

Otaki Potters

June 2024

Hello from Japan,
Before I talk about the AGM I will briefly touch on the OMRC development meeting that was held before hand. There was a great turnout of members and some good questions raised. The development is still awaiting consent but some of the concerns voiced were how this would impact the club if it does proceed. As with any development there will be inconveniences however given the type of build this will be much less (limited concrete, prefabricated etc.) than normal construction. The AGM followed and there was an impressive turnout here too. Thank you to all those who came or dialed in. We have a great committee. Sue continues as Vice president and members representative. We welcome Jennie Butler to the secretary role. Jennie stood at the last minute as she saw the gap and appreciated how important this role is for a club. Thank you Jennie. Kylie VanDyke remains as our marketing manager and Rob continues as Teams Manager. We have two new roles with Dean Lewin as our Health and Safety and Environmental manager and Kathrine Joyce-Kellaway as our Fundraising and Social manager. Many thanks to Frederick Church for putting his hand up for Education and I am grateful to all those who supported my re-election as president. Bryan will continue in the interim as Treasurer and we appreciate that he has not left us wanting, but we do need to find a treasurer soon. If you think this is a role you could look at but need more information please talk to Bryan or email Jennie and she can send you the role description. I understand this role has grown and we will need to look at ways we can divide up various aspects of the role, make it easy and share the workload. Bryan has a great group of people assisting him but we will need to grow this. So please let us know if you think there may be a place for you on this team.

We farewelled Bryan and Jenny T from committee and acknowledge their amazing contribution to the club in their various roles. Many of you contributed to the discussion points at the AGM and it was clear there were indeed strong feelings on certain issues.

Work by Harriet Bright



Work by James Eastall



Work by Rosemary O'Hara



Celebrating Matariki with Lorna Tawhiti's Unique Panels.

We are excited to show you a sneak preview of two of the nine stunning panels created by Lorna Tawhiti for this year's Star Glaze. The Otaki Pottery Club, with funding from the Kapiti District Council, commissioned Lorna for this special project to enhance the Matariki experience at the Festival. These nine unique panels beautifully depict the celestial cluster known as Matariki. Each panel tells the story of an individual star, yet Lorna's masterful layering technique creates a cohesive connection between them all. Join us at the Star Glaze Matariki morning ceremony, where Lorna will officially present her taonga to the club.



It was taken that the members meeting in February was appreciated by many of you and some of the points raised that need further discussion will be continued at the follow up members meeting later in the year. Feed back on the most convenient time would be welcome - appreciating that this time of year can be extraordinarily busy for many of you with our 3rd Star Glaze (June 28th - 30th), then onto the Kapiti Arts trail (2/3 and 9/10 November), Christmas and then the Festival 2025!!

Rod was made a life member of the club, - a founding member and having served as its president for some 21 years Rod continues to support the club in many many ways looking after the clubs demanding areas and the not so appealing ones (rubbish). If Rod sees there is a need he will step in and fill it and so we acknowledge his dedication to the club. It would be good if there was a member who could step in here and look after our rubbish - we seem to create so much!

The minutes for the meeting will be completed on my return and emailed out hopefully by the end of the month.

Our first committee meeting will be held on the 20th June.

We discussed establishing a code of conduct and conflict resolution group, on my return I will approach some of you to ask if you will come on the team - please do let me know if you have skills that will assist here. We will need a small team to manage the process for reapplying to the companies office as an incorporated society. Please contact me if you can help here.

Projects. Rob has a few! on the go. The one every one is asking about is the driveway and car parking area - and I hope as I am writing this there has been progress. The weather was a huge issue but with some clear days it is looking like the team is back on board and the concreting should hopefully be underway if not completed.

New kilns have been ordered and will be here in 2 - 3 months, Rob has rearranged the glaze room and now with the addition of an extra table we are hoping that having class working in there will not restrict members any more. Classes are to use the tables at the western end of the room.

