

**NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2024**

**WARWICK POTTERS ASSOCIATION**

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**DATES FOR 2024 - mark your calendars!!**

Warwick Potters' Rodeo Craft Market – Saturday 8.30am to 1.00pm.

**J & J TREE DECORATING – Warwick Potters Tree of Life**



From left to right – Jill, Jenny, Sophie, Bridget and Miranda.



First Place in Free Choice – congratulations to everyone who lent a hand. An amazing effort and you should all take a bow.





The Tree of life stands as a powerful symbol of the Warwick Potters growth and resilience over the past 50 years. Just as a tree draws strength from its deep, sturdy roots, our club has flourished on the solid foundation laid by its founding members. This enduring growth mirrors the strength of our community and the bonds we've forged over the decades.

With the passage of 50 years, the purpose of the Warwick Potters remains unchanged. Our commitment to the craft and to each other has allowed us to weather changes and continue thriving. The tree features clay leaves and animals, a material that symbolises lasting memories and positive thoughts. Wool vines intertwined with the tree, evokes warmth of spirit in the Warwick winters and the comfort of our shared experiences. All decorations are made by our members as they continue working together to forge a strong and healthy club.

Every decoration adorning the Tree of Life is handmade by our members, reflecting our collective dedication and creativity. These ornaments represent the unity and collaborative spirit that define our club. The number 50 is highlighted in gold, celebrating our golden anniversary and the rich history we've built together. As we look to the future, the Tree of Life serves as a reminder of our journey and the vibrant community that makes it all possible.

## SOUP NIGHT

Getting ready for Soup Night.



Wow the Soup Night was a tremendous success and its thanks to Leah and her team, all the volunteers and of course yourselves as Members of the Warwick Potters. Made us proud.



A record number of bowls were sold, being over 380. There was enough soup that allowed everyone to come back for seconds and whilst we ran out of bread rolls and Mulled wine and punch it was an amazing night.

The assistance Of Assumption College hospitality students was so rewarding to see their enthusiasm with the soup distribution area and the refilling of the bread rolls together with their general help to anyone who needed it. A huge thank you to all students and of course the hospitality teacher. And thank you to the SES for their assistance.









## WARWICK POTTERS MARKET DAY ON SUNDAY [ LAST DAY OF JJJ ]

Another successful market held in Leslie Park. Thank you to the Marketing team who have excelled with the organisation of the markets.

There was also an area designed to help little hands play with clay to see what they can create.

Again thank you to the volunteers who manned this important section.



## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Georgia Clough and Erica Wolf who have joined our potters group. May they enjoy their time with us.

## GENERAL

Now that JJJ is over for 2024 and our Soup night was a raging success, together with the wonderful work of our Market team, Leah has decided to hand the baton over to someone else before February 2025. Hence we need a new Soup Night Co-ordinator, Gallery co-ordinator and bowls co-ordinator. Please see if you could help out for our club to move forward. Many hands make light work !!

## RAKU FIRING

As yet the organisation of the Raku firing has not been organised, but will advise as soon as we are able.

## CHINA PAINTING

Sue Creed has been given china paints [ difference to under glazes ] and pieces of fired production pieces suitable to china paint.

On the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August, any member is welcome to come to the club house for a couple of hours over that weekend and select a piece to china paint. The china paint and the piece will be free, but for the firing there will be a small cost.

There will not be a professional tutor on hand, you will just be shown how to use the paints. If you are interested, could you please let me know which day would suit and an approximate time for convenience. Sue will be there from 10am until 3pm both days.

## BEGINNERS CLASSES

Beginners Classes will recommence on 2<sup>nd</sup>. October, 2024. If you would like to come along to these classes, please email Sue Creed [ President ] or go to our web page for further information.

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Thank you to Donna Craig for sending in this piece for the newsletter.

This is an old folk lore believed to originate from the Chinese, but those in India would argue that it is indeed from their culture, but from whence it came it has a beautiful story to tell.

## The Cracked Pot or Two Pots



'An elderly woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For full two years, this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it could only do half of what it has been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house".

The old woman smiles, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them.

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house".

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them." Even a smile can grow a garden.

### **WORKSHOPS - REMINDER**

Contact has been made with Lindsay Muir to conduct another workshop where he shows us how to create animals – birds, cats, dogs etc.

Lindsay has indicated that he would be available on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Currently there are no grants available to assist the club with the costing it would be up to individual members to pay for the sessions. To give you an idea we think that it may be around the \$250 mark.

Could those members interested please indicate to Sue Creed their wish to attend this workshop.

### **TIME CAPSULE - REMINDER**

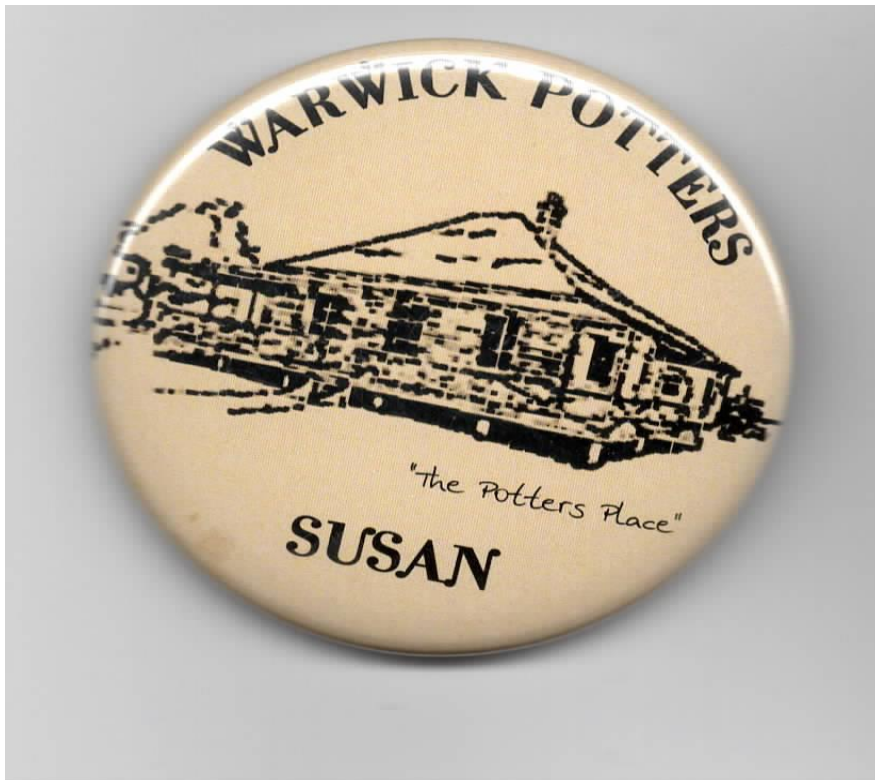
The Time Capsule opening will be on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This will include life membership recognition and a dinner.

Sue Creed has proposed that a mini market occur at the clubhouse on the day, Sue has worked on a book to celebrate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Can members please make a small item to be placed in the time capsule. The capsule will have a small opening of 4". Hence whatever you make must fit through this space.

More to come !!

## NAME BADGE



As our members grow in number we are looking to order more name badges [ see above ].

The cost of the badges will be \$8.80 and the club will pay for the art work involved. If you are interested in ordering a name badge can you please let Sue Creed know as soon as possible. Also how you would like to have your name. [ full name, christian name, abbreviated name etc.



## INSPIRATION



## CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Any queries please contact Sue Creed [president@potters.org.au](mailto:president@potters.org.au)

**NEXT MEETING IS 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 5.15PM** - see you there !!

