



February 2024

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

## COMING EVENTS:

- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 classes begin
- Friendship Group – Every Wednesday 12 - 2pm Karlup Studio
- City of Melville Open Studios May 4 - 5 2024
- August – Empty Bowls event
- October – Glorious Mud Selective Exhibition TBC



QR code - Link to Club website

MA@AH new website:  
[melvillearts.com.au](http://melvillearts.com.au)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and was extremely well attended. A new committee was elected.

**President:** Jenny Kitchin  
**Acting Vice President:** Barrie-Anne Morgan  
**Secretary:** Chris Rogers  
**Treasurer:** Sonal Dave  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Anita Redpath  
**Classes/Tutors Coordinator:** Peggy Stacy  
**Studio Coordinator:** Karen Dobbs, Cate Cosi  
**Publicity/Marketing:** Clive Eger, Barrie-Anne Morgan  
**Membership:** Barrie-Anne Morgan  
**Library:** Kerry Palmer  
**Exhibition Coordinator:** Judy MacCallum  
**Studio Coordinator:** Karen Dobbs, Cate Cosi  
**Membership Coordinator:** Barrie-Anne Morgan  
**Exhibitions:** Judy MacCallum

Outgoing President Jenny Rygiel was presented with an Honorary Life Membership and applauded for her 8 years of outstanding service to the Club, in particular through the hectic and stressful years of advocacy, lobbying and planning for the construction of our wonderful Karlup Ceramics Studio. She joins a very special group of members including Barbara Reeve, Elizabeth Mioceovich-Turner, Eve Gellatly, Graham Longhurst and Pat Zuvella whose dedicated contributions to the Club have been recognised with Honorary Life Membership.

**South of the River Potters' Club**

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**Website:** [sorpottersclub.com](http://sorpottersclub.com)

**Facebook:** [southernriverpotters](https://www.facebook.com/southernriverpotters)

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**Secretary** – Chris Rogers 0410 784 159

**Treasurer** – Sonal Dave 0437 350 368

**Class/Workshop coordinator** –

Peggy Stacy 9331 2507

**Membership Liaison** – Barrie-Anne Morgan



## RECYCLED CLAY

Tracey-Lee, Cezarne and numerous helpers continue the onerous work of recycling clay for all 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).



## MEMBERS-ONLY WORKSHOPS

A series of workshops for Club members has been organised for this year and many members have already signed up. They will take place on a weekend every two months and will cover a variety of topics. Cost will be minimal and the idea is to bring as many members as possible together to meet, socialise and enjoy hearing about some new pottery ideas and techniques. Details about the topics and speakers are on the website ([sorpottersclub.com/membersonly](http://sorpottersclub.com/membersonly)) or click 'Events & Activites' on the main menu.

The first workshop for 2024 will be held on Saturday the 24th of February. Ronel Koen will be demonstrating Nerikomi and it is fully booked as it was limited to 20 members.

The next workshop will be a demo of the spray booth and those that signed up will be able to glaze one ceramic piece. There still is room in this workshop to sign up. Cost is only \$12.00



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## NEW KILN

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temporary membership for me and three like-minded friends which allowed us to work in the pottery group's space for a long weekend. The Albany Potters Group is a non-teaching club that only shapes itself around members' needs so there was no imperative for them to open their doors to us but open their doors they did! It was a truly FANTASTIC experience! It was such a treat for us to simply get away and simply make; all day, every day for three days in a row. We sat around a big table together and our hands got to work. We chatted amongst ourselves, giving each other help, ideas and feedback as work developed, learning a lot from each other's different areas of experience and know-how. You can see that all of us were hand-building, although we were also examining our recent test tiles of various underglazes and decals. We also chatted with the Albany Pottery Group members as they came and went, about our work and theirs, and about pottery clubs in general. Everyone was so very kind to us, not minding that we were taking up space. We were very struck by the friendly feeling of the club, especially evident at the regular club lunch, a bring-a-plate-to-share kind of event, held every Tuesday. This was our day of departure and by then, as we tucked into home-made bread, salads and curry, we felt like actual members! The whole period was a lovely experience and certainly one to repeat.



The Club has acquired a new Paragon kiln which has been installed at the northern end of the kiln room. The delivery process was rather 'exciting' but members rallied to the cause and the kiln was soon freed from the pallet and moved into its new home. It will soon be in service once test firing and programming of the controller are completed. The purchase was fully funded by the Club.

