

### **NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2025**

WARWICK POTTERS
ASSOCIATION

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome Megan Benson and Liz Stewart to our potter's family.

A full to overflowing newsletter this month as so many happenings occurred.

#### **WORKING BEE**

What a fabulous turnout for our working bee down at the Warwick Potters place. All members gathered to dust, clean, sweep, organise the shed, clear spaces etc. Tasks for the day were completed with much chatter, camaraderie and incessant movement. Thank you so much to those who came on the day. Please keep the areas as clean and tidy and free of obstacles as left on the working bee day. A few pics of the day below.

We will do another Working Bee later in the year, before the hot weather hits and after the busy period of Jumpers and Jazz.









#### **WARWICK SHOW**

The Warwick Show was held on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Lyn McKillop and Penny King were our Show Co-ordinators for 2025.

A huge shout out to Lyn and Penny for the stunning display of the Warwick Potters creations. You showcased the precious items perfectly. Thank you so much.

To all who placed their creations in the Warwick Show and Rodeo display, whether you achieved a place or not, thank you for showing your pieces. Without your participation we could not have had such a wonderful display of what the Warwick Potters do.



## **2025 GRAND CHAMPION**

"The Competition was judged by Peter Bright who was truly impressed by the quality of the work on display". Penny King. A full Wrap-Up by Penny will be included in the April minutes.































Gather your thoughts for what you can create for the 2026 Warwick Show.

No matter your ability an entry is a showcase of the Warwick Potters community.

# **Winners in the Warwick Show**

Beginner Hand Building 1st: Sandy Gordon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sandy Gordon

Beginner Wheel Throwing 1<sup>st</sup>: Sophia Lagana

2<sup>nd</sup>. Sophia Lagana

3<sup>rd</sup>. Sophia Lagana

Hand Building 1<sup>st.</sup> Ros Lang

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ros Lang

3<sup>rd</sup>. Jillian McCulloch

Mixed Media 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynne McKillop

2<sup>nd</sup>. Jillian McCulloch

3<sup>rd</sup>. Karen Peters

Primitive Firing 1<sup>st</sup> Penny King

2<sup>nd</sup>. Karen Peters

3<sup>rd</sup>. Penny King

Sculpture 1st. Pauline Garner

2<sup>nd</sup>. Lynne McKillop

3<sup>rd</sup>. Lynne McKillop

Theme – Furry Friends 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynne McKillop

2<sup>nd</sup>. Jillian McCulloch

3<sup>rd</sup>. Sandy Gordon

Wheel Thrown 1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Garner

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ros Lang

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GRAND CHAMPION Jillian McCulloch

### **CREATIONS NEEDING TO FIND THEIR CREATOR**

The following items have been left orphaned in the Warwick Clubhouse. Should these items not be claimed by the end of April they will be disposed of.





#### **FIRE SAFETY TRAINING**

Fire training was run on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9am at the Clubhouse. We had hoped two representatives from each group [Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday] would attend to ensure that we complied with mandatory First Response Fire Training, so it was disappointing that only three members came along to the fire drill. Nevertheless, those that attended achieved familiarity with the equipment and a clear pathway to assist members should there be a need.

Lucky for those who missed out though as we need to have a fire drill every six months for compliance. Come along! It's fun, informative and you get to learn how to use a fire hydrant! A date will be sent at a later time.

#### **SOUP BOWLS**

Several soup bowls have had to be rejected for the following reasons – walls too thick, glaze bubbling, poor workmanship [edges not refined, walls and joins not blended], too big, too small. 700g of clay for wheel throwing and a thin slab no thicker than 6mm for hand-built bowls please. Thick or poorly made bowls waste clay and increases firing costs, which costs the club money. Rejected bowls will be sold as decorative or pet bowls on Soup Night to recoup costs.

A friendly reminder to all members to please start creating works to sell in the gallery for Soup Night. We would like the gallery to be bursting at the seams with work for sale. J & J is our biggest opportunity every year to showcase our work. It also enables us to create some income!! Remember that 15% commission goes to the club.

#### **SOUP NIGHT AND MARKETS SUB-COMMITTEES**

The sub-committee for Soup Night and the Markets is going well, we are still open to welcoming sub-committee members. At this stage, we are meeting fortnightly and are making great progress.

Tickets for the Soup night will go on sale on 24<sup>th</sup>. May. Any queries in this regard please liaise with Sophie Lagana our Soup night co-ordinator.

#### FEATURE CORNER WATCH THIS SPACE!!

#### **VOLUNTEERING ROLES – Assistance - reminder**

Sophie Lagana is the Soup Night and Markets Co-ordinator.

It would be awesome if members could volunteer some of their time to the following events. Not everyone has to do these events alone. Gathering a few people to organise and help would make the tasks so much easier for everyone. There are guidelines available to assist. If you can help please get in touch with our new President, Jillian McCulloch.

Work will be shared amongst the sub-committee with support from the Executive Committee. Instructions on how these events run is provided to the Co-ordinator. We have been running these events for many years and hope it will run like a well-oiled machine for 2025. Please email Jillian at <a href="mailto:President@potters.org.au">President@potters.org.au</a> or Pauline at <a href="mailto:Secretary@potters.org.au">Secretary@potters.org.au</a> if you can volunteer in any way, shape or form. Tasks are simple and varied.

#### **KILN COURSE**

Those members who are interested in attending a kiln course at the Club please notify <a href="mailto:president@potters.org.au">president@potters.org.au</a> of you interest soon. The Course Structure is currently being developed and further information will be coming soon. Dates and times for the course will be advised in the near future.

#### **CLUB CONTACT DETAILS**

Any queries please contact Jillian McCulloch president@potters.org.au

# NEXT MEETING - 5<sup>th</sup> MAY at 5.30PM