



NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2024

WARWICK POTTERS ASSOCIATION

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Lachlan Grierson, Yvonne Wright and Kay Vickery who are new members to our Pottery Club. We wish you all a fabulous journey.

GROUPS

A few groups meet down at the Potters House to enjoy friendly chatter and enjoyment of creating their pieces of pottery.

So to remind everyone that on a Tuesday, Thursday night, second and last Saturdays of the month and for new potters every second and fourth Sunday with Sue Creed.

To help everyone meet up at the Club House we need a nomination for a roster clerk so that those wishing to attend on any of those times know someone will be there with a key to open the gates. Who would like to take up this role?

BEGINNERS CLASSES - REMINDER

Beginners Classes have commenced 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.

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. The Warwick Potters Club has organised Southern Downs Catering with a buffet style service. The costing will be \$37.00 per head and will include two types of meat with four side dishes and a dinner roll, individual butter, gravy and sauces, salt and pepper. Their staff will be serving the buffet, clearing the tables and washing the dishes [woo hoo !!]. All crockery and cutlery will be supplied so sit back, relax and relish your down time.

Numbers are needed by 8th. November, together with payment and any specific dietary requirements. Partners and husbands and wives are most welcome.

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.

A CREATIVE PIECE - CAPSULE OPENING

Can members please make a small item to be placed in the time capsule. We need our members to make a small piece NO BIGGER THAN 9CM to be inserted back into the time capsule for the next opening. So much to look forward to in another 10 to 15 years. Please bring your piece for the time capsule on the day with a small note of your creation and thoughts on pottery.

TIME CAPSULE – 50TH CELEBRATIONS

The Time Capsule opening will be on 19th October 2024. Also on the day will include presentation of life membership recognition, launch of the book “History of the Potters” and 50 celebration coffee cups for purchase. The celebration coffee cups will have the potters logo on it and are for sale for \$20.00 each and once they are sold there will be no more made. Hence a very limited edition! Should you wish to purchase one of these outstanding coffee mugs could you let Sue Creed know of your intent as any not sold before the celebration day will be put up for sale on the day.

On Saturday 19th October from 10am until 2pm we will have activities planned. During this time at approximately 12 noon a presentation of Life Memberships will be bestowed on the club's four new life members – Sue Creed, Dianne Gray, Roslyn Lang and Ray Tainton. Cr Sarah Dean will do the honours and after that, the opening of the Time Capsule, which will be resealed once items are placed within.

A book has been printed commemorating the Potters first 50 years and will be on sale, along with coffee mugs [limited edition promotion] .

As the Gallery will be open on 19th October could those members wishing to place pieces in the gallery have those said pieces up at the club house by Monday 14th October. The pieces need to be listed in the sales folder with their item number, name and cost. Additionally could all members that have items in the gallery please check their sales listing and ensure they are current and up to date.

The club will **NEED ASSISTANCE** on the day to sell raffle tickets, man the memorabilia table and do roster duty in the gallery. Please let Sue Creed know if you are a willing participation as soon as possible.

WARWICK RODEO – LESLIE PARK MARKETS – VOLUNTEERS

The Warwick Rodeo Country Markets are happening on 26th October in Leslie Park. Emma Griggs [phone 0407122770 after business hours] is needing volunteers to assist with the set up etc. 6am – 9am would be preferred. Please reach out to Emma who is doing a fabulous job organising this event. Many hands make light work!! The markets assist the club financially so that fees are kept to a reasonable cost.



QUIRKY INSPIRATION



FEATURE POTTER – RAY TANTON

It was an absolute pleasure to chat to Ray in respect to his journey with Pottery. Ray was kind enough to share his wonderful odyssey with us.

“I have been potting in Warwick since 1980 and began my journey in 1965 when given years 45 Year 7 boys to begin an art/craft lesson once a week in Townsville. We needed clay to begin teaching pottery and the clay I purchased came from a quarry near Stuart Jail.

I married in 1969 and gained an interest in potting for myself. This gave me a chance to meet other people, have a weekend at the coast and something to do outside of education.

In the Warwick Pottery Club I have held most positions. I was noted for badges, coffee mugs and soup bowls. The most beer mugs I did was for an order of 500. Soup bowls made must have been into the thousands, some too big, some too small and others just right.

Since retirement I have not taken on any positions and have dropped all clubs except one, being Warwick Potters Inc. I have enjoyed my time with pottery clubs but now leave that to the running by others.

I have four kilns operating and only ever take the electric kilns to 1100c as nichrome wire does not like stoneware and burns out easily. One of my kilns was a salt glazed kiln which I have fired up for the Warwick Club, built at Betty Prendge's property. We had many enjoyable raku firing days when we were situated at P.G.C. Science Room.

Many weekends were taken up with tutoring at Bundaberg, Munduberra, Childers, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Kingaroy, Murgon, Yarraman, Roma, Goondawindi and Warwick. I was invited as assistant tutor with John Gilbert at Mt.Gravatt Summer School and with Noel Flood at Toowoomba USQ and several weekends with Merv Feeney. I remember well going to Buderim Club for a weekend to build a raku kiln and began raku firing from 10am until 9pm at night. Huge day!!

1978 saw me featured in two TV Channel 8 segments on A Live 8 programme for the Arts led by John Sinclair, Farm Fest Toowoomba. The topic was kilns and firing glaze held in Maryborough.

1984 saw me win first prize using ARC weldmesh in a competition in kiln making. Merv Feeney used my innovation when building two 13 ton kilns to fire flower pots.

In 1985 I was proud to accept Life Membership of the Wide Bay Burnett Potters Association. In 2008 I accepted the position of Patron of WBBPA.

On October 19th I will proudly be awarded the position of Life Membership of the Warwick Potters Inc. and I know others are planned to receive an award also.”



Complete Dinner Set crafted by Ray



Teapot and mug



Grecian Oil Burner



Fastest Thrower Award



Just a sample of the badges/stamps that were ordered [pages of them!!]



Nursing Mothers Queensland contract – coffee mugs were handed out to all Mums and Bubs by the Nursing Mothers Association



Salt Shaker – salt fired [see the mouse !!]

SHOUT OUT

A calling out - to all our members should you have something to share with our group from your pottery experience, your creativity or just your passion for creation we need you. Your help to keep our Newsletter interesting is paramount. Your inclusion is priceless and so needed. Please send anything through to Sandy Gordon – send.2.sandy@hotmail.com

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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

NEXT MEETING IS 4TH NOVEMBER 2024 at 5.15PM - see you there !!