



**WARWICK POTTERS ASSOCIATION**  
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**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2026**

Welcome to the new year of 2026. May you be energised with renewed passion to create and shape, form, model, carve this year. I hope you see your perfect piece in your mind's eye. The possibilities are endless.

**WELCOME**

Please join in welcoming a new member, Jenny Ramsay. Enjoy your journey into the realm of pottery, be it wheel or sculpting.



## **.AGM**

Our next AGM will be held on 2nd March, 2026 at 5.30pm. Place - Warwick Potters House.

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer. Please volunteer for a position that you feel you could help the Potters Club in reaching new heights. Serving on the Committee helps ensure that the Club moves forward in a positive way to facilitate our members in their endeavours to create.

If you are thinking of taking up one of these positions, assistance in any of these roles will be given freely until you feel comfortable in that role.

Any queries regarding these roles, please contact the Secretary at [secretary@potters.org.au](mailto:secretary@potters.org.au)

## **WARWICK ART GALLERY EXHIBITION**

Seeking anyone who would like to take on the task of Co-ordinator for our exhibition in the Grove Gallery of the Warwick Art Gallery. Theme is 'Starlight and Saucery'. The exhibition will run from 23rd April until 20th May, 2026.



## POTTERY MARKET PLACE

Venco Pottery Wheel for sale - \$850.

Very good condition. New switch and replaced brushes in 2024. Happy to deliver in Warwick. Please phone Pauline on 0459388524.



## **HOUSEKEEPING**

We are somewhat short of keys to the Warwick Potters Club House. If you know of anyone who is no longer a member but has retained their key would it be possible for you to ask that it be returned post haste.

## **Accounts**

Pauline sent out an email back on 2nd. January 2026 indicating a reconciliation of all accounts for clay./firing etc. This is an account statement and as such, [ until Pauline can sort out the invoice sector] this is the amount to be paid via the statement. If you haven't paid as yet, please pay on this statement



## WHATS ON AND ABOUT IN WARWICK

[A call out from Sue Keong for a new arts development in Warwick.](#)

✨ Calling All Creatives of the Southern Darling Downs! ✨

The historic Warwick Railway Station is transforming into a vibrant Cultural Arts Centre – and your creativity can help bring it to life.

Musicians. Artists. Dancers. Storytellers. Makers. Performers.

This is your invitation to be part of something inspiring, inclusive, and uniquely ours.

Thursday, 12 February

☕ Refreshments from 4:00pm

Information Session 4:30pm

Warwick Railway Station

1 Brosnan Crescent, Warwick

From visual arts, theatre, and music to heritage, craft, workshops, and community storytelling – your voice belongs here.



## **WARWICK SHOW**

Just a reminder that the Warwick Show will be from 20th to 22nd. March 2026.

Penny King and Lyn McKillop are the Stewards. The theme this year is **Starlight and Saucery**. **Please refer to the email sent out by the Secretary which has the forms.**

Information Only.

WARWICK ANNUAL SHOW 2026

21 – 23 March

POTTERY

SCHEDULE

“Starlight and Saucery”

ENTRIES CLOSE

Wednesday 18th March 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Exhibits received Wednesday 18th March from 4pm to 6pm

Warwick Show & Rodeo Society

P.O. Box 190 Warwick QLD 4370

Tel (07) 4661 9060 Email: [admin@warwickrodeo.com.au](mailto:admin@warwickrodeo.com.au)

POTTERY Requirements

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 18th March 2026

ENTRIES RECEIVED between 3.00pm & 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March.

JUDGING: Thursday 19th March 2026

CHIEF STEWARDS: Lyn McKillop and Penny King

0429209632 (Outside school hours or leave a message)

JUDGE:

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 per entry (no refunds allowed)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entries will ONLY be accepted on payment of fees and completion of the official entry form and the GST Hobby

Form.

An EXHIBIT is the actual article to be shown.

Exhibits will be received at the Kevin Thumpkin Pavilion between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March 2025 or at the Secretarial Office prior to this date.

Only three (3) items in each class per exhibitor.

Prize Money will be collected at the same time as collecting exhibits.

NO prize money will be posted unless the exhibitor resides 50km or more from Warwick.

It is the judge's decision as to whether prizes are awarded in a section or a class. All exhibitors MUST abide by the judge's decision.

If there are no more than four (4) entries in a class only one prize may be awarded.

All exhibits must be clean and ready for display.

The exhibit must be completely the OWN WORK of the exhibitor.

All entries must have been completed within the last twelve months.

Exhibits must NOT have been shown at a previous Warwick Annual Show.

The committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit or exhibits which may be considered not of sufficient merit to be displayed.

The Steward and/or Judge reserves the right to change the class of an exhibit.

The Novice Section is open to competitors who have never won a prize in the relevant class.

Exhibits will be available for collection from 4pm to 5pm Saturday 21st March 2025. This rule will be strictly observed. No item is to be removed without the Steward's approval. If a representative of the exhibitor

collects the item a form must be filled out by the representative accepting responsibility for the item.

Whilst the Warwick Show & Rodeo Society Inc. accepts NO responsibility for missing or damaged articles, all possible care will be taken with exhibits.

Exhibits may be sold following the judging with 15% commission payable to the Warwick Show & Rodeo Society.

The Pavilion will be open from 10.00am to 8.00pm on Friday 20th March, 10.00am to 8.00pm on Saturday 21st March, 2026.

The Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the following sponsors who generously support the Pottery Section

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QUEENSLAND ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS

THE KING FAMILY

WARWICK CREDIT UNION

WARWICK POTTERS' ASSOCIATION

Queensland Electrical Solutions, Warwick Credit Union, Southern Downs Reality, Milton Pottery Supplies, Greg Plumbow Plumbing, Kingsview Creations and the Warwick Potters' Association.

