



May 2023

South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- Friendship Group – Every Wednesday 2 - 4pm Karlung Studio
- **Karlung Studio CLOSED on Tuesday July 4th because the power will be off.**
- Monthly meeting – Wednesday June 21st, 6.15pm
- 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

There was some discussion about the ceramics classes that are being run in the Karlung studio and Peggy is currently working on the list of classes for next Term, starting in the week of July 24th. Keep an eye on the website for details as they are posted and don't forget to spread the word and 'share' any Facebook or Instagram posts that you see.

The 'problem' with the toilet door seems to have been resolved – it sometimes takes a few seconds for the door to lock once it has closed when you exit. So don't push it straight away and assume that it isn't going to lock properly – just wait 5-10 seconds and then try it (you may hear a faint 'click' as it locks).



Our 'resident' mudlark checking out the verandah area for biscuit crumbs.

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NOTE: The power will be turned off on July 4th for maintenance, so the Karlup studio will be **CLOSED** all day.

RECYCLED CLAY FOR SALE

Whats new ...

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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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KARLUP CLEANING ROSTER

Since we no longer employ contract cleaners due to the costs involved, Pam Thomson is organising a roster of members to undertake cleaning of the studio, kitchen and toilet areas on a regular basis. Working in teams of two, she estimates that you would be asked to help with this task once a year so it is a small effort that will make a huge difference to the upkeep of the studio facilities.

Please contact Pam to offer your assistance and suggest a couple of dates that would suit you - (pam@glosswood.com.au).

If you are unable to participate in the cleaning roster, please let Pam know.

OPEN STUDIOS



The City of Melville Open Studios event was a great success with a constant stream of visitors to Karlup on both days of the weekend. The advertising material invited people to come and have a go at the wheel and a number of people arrived fully prepared and enjoyed creating their first pots. Judy MacCallum and her team staged a wonderful display of pots for sale and several buyers took particular pleasure in meeting the potters that had created their purchases.



EMPTY BOWLS

REMINDER: 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. Several members have already produced bowls which is fantastic, and they are currently going through the bisque firings.

Remember that the bowls should be of a generous size (don't forget to allow for shrinkage) and should hold at least 1½ cups of soup.

The deadline for submission of the bowls is the end of July which is not very far away! The Club subsidises the firing and glazing of your bowls and they should be clearly marked with 'EB' carved into the base and logged as 'EB' when you weigh them and submit them for firing.

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 TEAM

Barbara Wheeler and Tracy-Lee van den Bergh are coordinating the recycling and pugging of clay in the studio. They are very keen to hear from you if you can join their team to help with this task regularly. So far the sales of recycled clay have raised valuable funds for the Club. Contact Barbara on 0480374611 or b.wheater45@gmail.com .

Barbara needs someone to check regularly to see whether there is sufficient clay in the recycle barrel to plan a recycling session (she lives a long way from Karlup and can't always get there to check). She also needs some happy helpers to assist with the recycling process.

FIRED WORK COLLECTION

There are heaps of bisqued pots in the store room awaiting collection and space is very limited because many of the shelves are taken up with students' work from the classes. Please collect your bisqued pots promptly as there will be a limit to how long they can be stored at the studio.



In future, glazed pots will be kept in the kiln room after firing, so check the shelf closest to the kiln room door if you have pots coming through the glaze firings.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Robyn Varpins is hosting a Friendship Group which gathers 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 and so far the sessions have been very well attended and very much enjoyed.

BYO clay and afternoon tea (if you want).

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

This is a great way for new members to get to know each other and find out more about the Club and its activities.



NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday June 21st, 6.15pm