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South of the River Potters' Club Newsletter

COMING EVENTS:

- **Atwell Christmas Bazaar**
- November 20th onwards
- **December meeting** –
Christmas function Sunday
December 13th
- **January meeting** – January
13th
- Children's summer school
January 18-22
- **AGM** – Sunday February
20th at 2pm

November Meeting

A number of matters were discussed at the meeting including the arrangements for our Christmas get-together, our Group CAAWA membership and the latest on the Woodrow kiln problems.

As usual, the annual Christmas get-together will replace the December meeting. A sundowner is planned for Sunday, December 13th and it will be held on the verandah or in Room 1 if the weather is too hot. Details will be circulated closer to the date.

Several new members have joined our Club in the past month and we welcome them warmly. A number of them have been doing classes with Sandra Black so we look forward to sharing their skills and hearing of their experiences.

CAAWA

The Ceramic Arts Association of WA is the peak body for ceramic artists in WA and several of our members are also members of the CAAWA committee. For many years our Club has had 'group membership' status with CAAWA but this type of membership is being discontinued and all members are encouraged to become individual members (the annual fee is currently \$60). Membership entitles you to participation in the annual CAAWA selective exhibition and discounted entry to the biennial POTober events. Despite this change, all SORPC members are still welcome to attend the regular MUD events that CAAWA conducts, which feature guest speakers and demonstrations.

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Christmas decorations

Over the past week two collaborative sessions have been held at which members got together to produce Christmas ornaments and decorations to be sold as fundraisers for the Club. An amazing array of seasonal cookie cutters was unearthed and put to work to produce all manner of delicate porcelain creations.



Children's Summer School

In previous years the potters have helped MCAA to present a one week summer school class. This has involved a roster of members, two at a time, spending one or two enjoyable mornings instructing a group of 8 – 10 children on the basics of pottery and helping them to create some fun objects to be fired for them to take home.

We are planning to offer a class next January (18th – 22nd) and would like to hear from any members who would like to take part. It is a lot of fun and it helps to generate funds for the Club. Instructors will need to have a 'Working with Children' clearance. Please contact Sandy Robertson (sandy@cre8.net.au) if you are keen to assist with this fun activity.

Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar in the Atwell Gallery will be set up on Monday, November 20th beginning at 10am. All hands on deck to help us set up tables and get the display looking attractive and tempting for buyers!



Kiln

As you may know, there have been problems with the new Woodrow kiln in the past month and Graham has spent a lot of time trying to modify the firing schedule to find a solution.

The good news is that the fault does not lie with the kiln but, unfortunately, it seems that the electrical supply is inadequate and will need to be upgraded. Plans are underway to get this work done and the kiln will hopefully be back on line very soon.

York Botanic Art Prize

Narayani Palmer has exhibited in the York Botanic Art Prize exhibition and her entry was sold in the first week. The exhibition, featuring a wide variety of artworks on botanical themes, is showing at Gallery 152 in York until January 3rd.



Christmas Function

The annual Christmas party will take the form of a 'sundowner' this year. It will be held on Sunday December 13th at 5pm. Hopefully we can gather on the verandah but if, the weather is extremely hot as it was last year, we have reserved Room 1 so that we can enjoy some air-con. There will be no general meeting in December.

Blank Space

This section is still blank in order to remind members that your contributions to your newsletter are very welcome and that there is always room for your ideas, news, techniques or favourite website recommendations.

Next Meeting:

- **Note: No December meeting (Sundowner instead)**
- **Wednesday January 13th at 10am**
- **AGM: Saturday February 20th 2pm**