

## A word from our new president

### The studio

The year has started well with a busy studio already - the air con made it a very comfortable place to be.

We have already had a workshop with Rachael. The handbuilding she demonstrated was an extension of the coral reef but this time decorating a planter with flowers, leaves etc.



### The kilns

The kiln saga continues!

The molten glaze has been removed, which of course, damaged the bottom element considerably.

The dilemma now is can we do without this element or do we replace it at some cost. Opinions vary but we will probably have to replace it to be on the safe side. The kiln is not ours but belongs to the Neighbourhood Centre so we must do the right thing by them.

There was a grant application in place for a new kiln but on the first presentation it was not successful. However as the kilns are now quite old - approximately 12 and 23 years at that - it is time to get some quotes. But we must consider that the SNC cannot afford the Rolls Royce of kilns where a Corolla would suffice.

Finishing up a sculpture!-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YezLYN-Byao&fbclid=IwAR04U25d84-r-lajciVw1mSU0lcDduLQsPxUK5fk4VkydHqyd3myNp1j-8>

### Our Exhibition and BVAC

Our 2019 Exhibition will be held on the weekend of 18 to 20 October at the Richard Randall Studio at the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens. Set-up as usual on the Friday 17 October.

Now is the time to consider what you will be working toward - your best work!

We have also tentatively booked for 2020 - 9 to 11 October.

The BVAC Pop-up-Shops will again be available to our group as members. 4 tables have been allocated to us. There are already takers for space for the first one 28 to 29 April, so be quick.

### Fairfield Library

Last years display was well received and supported by a number of members. October is the month available to us this year. There was some concern at the meeting that this clashes with the exhibition and there wouldn't be enough work to display. Any further thoughts on this?

### Membership for 2019

Yes, it is that time of year. Your 2019 membership is due: \$32 for the year plus \$2 for each studio day attendance - plus a voluntary donation of \$2 toward kiln maintenance etc.

*Cheers, David*

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# Rachael's handbuilding workshop



The workshop was well attended with everyone putting there personal touches on their work while monitored by Rachael.

## Pulling handles with Gai

Gai held a quick impromptu handle pulling workshop on 30 January for anyone interested.

She provided some samples of pulled handles, decorative handles, knobs and lugs.

Tea was made in the teapot and served in the handmade cups!

Thanks Gai



David's first mugs!



Our hardworking treasurer

## Random work around the studio in 2019!



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