

Otaki Potters

April 2024

Hello everyone and hope you have all had a happy Easter. I hope this holiday gave you all time to relax, catch your breath and enjoy doing something you love.

I have recently returned from a trip to Belgrade and while we were busy we did manage to get out to take in some of the sights of this ancient city. Belgrade holds a special place in history being one of the oldest and longest inhabited cities but one that has suffered from many invasions and wars. The people reflect this but are still very warm and welcoming and very ready to laugh.

Back to reality and now recovered from jet lag I have been to the rooms and caught up with what has been going on. The refurbishment of the room off the kitchen now totally dedicated to “cubbies” is fantastic - thank you to Brent and Phillip for coming in to get this sorted. Stephanie manages the allocation of “cubbies” - please contact her if you would like to know more about how you can get one.

The driveway upgrade is finally underway. Thank you for your patience here, please be mindful of the contractors and if possible, park at the front of the clubrooms to allow them to get the work done uninterrupted.

You will have received your “things you need to know” Thank you to Elizabeth and Allie for doing this great weekly update on the clubs activity. The newsletter calendar will also include the dates for the various activities and I remind you all we have the AGM in May. We had such a good turnout for the members meeting in February and some great points were raised.





Conversations can continue at the AGM so please come along have you say at 3:30pm on Sunday 19th May.

Kylie continues to improve the website and has now included a resources page. This has some good information on safety and alternative to hot wax. There is also a page introducing the committee and if not already then coming soon a "Team's" page. The intention is for members to get to know the various teams that keep our club running so well. Vacancies will be listed here and members can apply to be in a team by approaching the team lead or one of the committee members. We expect all members to be part of a team.

Its getting chilly and a little hard to believe we have a fire ban in place! Sad that the club pit firing had to be postponed however given the news of the two major fires in the last week perhaps not a bad thing. A new date will be posted soon.

We are working on putting a survey together and hope all members will participate. This will be discussed at the AGM and give the committee points to consider for going forward as a club.

Thank you to Trevor and Stephanie for getting the molds set up and in place and to Trevor for organising the shelving for these. When using the molds please make sure you put it back into the same place bay that you got it from.

Well that's it from me. We will have the AGM documents to you early May. Nominations will be up on the board in April. If you would like to put your name forward please let either Sue or I know.

Caitlin.

*Creativity is allowing
yourself to make mistakes*

*Art is knowing which ones
to keep.*

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KILNS Rod Graham

LIBRARY Kaye Stead

MAINTENANCE Brent Craig

MEMBERSHIP Stephanie Tidman

NEWSLETTER Lyndele MacDermaid

ORIENTATION Kathryn Lim

ROOMS **Manager Needed**

SOCIAL MEDIA Wendi Lindsay

WORKSHOPS Adult Clare Botha

Children/Youth Derryn Robson

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 19th May 3.30pm at the club rooms.

New Members: Welcome to Susie Olsen, Fiona Thompson and Vicky Smith.

Pit Firing Workshop

(S1) Saturday 6th April.

Club Raku

Saturday 20th April – at the club.

Cleaning Bee

Saturday 4th May. Contact Jojo Hare.

Pit Firing

(S2) - Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May.

TOTE MODERN GALLERY OPENING

This months exhibitors

**UYLP: A group of
10 potters from
Wellington to Kapiti Coast**

TOTE MODERN GALLERY

10 Potters

Exhibition
4th - 28th April
Gallery open 10-3pm
Friday - Sunday

Opening Night
4th April
5.30pm

UYLP

GROUP OF LOCAL POTTERS FROM WELLINGTON TO
KAPITI COAST CALLED
UNEARTH YOUR LOCAL POTTER

GROUP SHOW AT
Tote Modern Gallery
Otaki Pottery Club

POTTERS	POTTERS
• Paula Archibald	• Pamela Annsouth
• Jenny Shearer	• Rebecca Neal
• James Carter	• Judy Page
• Michelle Retimona	• Mike Page
• Jennifer Turnbull	• Aimee McLeod