



April 2024

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- Friendship Group – Every Wednesday 12 - 2pm Karlup Studio
- City of Melville Open Studios May 4 - 5 2024
- Joint ACAS-SORPC exhibition July 26 – August 4 in Atwell Gallery
- Empty Bowls event – Sunday August 18th at Christchurch Grammar School
- 2025 – Glorious Mud Selective Exhibition TBC



QR code - Link to Club website

MA@AH new website:
melvillearts.com.au

MELVILLE OPEN STUDIOS

The annual City of Melville Open Studios will be held on the weekend of May 4th/5th. Karlup Ceramics Studio is on the list of local studios that will be open for visitors and the event is being widely promoted by the City of Melville.

Club members are encouraged to come along and participate with demonstrations and hosting tours of the studio. There will be a sale of work in the Library room and volunteers are needed to help manage sales. This event is heaps of fun and great exposure for the Club!

If you wish to offer work for sale, just fill out a stock list as usual (download from the website) and remember to label each pot with ID and price. For more information and to offer assistance on the day, contact Rebekah Clarke (rebekahclarkceramics@gmail.com) or Pam Thompson (pam@glosswood.com.au).

Please respond to the email message that Rebekah and Pam have already sent you with a roster and stock list. A commission of 10% will be charged to cover the cost of the Square Reader which is used to take credit card payments.



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MEMBERS-ONLY WORKSHOPS

A series of workshops for Club members is running and many members have already participated.

The next workshop will be Glaze Planning and Application with Elaine Bradley on Saturday, April 20th – a great opportunity to learn more about the great range of Club glazes available to members. Places are limited and the workshop is filling quickly.

Bookings close on Friday.

<https://sorpottersclub.com/membersonly>

ACAS-SORPC JOINT EXHIBITION

Save the date! On July 26th – August 4th we will be having a joint exhibition with the Alfred Cove Arts Society in Atwell Gallery. All members are encouraged to enter their best work to make this a great showcase for the Club and for the Atwell House arts precinct. The combination of ceramic artworks with 2D art on the walls makes for a wonderful gallery experience, so now is the time to plan on participating and preparing some special pots.

RECYCLED CLAY

Tracey-Lee, Cezarne and numerous helpers continue the onerous work of recycling clay for all members to use. So far, 208kg of recycled clay has been produced for members to use.

The clay is located in a plastic bin near the pug mill in the studio and is available for purchase for \$3 a bag (approx. 2kg). An honesty system is being used for payments - just fill in one of the forms and drop it into the firing payments box in the glaze room.

Make a note of your name and the bag number/s in the recycled clay log. Payments should be made to the Club General Account (see Page 1) with your name and 'recycled clay' in the narrative.

Recycled dark clay is also sometimes available and should be recorded in the separate log book provided.

STUDIO STUFF

- The annual servicing of the wheels has been done.
- Kiln cookies/pads have been made by Tracey-Lee and Cezarne and will be used to protect the kiln shelves against the risk of damage from dripping glazes
- Members are reminded to thoroughly wash ware boards and throwing bats after use
- Don't forget to register your maker's mark in the book in the Library room. It really helps to identify pots as they come out of the kiln if your mark is inscribed or embossed into the base of the pot.

Don't forget that there are several events coming up at which you may be able to exhibit and sell your work, so it's time to plan ahead. Check the 'Coming Events' listing on page 1 and you will see the CoM Open Studios in May where the Club will have a sale display, the ACAS-SORPC joint exhibition in July and Empty Bowls in August.

BUNNINGS ACTIVITIES

Bunnings Melville have approached the Club with the generous offer of donations of equipment and opportunities to showcase our Club in the store. Kerry Palmer and Clive Eger recently conducted a 'DIY' pottery session and wheelwork demo to help promote the Club.

