

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

WELCOME!



THE
CLAY CENTRE



We are so excited to welcome you to The Clay Centre!

Keep reading for information on what to bring and how to get here.





What to bring

Clay Clothes

Please wear appropriate clothing that you don't mind getting messy in, including an apron & a towel.

Short fingernails

In pottery, your fingers are your most valuable tool, if you are wheel throwing, please trim your fingernails before class.

Drinks & nibbles

Please feel free to BYO any drinks and nibbles. We can supply wine glasses and mugs.

Please note, we will not teach intoxicated people. Please drink responsibly.

How to get here

145 Marua road, Ellerslie

We are located on a busy road in Mt Wellington, right next door to Safe Car Mechanics.

We also have the 751 bus stop on our front door step and are only a short distance from both the Ellerslie & Panmure train stations.



Where to park?

We have several off road parking spaces, all directly in front of The Clay Centre and in front of our garage to the left. However please try to carpool as much as possible and park in surrounding streets as our parks do fill up really quickly.

If your event is after 6 pm, you are welcome to park in the tyre shop next door.

If you miss out on those parking spaces there is also plenty of off street parking after 5 pm



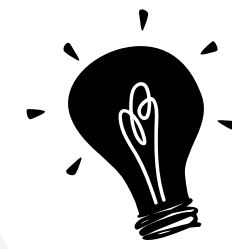
When will the pots be ready for collection

3-4 weeks

Your pots need to dry, be tidied, named and then go through 2 firings in our very busy kilns. Each firing can take up to 3 whole days and has limited capacity, Check out the next page for a more detailed break down!

Please wait for us to email you, if we haven't emailed you, your pots are not ready.

The Journey of your pot



While your pot is going through this process, so are hundreds of others!

Step 1 & 2 | drying & Tidying (3-7 Days)

After you leave The Clay Centre we patiently wait for your pots to dry. We then tidy up each pot individually, hand smoothing any sharp edges or lumps. Each pot then gets a custom code and name so they don't get lost.

Step 3 | The 1st Firing (3 - 4 Days)

Once the pots are completely dry, they are loaded one by one into a kiln. This can be quite time consuming as they are extremely delicate at this stage. The kiln will fire up to 1000°C and has to be left to cool naturally after reaching temp. This is called the bisque firing, it makes each pot strong, porous and ready for glazing..

Step 4 & 5 | Glazing & the 2nd firing (3 - 4 Days)

When the kiln has cooled we then unload all of your pots, and sort them into colours. They are then dusted and dipped into your chosen glaze colour. Once the glaze has dried they are ready to be loaded back into the kiln for their last firing to 1220°C. After the kiln has cooled for the last time, the now shiny pots are unloaded and grouped. This is when your group organiser will be emailed, letting them know the pots are done!

Contact

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