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# NORTH QUEENSLAND POTTERS ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN: 73 105 384 899

## Newsletter

September / October 2017

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### *A few words from Sharon - NQPA President*

Hello all. It's amazing over the last week how we have jumped from spring to summer. I hope it's not going to be too hot this year.

### **The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING has been scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

The committee meeting will commence at 3pm and will be immediately followed by the **AGM**. All are welcome to attend; we encourage members to be involved in all of our meetings.



Back to more mundane studio matters...

**The wet cupboard** has recently been cleaned out. This was due to member's pots being destroyed by others squashing their work. Space seemed to be at a premium when actually in reality this was

not the case. The space was full to overflowing with dried out unfinished work that had been left and not checked on. I have removed any work that was not wet (being a work in progress), to allow the wet cupboard to be used for what it is intended, which is to delay drying of wet work in progress. Dry work is to be stored on the members stand in the main studio, or taken home.

**Studio clean out day** has been scheduled for **FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017** starting at 9.30am.





This is a morning where we clean out all and any excess clutter within the studio in readiness for the coming holiday and wet season period. All buckets of clay in the storage room should be named and dated if you are intending to work over the holiday period, otherwise best to take it home for security, as we do not have the constant attendance of members and classes during this period. Any work left on shelves and in the drying cupboard must be reclaimed and removed. At the very least, have your name and date under the pot left or it will be reconstituted.

It is not the responsibility of the committee to chase up the owners of any work left over the holiday period. It is the responsibility of individual members to keep track of their own work.

The studio cleanup is something we do each year. We invite all members to attend, especially those who use the studio regularly, to contribute to a clean studio. It is actually a fun time, where we get together and have our yearly breakup afterwards. Lunch will be provided, so please mark the date in your calendar, and come along.

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**MINUTES OF NQPA INC COMMITTEE MEETING held 20th SEPTEMBER 2017**

Meeting opened at 3pm.

**Please note:** All members welcome to attend.

**Present:** Sharon Jewell, Wendy Bainbridge, Jeff Tillack, Edward O'Brien, Louise Watson and Margaret Crawford.

**Apologies:** Bridget Smallwood and Catherine Ogden.

Sharon Jewell moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read, seconded Edward O'Brien. Carried.



**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:** PUNQ Thank You letter from Umbrella, PTRG flyers, Suncorp statements, NR Gas \$125, Telstra \$102.39, Insurance letter re: direct debits, Aust Govt - confirming ABN No, NR Gas advice re changes of ownership and new arrangements.

Emails from Peter Griffin (JCU) re firing crucibles, Briony Eddison (St Joseph's Mundingburra) re qty of clay needed for school project.

**Outwards:** Reply emails back to Peter (temp too high) and Briony (4 bags).

**Journals:** Ceramic Technical July 2017, Ceramic Art & Perception July 17 #105, Ceramic Review Issue 287 Sept/Oct 17, Ceramics Monthly Sept 2017.

Wendy moved that the correspondence inwards & outwards be accepted, seconded Louise Watson. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Business Everyday a/c balance B/F \$5960.74 less withdrawals \$3211.80 plus deposits \$4738.25 Balance as at 31st August 2017 \$7487.19.

Business Saver a/c - \$8923.48 - interest \$12.51, Balance \$8935.99.

Card a/c Balance \$385.

New accounting system now in place and producing P & L reports for the meeting.

Account for John Boyle's totalled, monies owed by NQPA - \$420.

Treasurer moved that the balance be accepted as is and the accounts be passed for payment, seconded Edward O'Brien. Carried.



**Studio/Classes/Kiln Report** - Edward's classes - Sat afternoon slow, many away. Wed night going well. Edward away 8 to 22nd Oct. Sharon's classes - Thur night now cancelled, Fri morning still going and to continue to end of Nov. Kiln accreditation now end of Oct. Tues social group allocated some storage space near front side door.

**Clay Report** - Eom count correct. Latest order just arrived - awaiting invoice from Clayshed.

**Library** - nil report.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

**AGM** - Scheduled for Wednesday, 8th November (to give auditor more time to complete report) at 3.30pm, committee meeting at 3pm. Notice to be put in next newsletter.



**Annual Clean Up** - Scheduled for Friday, 1 December at 9.30am. EOY break up lunch provided by NQPA. Notice to go in next newsletter.

**V8 Parking** - Margaret tabled an email, sent to her from TCC re parking during the V8 event. The letter advised that members are not permitted to park on the Council parkland adjacent to the studio during this event. Permit parking only on First St between Flowers St & Railway Avenue. Members need to be advised of this fact prior to the event next year.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD** Wednesday 18th October at 3pm.

Meeting closed at 4.15pm. Please send any agenda items to [nqpotters@gmail.com](mailto:nqpotters@gmail.com) prior to meeting.

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## **2018 BIENNIAL NORTH QUEENSLAND CERAMIC AWARDS**

The **2018 biennial North Queensland Ceramic Awards** are going ahead and will be exhibited at Pinnacles Gallery 27 July to 16 September 2018. The first ad will be in the next issue of JAC.

Once again the major TCC acquisitive award will be **\$10,000** with 4 other smaller awards. Entries will close *Friday 30 March 2018* - so a heads up to start working on an entry now.

**Greg Daly** is the confirmed judge and he will be running a workshop on *Sat 28 July and Sun 29 July 2018* at NQPA. We're interested in any ideas you may have of topics you might like him to cover - let us know please.

A couple of ideas at the moment are 1 day glaze on glaze, application, brushwork and 1 day on lustre and techniques.



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### **NQPA Tuesday Social Pottery Group**

The Tuesday group, with Nic and friends, welcomes all to share.

This is an informal group which meets from **10am to 1pm** every **Tuesday** at the NQPA studio. There is only the **\$6 charge** for

members to use the premises and we all help each other. No tutors, but everyone helps everyone and it is just a time to come along and enjoy yourself.

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**Please note when you use Flowers St and pay hire fees or buy clay it is necessary to have the correct change as we do not always have much available. This is especially for people who use the studio out of hours...**



PLEASE NOTE THE STUDIO IS CLOSED IN THE EVENT OF CYCLONE OR STORM WARNING WHEN PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED. NO STUDIO ACCESS OR KILN FIRING DURING SUCH EVENTS.

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## Everyone please sign in the DIARY

### when you are in the NQPA studio!

This is essential for both NQPA insurance and your insurance coverage. Please sign your name in the diary to indicate that you are on the premises; it is extremely important for Workplace Health & Safety in the case of a fire to have a record of attendance. Thank-you for your cooperation!

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## POTTERY LESSONS with EDWARD!

*Come and learn and have FUN  
with clay!*



**Lesson Times:**      Wednesday: 6 - 9 pm  
                                 Saturday: 2 - 5 pm

**Cost:**                 \$25 per class (3 hours!) + materials / firings

**Where:**                Nth Qld Potters Assoc. Studio  
                                 15 Flowers Street, Railway Estate

\*\*Contact Edward on 0407 628 307 or [edwardobrien66@gmail.com](mailto:edwardobrien66@gmail.com)

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## Quick Guide to Pottery Classes:

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