall from which we can offer members' pots for sale, and this has been quite successful in previous years.



All members are encouraged to take part and we need to beat our contribution of 70 bowls last year - that's not even ONE pot per member and surely we can do better than that!! As in previous years the Club will provide free firing for these bowls. Please mark the base of each pot with 'EB' so that Graham can allocate the firing charges accordingly.

BUT there is one big complication. Due to the anticipated completion of Karlup mid-year, there is the possibility of one or more kilns being out of service while being transferred to the new building. We will try to keep at least one kiln working in the current kiln shed but it is important to get working on the bowls ASAP to avoid this possible bottleneck in the production process. Completed, glazed bowls will be stored at the Club and eventually brought to Potters' Market for collection by the Empty Bowls organisers.

More information about the Empty Bowls project is available at <https://www.emptybowlsperth.com/>



For friends and family who may like to come along to the Empty Bowls lunch event, tickets can be purchased through Try Booking via Foodbank website:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQZHN> for \$25. With the ticket they can choose one or more handmade bowls which are displayed on a long table, fill it with hot soup and some bread and then take their bowl home. This takes place over 3 sittings, 11am, 12pm and 1pm. With a great choice of soups (including vegetarian) and breads available, this event is very popular so early bookings are advised.

KILNS AND WORKSHED

Members are reminded that the sheds are shared facilities and should be left clean and tidy when you have finished working. This is a matter of courtesy to fellow members but also a health and safety issue when surfaces are left dusty with clay and the floors are not mopped.

The extruder was recently left caked with clay and 'work in progress' has been accumulating on the shelves so that there is insufficient room for newly created work. When sponge-cleaning the work tables, it is a good idea to towel dry them to avoid a residual film of dry clay.

OPEN STUDIOS REMINDER

The annual City of Melville art trail/open studios event will be held on the weekend of May 7/8 and, as usual the potters will be there in force. In past years we have had members demonstrating hand building, wheel work and raku firing and the visiting members of the public have been most enthusiastic, some even having a go at the wheel.

So all members are encouraged to come along on Saturday May 7th to do some work in the shed or demonstrate your skills for the visitors. Its always a lot of fun!



Next Meeting:

Note – the meeting times will be changed from 10am to 6.15pm on alternate months and will be at 10am on the third Wednesday of each other month

Monthly meeting schedule:

Wednesday May 18th – 6.15pm

Wednesday June 15th – 10am

Wednesday July 20th – 6.15pm