

NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2024

WARWICK POTTERS ASSOCIATION

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Bridget Byrne, Sally Flannery, Nicole Gibbons, Elaine Kent and Beck Lawson who are our newest members. We wish them a fabulous journey with the Warwick Potters.

BEGINNERS CLASSES

Beginners Classes will recommence on 2nd. 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.

PROMOTION

On Tuesday 15th October at a Seniors Event to be held at the Church of Christ, Sue Creed, President will be promoting Warwick Potters. Should you wish to help and keep Sue company please contact Sue.

KILN INFORMATION

Further to an email sent to all members and an accompanying document attached thereto concerning costings for kilns.

This document was tabled at our last meeting and it was determined that a fund be created specifically for purchase of a new kiln when and if our current kilns run their life span. Hence roughly 20 per cent of profits from soup night and the two markets are to be put aside and deposited in the kiln fund.

By taking action now the Warwick Potters can be assured that we can continue the vital support of kiln firing for our members.

It was also suggested that we place a donation box on our table/s at the forthcoming Rodeo markets. This will also be deposited in the Kiln Fund should people donate to the Warwick Potters. We will trial this at our next market.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – mark your calendars

The Warwick Potters are having a fabulous Christmas Party on **SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER** – you just can't miss this fabulous event. Will update more information in our next newsletter.

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 16th and 17th 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.

IRON OXIDE FIRING

Sue Creed will be doing an iron oxide reduction firing on the weekend of 5th and 6th October. Any members that wish to make a wind chime and have bisqued that item and would like Sue to fire it for you please let Sue know.

TOTEM POLE

On Saturday 7th September, after lunch, Sue Creed will be at the Club House to make half a dozen items to finish the totem pole. All members are welcome to come and assist so that our celebrations on Saturday 19th October will have completed totem poles.

TIME CAPSULE - REMINDER

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

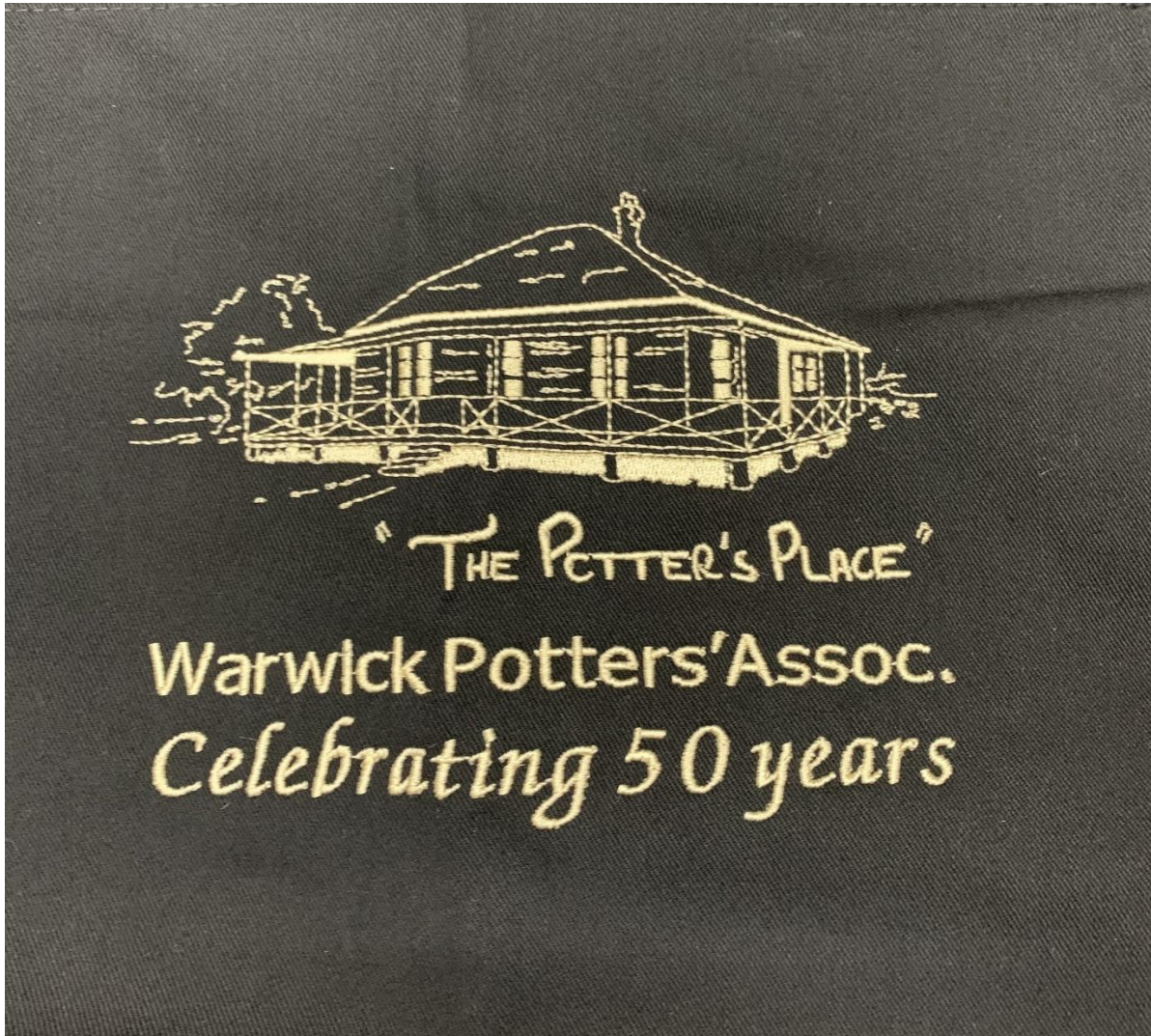
Sue Creed has proposed that a mini market occur at the clubhouse on the day, Sue has worked on a book to celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary.