The next event is a Family Night on Thursday May 9th between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Kerry would love some company and help to demonstrate, tell people about the Club and maybe sell some pots (it's just before Mothers' Day). It's just a couple of hours and it will be a great showcase for the Club. Please get in touch with Kerry Palmer (kj.palmer@outlook.com)

ARTISTS' CIRCLE

The City of Melville is facilitating a series of workshops for artists on the subject of social media. The next workshop will be on Tuesday, May 21st. Bookings can be made at:
melvillecity.com.au/opportunitiesforartists



**Artists' Circle:
Social Media &
Promotions**

Artists' Circle is a community-responsive professional development series for artists' online promotion skills.

Each skill-sharing session is facilitated by City of Melville, but encourages artists to share their social media and digital promotion skills with each other.

Wednesday 20 March: Instagram skill-share
Tuesday 21 May: Online sales with guest host Kirsty Watkins
Wednesday 17 July: Instagram skill-share
Wednesday 25 September: Newsletters skill-share

All sessions 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Tickets: \$25 per workshop
Suitable for hobby and emerging artists
For more information:
arts@melville.wa.gov.au

To book visit melvillecity.com.au/opportunitiesforartists

GLAZING INTEREST GROUP

A members' group has been formed for those interested in any and all aspects of glazing. They meet informally on a Sunday morning once a month and all are welcome to come along and join the discussions. The next meeting is on Sunday May 5th at 1pm.

Contact Louise Dickman:
louisedickmann17@gmail.com

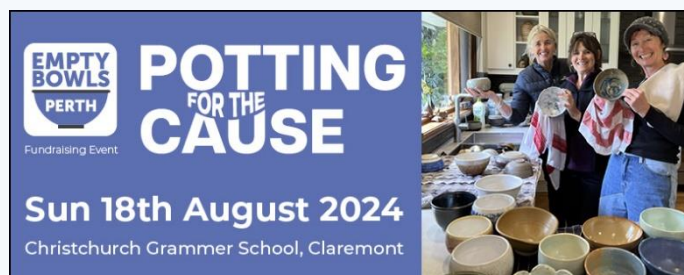
SLIP CASTING GROUP

An informal group of members with an interest in slip casting was formed last November.

Contact Peggy Stacy: pstacy575@gmail.com for more information.

EMPTY BOWLS

Empty Bowls is a fundraising project in support of Foodbank which provides meals for those in need in Perth. It is part of a worldwide movement in which potters donate soup bowls to be sold and filled with soup at the event.



SORPC is a long-time supporter of Empty Bowls and over the years, members have donated numerous bowls and participated in the event. The Club has also been able to have a stall at which we offer pots for sale and this has been a great outlet for many members.

All members are encouraged to participate by throwing some soup bowls – it only needs each member to create a couple of bowls and we will have 100 or more to donate! The Club will pay for the firing of your bowls if they have 'EB' inscribed into the base for identification. The bowls should be a generous size to hold at least two cupsful of soup (don't forget to allow for shrinkage!).

TERM 2 CLASSES

Bookings are almost full for Term 2 classes beginning in April. (*Term 3 classes will be online soon*)

<https://sorpottersclub.com/classes>

- **Sculpting a Bust workshop:** Robyn Varpins – 3 sessions
- **Wheelwork:** Finn Happ: 8 weeks
- **Wheelwork:** Robbie Kerr: 8 weeks
- **Handbuilding functional ware:** Tracey Lee van den Bergh: 8 weeks
- **Wheelwork:** Robert Hawes: 8 weeks
- **Raku:** Maree Mack: One afternoon

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Glaze Application / planning Elaine Bradley
Saturday April 20th 1.30 - 4.30

Raku - Robert Hawes Saturday June 15th 9-12
(Glazing Wednesday June 12th 1pm-3pm) FULL

Paper Porcelain Slip demonstration / workshop
Sandra Black: Saturday August 17th 1.30 - 4.30

Sgraffito - Robbie Kerr Demonstration / workshop
Saturday October 5th 1.30 - 4.30



Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 8th 10am

