

**28 October 2025**  
**Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Aotearoa**

**Kia ora koutou CANZ whānau,**

Thank you so much for joining us for the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Ceramics Association of New Zealand.

It's been an exciting and transformative couple of years. After facing some big challenges in 2022, we made bold changes and I'm very pleased to say the Association is now in a much stronger, more vibrant place.

Here's a snapshot of what we've achieved together:

- Our membership has grown from under 100 to over 800 since 2023!
- We successfully lead our biggest ever **national touring potter programme** in 2024 with Kwak Kynugtae and Marco Minetti
- The **National Ceramics Open Studios** programme is now a regular annual event with the next one coming up later this month.
- Our **61st National Exhibition** is currently showing in Tāmaki Makaurau.
- The CANZ Council has expanded with new roles and fresh energy.
- Our amazing volunteer base continues to grow, supporting key parts of our mahi.
- We're proud to publish a beautifully produced, well-researched **biannual magazine**.
- The **National Studios Potters' Directory** now features over 100 registered studios

I'm really pleased with how smoothly the transition to new ways of working has gone. There are no proposed changes to the constitution this year, and we're excited to continue offering **fees-free membership for 2026**.

Before I wrap up, I just want to say a heartfelt **ngā mihi** to each of you. Thank you for your support, for believing in the vision, and for helping build this strong, inclusive ceramics community. It's been a joy to work alongside you. Thanks in particular to CANZ Council - including our outgoing members Callume Trudgeon, Judy Chappell, Graham Hay, and Marama Mayrick. We have been very lucky to have had your input over the last few years. Thanks to those standing for re-election, and our new Council members joining the team! Ka rawe!

Last but not least if you feel called to help lead CANZ into a radically inclusive future, I'm still on the lookout for my special **twin flame co-chair**.

**Ngā mihi nui,**  
Nicole