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 !!

MERCHANDISE

If any member/s would like to purchase a beautiful apron from the Club they are \$12 each. The Aprons are a sturdy black cotton with the following design on the bib of the apron.



HOUSEKEEPING

It has come to our attention that the back area and the kiln shed flooring, are being used to glaze pieces as there is a glaze pattern left on the floor. The tables directly outside of the kiln shed are designated for this purpose as the bench tops were thus constructed so members had room for glazing and it would make it easier to clean up when finished. Also glaze has been spilt on the cement and not cleaned off. There is a hose just around the corner to wash off excess and/or spilt glaze if not wanting to complete this task by hand.

Also, it has been noted that the blackboard within the club house has been used as a art board and this is definitely not to be utilized for this purpose. The purpose of the

blackboard is to relay information and leave messages for other members of the potters club.

Just a reminder to please clean up your area in the club house when you have finished on the wheel or on the tables. The members coming after you have to clean up before they can commence creating.

INSPIRATION



FEATURE POTTER – PENNY KING

I have been potting in Warwick since 2011. I began my potting adventure with a 6 week course alongside my husband and daughter. This experience bonded us as a family with lots of laughs, creativity and friendly banter. I thoroughly enjoy being part of our potting community. Not only has my confidence and skills grown but the friendships I have discovered within the club are truly delightful.

Within the Warwick Potters, I have held different positions, regularly been the Show Coordinator for 6 years, 2 years as soup night coordinator, the Facebook creator in 2013, secretary on and off for 10 years, assisted with markets and taught beginner classes for years. I regularly contribute my time and resources to make the Warwick Potters a happy and successful place for all members.



Artistically, I am very inventive and love to learn, I really enjoy workshops and try to attend as many as possible. I like to produce pieces that are fun and different. Although, I paint wheel pottery, I seemed to be drawn to hand sculpture, in particular, animals and scenes. I create unique pieces

that are as much an experiment as a learning product. As a painter I prefer to underglaze than glaze and most of my pieces are a raku generally fired to either an 1140 or a 1220 firing. (This lower firing allows the underglaze to set without burning out.) Terracotta works well with my garden pieces firing with underglaze and a clear glaze that fires from 1000 to 1280 degrees. I love that stuff.

I recently acquired my own large kiln and I am having so much fun working out my processes. I will continue my clay journey for many years to come... Watch this space!



REQUEST

Can I ask anyone who would like to place their story and work in our newsletter to kindly think about it and get in touch with Sandy Gordon. The more we can promote what we do and share our experiences, knowledge, joy and creativity together the more cohesive we will be as a club.

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Any queries please contact Sue Creed president@potters.org.au

NEXT MEETING IS 7TH OCTOBER 2024 at 5.15PM - see you there !!