CENTRAL COAST POTTERS SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Central Coast Potters Society (CCPS) welcomes new members.

BACKGROUND

The Society was established in 1968 by a group of volunteers with a vision to create a space and a community where the knowledge and skills of the art and craft of pottery could be shared, explored and developed with like-minded individuals, while at the same time furthering the understanding and appreciation of pottery within the community.

More than fifty years on from that first meeting in 1968, the society continues to be run by a committed group of volunteers, (***there are no paid positions in The Society***) who give freely and generously of their time to perpetuate the foresight of those founding members.

The ideals of the founding members remain as the objectives of The Central Coast Potters Society Inc:

1. To increase the knowledge and skills of members and students in the craft of pottery, and
2. To promote a greater appreciation and understanding of pottery by the general public.

These aims are addressed by the various opportunities offered by CCPS:

- Those who already have pottery knowledge and skills that meet specified criteria, can join CCPS as **workshop members**. This enables them to use the CCPS workshop facilities including equipment, glazes and kiln firing, to produce their own work.

- CCPS also offers **social membership** that includes most of the benefits offered to workshop members, including a small amount of firing for work produced specifically for Raku and pit-firing, but **excludes use of the workshop facilities** to produce their own work.

- CCPS conducts weekly classes for adults.
- CCPS offers educational workshops and produces a monthly Newsletter for members.
- CCPS holds special events featuring raku and pit firings and other aspects of the potter's craft.
- CCPS organised exhibitions provide members with opportunity to exhibit and sell their work.

Throughout the year, social events are held at CCPS. This is an opportunity for long standing and new social and workshop members to meet, mingle, enjoy some refreshments, get to know each other and ask questions.

As applies to the successful functioning of **any** Not-for-Profit Organisation that is administered and run by a committee of volunteer members, CCPS' provision of services to its members relies on **all members** providing some level of support.

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A condition of membership at CCPS is that each member provides an annual amount of at least ten hours of assistance with jobs such as working bees and open days.

Details of Membership Benefits and Exclusions

- The Newsletter is emailed to members each month, except January.
- The Management Committee meets once per month.
- Members' meetings are held **bi-monthly** on the first Monday of the month at 6.00pm in the CCPS workshop with an additional meeting the following day at 1.00pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Social gatherings are held throughout the year. Details are advised via the Newsletter and Hello Club.

WORKSHOP MEMBERSHIP

Membership starts from the date of fees having been paid and approval given.

A workshop membership allows the member to work independently in the workshop during the time specified for Workshop drop-in days, with access and use of workshop tools and equipment.

To become a workshop member, the following criteria apply:

- The applicant has taken 3 or more terms of classes at CCPS and has been put forward by the teacher for workshop approval.
- If the new applicant has not been in a CCPS class, she or he will be reviewed on individual merit and examples of previous work will be required to demonstrate their ability to be able to work safely and independently.
- ***All applications will be processed by the Membership Officer and referred to the Management Committee if required for review, and admitted according to applicant date order.***
- A probation period will apply to all successful workshop membership applicants which will include a mandatory workshop orientation and the attending of a minimum of three drop-in sessions over a period of six weeks, to demonstrate to the Duty Officer their ability to work independently and unsupervised in the workshop environment.

Workshop Membership Includes:

- A monthly newsletter and members' meeting.
- A full induction of CCPS processes and facilities, weekly access to the CCPS workshop, equipment and facilities by attending drop-in days.
- Participation in member-only social events and activities.

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- The provision of CCPS glazes and use of the CCPS kilns to fire work.
- Access to a comprehensive library.
- Exhibitions and sales opportunities.
- Participation in specialist courses, special event workshops, seminars and exhibitions.
- Raku and pit firing days, social activities.
- Nominating for positions and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- A self- managed account via the Hello Club CCPS Member Portal.
- Regular member only notifications.

Restrictions of Workshop Membership

CCPS is not a firing service. Firing excessive quantities of work is not permitted.

Firing of work is an additional cost to the member, using a 'pay as you use' system.

Workshop Members' Firing Allowance details:

i. Workshop members receive a firing quota of $300 per year.

ii. Once a member exceeds this quota, they can still fire their work but the rate for extra firing will be doubled. Workshop members will be advised by letter or email when they have reached their $300 quota for the calendar year.

Details are provided in the CCPS Fees Schedule document.

CCPS is a member run organisation, and as such, requires input from all member to enable offering the full range of facilities, events and activities. Being a workshop member requires a commitment to assist in the promotion of CCPS, annual open days and working bees.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership starts from the date of signing up and fees paid.

Social Membership Includes:

- A monthly newsletter and meetings.
- Participation in special event workshops, seminars and exhibitions.
- Exhibitions and sales opportunities.
- Raku and pit firing days, including a small amount of bisque firing if participating in pit or raku firings (available by special arrangement).

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- Social activities and access to the library.
- Nominating for positions and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- A self- managed account via the Hello Club CCPS Member Portal.
- Regular member-only notifications.
- Those wishing Social Membership can apply at any time. There is no probation period for Social Membership as it does not include the use of the workshop facilities.

Restrictions of Social Membership

Firing is restricted to that required for CCPS Raku and pit-firings- as previously specified.

MISCELLANEOUS

Display Cabinets

Pottery items on display in these cabinets are selected pieces, most of which form the permanent collection of the Society. Accompanying catalogues give details of these pieces.

Library

A wide range of books and magazines on pottery and other crafts may be borrowed from the library for a monthly charge of $1.00 per item.

See the librarian on Tuesdays or at meetings.

Details of the borrowed items must be recorded in the Borrowing Book located in the library and returns marked off.

(Details on the library borrowing procedure, are included in a separate “Members’ Workshop Procedures” document.)

Inquiries

All queries relating to membership applications should be referred to our Membership Officer at membership@ccpotters.org