Star Glaze is well underway and we have some beautiful panels to represent Matariki created by Lorna Tawhiti. The awards have been listed and all

information is available on our website and you can also connect through the OPC facebook page. You can help here by distributing postcards and posting the flyers around your community and further afield.

Our Social team is busy and I thank Kathryn Lim and Fiona Thomson who under the steady hand of Kathrine Joyce-Kellaway are putting together some great gettogethers. I do hope everyone will support these initiatives and come along – this is a good way to get to know each other and learn a little bit more about the workings of the club.

I am sorry I missed Bruce Walfords farewell. Bruce has been a bit of a gift for the club over the last few years and as members we have been so fortunate to have this guru here. Bruce has been extremely generous with his knowledge of the craft and many of you have benefitted from his tutorage. We all wish him well in his new life over the ditch!

When I was in the rooms a few weeks ago I watched Trevor McIntyre experimenting with a new decorating technique. I suggested he might like to introduce this to members – not as an expert but to interest others in working together on a similar path. If you do have some new or interesting techniques and would like to have a show and tell or just have specific times when you might be there developing this and would be happy to share with others, please let the social team know or Jennie can send word out via the “Things you need to know” on Wednesday with the times you will be there working on your idea. You are not expected to be an expert rather extending the invitation to explore the idea with your fellow potters.

If you have photos of your work that you are proud of or that was a complete disaster or just one that perhaps is interesting from another perspective, please send in to me, the secretary or directly to Lyndele (lyndelem@gmail.com) for the Newsletter. We can now only publish photos with the artists permission. Thank you – we all love to see photos of the work coming out of the club.

I will get back to my holiday and say Sayonara to you all for now.

Caitlin.





Sunday Club Day



Blindfold challenges with clay

Exciting Club Social Events on the Horizon!

We're thrilled to announce three fantastic social events organised by the amazing Fiona Thomson and Kathryn Limm. Thank you both for your hard work!

Bi-Monthly Special Events: Fiona is launching an exciting program of special events every two months. First up is the Soup Bowl Challenge! Create your best hand-built or wheel-thrown soup bowl and compete in three judged categories for prizes. Plus, everyone gets to enjoy a bowl of soup. Don't miss out - sign up on the members board!

Wednesday Social Evenings: Join Fiona and others for informal Wednesday social evenings! Bring your current projects and enjoy some company, idea-sharing, and a cuppa with supper. It's a great way to connect with fellow members while working on your project.

Sunday Club Day Recap: Our recent Sunday Club Day was a blast! Kathryn organised blindfold challenges with clay. Some of the results were exceptional, worthy of any 'pottery throw down'. The day ended with a delicious pot of homemade soup and goodies by Kathryn.

Sunday Club Day: Throwing off the Hump - June 9th Don't miss this chance to learn from the talented Brent Craig, who will demonstrate the "Throwing off the Hump" technique before challenging everyone to create their own pieces. **Time:** 10 AM - 12 Noon, followed by lunch. This is a fantastic opportunity to improve your skills and have fun with fellow members. See you there!



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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

New Members: Welcome to Barbara Manners and Perla Gaffney

Sunday Club Day: Throwing off the Hump - Sunday June 9th **Time:** 10 am - 12 noon

Wednesday Social Evenings: Join Fiona and others for informal Wednesday social evenings!

Thursday 20 June 6pm - Committee Meeting

Friday 28th June - Star Glaze
Dawn Ceremony is at 6am

We are gearing up for our dazzling Star Glaze Festival, and we need your help to spread the word. There are posters and postcards at the sign in desk it would be a massive help! If you could share them around your town, neighbourhood, cafes, or local businesses.

Let's make this Star Glaze Festival shine brighter than ever!

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Thank You to Kelly & Co!

We are incredibly grateful to Kelly & Co for their generous support of our Star Glaze cash Awards this year and for sponsoring our Public Star Making program. As a valued part of our community, your sponsorship has helped us shine brighter.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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