



April 2023

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- **City of Melville Open Studios April 29/30 at Karlup and Atwell House**
- Friendship Group – May 3rd
2 - 4pm Karlup Studio
- Monthly meeting – Wednesday
May 17th, 10am
- 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

APRIL MEETING

The wheels in the studio have been serviced and repaired where necessary. The slab roller is has been repaired with new cables having been installed.

Members are asked to be vigilant when exiting from the toilet as the door sometimes does not close and lock properly. A distressing incident occurred recently when someone found the door open after-hours, entered the toilet without an electronic tag and became locked in.

Tracey-Lee van den Bergh has purchased a copy of 'Contemporary Tableware' by Linda Bloomfield for the Club library – check it out.

New scales have been purchased for weighing pots when submitting them for firing. There will be a separate scales for bisque (\$5/kg) and another for glaze firing (\$7.50/kg)

Volunteers are sought for a cleanup of donated glaze materials this Wednesday, 27th 10-12. Please come and help if you can.

CERAMICS CLASSES

A huge list of classes has just been launched on the Club website (<https://sorpottersclub.com/classes>) and members are encouraged to have a look and spread the word to friends and family who might be interested. There will be regular Instagram posts to promote the classes and you are encouraged to share these with your network.

NOTE: bookings for these classes can only be made through the SORPC website, NOT through the MCAA/MA@AH office as previously.

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RECYCLED CLAY FOR SALE



Whats new ...

**RECYCLED
CLAY FOR
SALE**

Mixed white stoneware clay
\$3 per 2kg bag

Recycled clay can be found in
a marked tub in the glaze
room under the pug mill table.

It will be run on an honesty
system. Please complete the
register and pay for your clay
on the day :)

Thank you

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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OPEN STUDIOS

The City of Melville Open Studios event will take place on NEXT Saturday and Sunday, April 29/30. Karlup will be open to showcase our Club and members are encouraged to come along so that the place is buzzing and visitors can see us at work.

Visitors will be invited to have a go at the wheel and get a bit muddy – in previous years some have actually turned up appropriately dressed for clay work! We will also be offering pots for sale, so start planning your stock list!

A feature of the display will be a showcase of the teapots made during the Great Teapot Challenge. You will have received a notice from Judy MacCallum who is coordinating the day, so please respond to her ASAP (jamac4@bigpond.com) to let her know when you will be at Karlup and send her your stock-list if you are bringing pots for sale.

EMPTY BOWLS

The Empty Bowls fundraising event for FoodBank 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 FoodBank 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 - so that's your challenge! It's always fun and rewarding but we need to start now because the bowls need to be delivered by the end of July and that is not very far away!

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 offer pots for sale. This has been quite successful in past years and it is a great exposure for the Club.



**POTTING
FOR THE
CAUSE**

**EMPTY
BOWLS
PERTH**

IT'S BACK
Empty Bowls Fundraising Event
is back again this year and we need
your help. We're calling on all WA Potters to
donate hand made bowls for this worthy cause,
to help West Aussies in need.

If you want to get involved please email us
at emptybowlsperthau@gmail.com or contact
us via www.emptybowlsperth.com

CLAY RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Next Thursday, April 27th 12-2pm, our Kiln Technician, Carolyn, will be holding an informal workshop on how to recycle clay and how to use the pug mills. Bring some clay to recycle in case Carolyn doesn't have enough for the demo.

And don't forget the sales of recycled clay that have been organised by Tracey-Lee and Barbara (see item above).

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Robyn Varpins is proposing a Friendship Group which will gather at the Karlup studio each week on Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm, to work together, exchange ideas and enjoy each other's company for a couple of hours. There will be much shared fun and friendship.

BYO clay and afternoon tea (if you want).

Contact Robyn for more info (0420809144), or just come along.

This is a great way for new members to get to know each other and find out more about the Club and it's activities. The first gathering will be on Wednesday, May 3rd.

BADGES FOR COLLECTION

There are numerous badges awaiting collection in the library at Karlup – mostly new members. Please collect your badge and make sure to wear it if you are in the studio on Open Studios days.



NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday May 17th, 10am