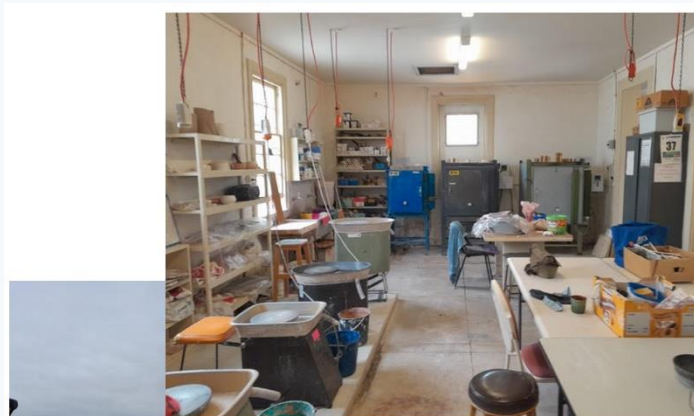
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## ALBANY RETREAT

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*By Louise Dickman*

What do potters want to do on holidays?  
Make pots, of course!  
With this in mind, and Albany in my sights, I contacted the Albany Potters Group who are based in a little outbuilding at the Vancouver Arts Centre. What eventuated was a very kind and welcoming



<https://artsouthwa.com.au/listing/albany-potter-group/>

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## GIFT VOUCHERS FOR CLASSES

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Gift vouchers for pottery classes at Karlup are available from the website Classes page – [sorpottersclub.com/classes](http://sorpottersclub.com/classes). The vouchers are available in several values and the recipient can use the voucher to help pay for one of the classes being run by the Club. An excellent gift idea for any time of year – the vouchers have no expiry date.



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## GLAZING INTEREST GROUP

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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.

Contact Louise Dickman:  
[louisedickmann17@gmail.com](mailto:louisedickmann17@gmail.com)



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## SLIP CASTING GROUP

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An informal group of members with an interest in slip casting was formed last November. We have met to make some plaster moulds and we now have a reasonable selection of moulds so we will be doing slip casting at our next meeting on Saturday the 2nd of March at 1:30. Shane Stagg will demonstrate some coloured porcelain multicasting and some earthenware.

There should be an opportunity to do a basic slip cast mould.

If you wish to use the club porcelain slip there will be a gold coin charge.

You may just come and observe if you like and everyone is welcome. Shane and Peggy look forward to welcoming members to the group.

Contact Peggy Stacy: [pstacy575@gmail.com](mailto:pstacy575@gmail.com) for more information.

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## PRINTMAKERS WA

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The Printmakers' Association of WA has recently moved their studio to Atwell House and are based in Room 2/3. They are having a welcome picnic for their members and those from the Melville Arts Community who wish to join them. SORPC members are invited and it will be a great opportunity to get to know each other. The picnic is on Sunday, March 3rd from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Bring a plate to share and your own drinks. It may also be a great time to discuss the possibility of doing some print on ceramics work in the future.



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## WEBSITE

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The Club website ([sorpottersclub.com](http://sorpottersclub.com)) is a resource for all members – check it out for information about classes, club activities, downloadable issues of the Mudlark, stock sheets for exhibitions and loads more. Check it out and please make suggestions for new content and resources to be included (drop a note to [sorpotters@hotmail.com](mailto:sorpotters@hotmail.com)). If you would like to assist with running the website, please get in touch.

And remember that contributions to the Mudlark are always welcome – anything that would be of interest to your fellow members – articles, website and video

recommendations, photos of Club activities, etc, etc. Check out Louise Dickman's article above for a great example.

All members are invited to create a page in the 'Members' Gallery' in the website where you can showcase your work and include any website or social media links.

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## CLUB T-SHIRTS

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Club T-shirts are available in a choice of two sizes with the logo 'Proud to be a potter'. The cost is \$25 – check with a committee member next time you are at the studio.



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## BUNNINGS ACTIVITIES

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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 will be doing a 'DIY' pottery session and wheelwork demo soon to help promote the Club. There is also the possibility of featuring the Club in the entry area of the store close to Mothers' Day with the opportunity to have a stall and sell pots. If you are interested in assisting and participating, please get in touch with Kerry Palmer ([kj.palmer@outlook.com](mailto:kj.palmer@outlook.com))



**Welcome to all of our new members – they may not have their name badges yet but please make them welcome next time you are in the studio.**



**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 10am**