Sections:

P1 OPEN

Champion Exhibition Pottery - Val Busch Memorial Prize

\$25.00 kindly sponsored by Warwick Potters' Association plus Champion Ribbon.

Champion pot will be judged then removed before its original section is judged

Section P1 Open Classes 1 to 4 sponsored by Queensland Electrical Solutions

First Prize \$25.00 plus Ribbon and Card, Second Ribbon and Card, Third Ribbon and Card

Class 1:

Wheel Thrown Pottery

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Hand Built Pottery

Sculpture

Primitive Fired Pottery

Class 5 sponsored by Southern Downs Reality

First Prize \$25.00 plus Ribbon and Card, Second Ribbon and Card, Third Ribbon and Card

Class 5:

Mixed Media

Class 6: sponsored by the Milton Pottery Supplies

First Prize \$25.00 voucher plus Ribbon and Card, Second Ribbon and Card, Third Ribbon and Card

Class 6:

Theme: Furry Friends (abstract or realistic)

P2 CHILDREN

Classes 7 and 8 sponsored by Warwick Credit Union

First Prize \$15.00 plus Ribbon and Card, Second \$7.50 plus Ribbon and Card,

Third \$2.50 plus Ribbon and Card

Class 7:

Children Middle to High School

Class 8:

P3 BEGINNERS

Children Primary School

Classes 9 and 10 sponsored by the Greg Plumbow Plumbing

First Prize \$25.00 plus Ribbon and Card, Second Ribbon and Card, Third Ribbon and Card

Class 9:

Wheel Thrown Hand Built

Class 10 :

Class 11:

Hand Built

Sculpture

P4 SPECIAL NEEDS

Class 12 and 13 sponsored by Kingsview Creations

First Prize \$25.00 plus Ribbon and Card, Second Ribbon and Card, Third Ribbon and Card

Class 12: Junior Under 18: Any piece of pottery

Class 13: Adult: Any piece of pottery

2026 WARWICK SHOW – GENERAL ENTRY FORM

To the Warwick Show (or representative section or subcommittee), subject to the rules, by-laws and regulations of your section or subcommittee and the Warwick Show Society, I make the following entries for the 2026 Warwick Show. If printing, please print clearly all the details for the classes you are entering. Illegible information will cause errors.

ALL EXHIBITORS ARE TO PAY GATE ENTRY FEE

Exhibitors must pay fees with entry form – no late fees accepted.. Entry Fees are inclusive of GST

Exhibitor name

(print)..... Age

(Junior/Teen events) .....

Email\* .....

Mobile .....

Home address

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.....Postcode.....

I have read and agree to the special regulations applying to the section I have entered and declare the exhibits to be my property and eligible to contest events entered. If your association accepts the fees I agree to abide by any decision of its committee and to release the Warwick Show Society, its committee & members from any action, suit, claim or demand that I may have against it, them, or any of them for or in conjunction with any loss, damage or injury suffered by me on the premises of the association, or at, or during the course of the show.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PRIZE MONEY CAN BE PAID WITHOUT GST INFORMATION

I hereby declare that I am a Hobbyist for this activity and not registered for GST.

I am registered to collect GST for this activity. My ABN is

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(If prize money is to be collected for this activity, the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society Inc will issue a Recipient created tax invoice.)

Signature of exhibitor

..... Date  
.....

Office Use Receipt No. Date

## **WORKING BEE**

A date has been decided for our next working bee to enhance our area and to help what we create to perfection - 7th March 2026. 8am start.

Please let the President know if you are able to attend.

## **FEATURE POTTER**

John Dermer OAM

John Dermer has been at the potters wheel for more than 56 years and his works can be found in many of the world's galleries and museums, private collections and even Parliament House Canberra in 2019, the National Gallery of Victoria honoured John with a retrospective exhibition.

Born in Melbourne he completed his ceramics degree and teaching qualifications at RMIT. In 1970 he travelled extensively overseas and worked as an artist in residence at Wedgwood in the UK and USA. He discovered the picturesque Yackandandah Valley in 1974 and made the decision to relocate. At this time he established Kirby's Flat Pottery.

John is proudly a product of the Leach/Hamada movement in ceramics. He sees this as a tradition that for him represents the essence of working with clay. The lines are pure and balanced while the forms are honest, proud and passionate.

His first love has always been with the frustratingly difficult but addictive process of salt glazing. His years of research and experience in this area were rewarded in 2006 when he won the highly prestigious Saltzbrand Keramik International Award in Koblenz, Germany.

John began working with the salt glaze process in 1967 and continues to pursue this field today. Failure in the harsh salt glaze kiln have led to amazing surfaces being developed in his work. Surfaces not seen before in the long 700 year history of salt glazing.

A visit to his studio gallery at Yackandandah is like walking through a doorway into the heart and soul of the man.

John holds a major exhibition on the last weekend of November from his studio gallery in Yackandandah every year.

A smaller annual Easter Exhibition exhibition showcases new tableware designs.



## **WARWICK POTTERS GALLERY**

Our own beautiful gallery has the privilege of wonderful volunteers who create a stunning visual space for all of your creations. Teagan, Miranda and Penny rotate fortnightly on a Saturday to attend to the gallery and any customers that feel they need to purchase a unique piece.

Would anyone be available fortnightly to assist Penny within the Gallery. Only a few hours being 9am until 11.30am once a month.

Enjoy the month of February with zeal and love of the beautiful clay we create with.

Lastly a reminder that our next meeting is the **AGM on 2nd. March at 5.30pm**