

March 2022

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- CAAWA MUD workshop Sunday, April 10th 1pm. White Peacock Studios, Glen Forrest.
- SORPC Monthly meeting Wednesday April 13th, 10am
- City of Melville Open Studios May 7 & 8
- CAAWA Selective Exhibition September 9 – October 15 Central TAFE
- Glorious Mud: October 20 October 30

VIP VISIT

Atwell House and the potters sheds were visited last week by our local Member, Ben Morton, and the federal Arts Minister, Paul Fletcher. The potters were out in force and impressed the visitors with their enthusiasm and their enterprise in being able to do such good work in such inadequate old facilities.



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WHATSAPP GROUP

A WhatsApp chat group has been established by Ling and Helen and many members have already joined the group to share information and photos. Anyone wishing to join the group can send an SMS to Ling (0411 443 896) and she will add you.



POTTERY IN THE GUARDIAN



The Guardian online is running an interesting article on the resurgence of pottery in Australia – here's the link:

https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/mar/20/all-fired-up-australias-handmade-ceramics-boom

KILNS

Kiln firing charges have been reviewed and there will be only minor changes – great news! A reminder about keeping your kiln firing account in positive territory – when adding credit to your kiln account, don't forget to send the money to the account specifically set up for this purpose -

a/c Name:- Kiln Firing BSB 306-133 Account - 029347

When leaving pots for firing, please ensure that each pot is indelibly marked with a stamp or signature written in iron oxide or underglaze. It is vital for the identification of pots after firing – bits of paper left on the shelf with the pots are not enough. And if using your initials, please check that yours are not the same as another member's – there is a list of all members' marks on the kiln room wall near the door. It all helps make Graham's task a bit easier.

OPEN STUDIOS

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. Last year one lady, dressed in stylish black, specially went home and got changed so that she could have 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 second Wednesday of each other month

Monthly meeting schedule:

Wednesday April $13^{th} - 10am$ Wednesday May $11^{th} - 6.15pm$ Wednesday June $8^{th} - 10am$