

## What's happened since last month ...

### Around the studio

We had a very busy monthly meeting last week - everyone is getting excited about our annual exhibition.

The kilns have been kept busy and some interesting work is coming through. There still needs to be an awareness of the correct clay and glazes and cookies are still important!

### Raku workshops

Our July workshop produced some very successful and interesting results - see the photo on the next page.

### Library displays

September and October we will have pieces in the Fairfield Library - an opportunity to advertise our exhibition!

### BVAC events

**The BVAC Art Expo and Open Weekend** on 25-27 July.

Don't forget we are catering for this one with a BBQ - sausage sizzle - slices - sweet and savoury and Devonshire teas.

If you can help out cooking, selling or demonstrating, let us know and come along.

### Western Suburbs Clayworkers 20th Anniversary Exhibition, 19-21 September

**In the Mt Coot-tha Auditorium where we will be exhibiting, selling and catering.**

Hopefully you have your pieces planned and maybe complete. Remember your exhibition pieces must be your own work and comprise at least 70% claywork.

### Ekka 2025

Remember your delivery dates:

Tuesday 29 July 2025 9:00am - 5:30pm

Wednesday 30 July 2025 9:00am to 12pm

Collection Date:

Wednesday 20 August 9:00am - 5:30pm

### CAQ Member Exhibition

November 19 - we have booked the bus for the day - numbers will be limited. Cost is \$20 TBC.

**Stay well, keep safe  
and pot on.**

**David**

Vice President

**Visions** 20 Year Anniversary  
**IN CLAY**  
**EXHIBITION & SALE**

**19th - 21st September 2025**

**Open 9am - 4pm each day**

**The Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens**

[www.wsclayworkers.org.au](http://www.wsclayworkers.org.au) Supporting the Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre



**Made an interesting piece lately? Send us photos and a few words to share ...**

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Natalie had a query on food safety with her crystal glazed mug. It contains a high concentration of Cobalt! Suggestions include:  
No cracks in the glaze so may be OK.  
Leave some lemon juice in it for 24 hours to see if it discolours - leaching out oxides.  
Consensus was not to risk it but keep as a display piece.

## Raku Workshop 6 July



We have now purchased an infrared pyrometer for our Raku firings

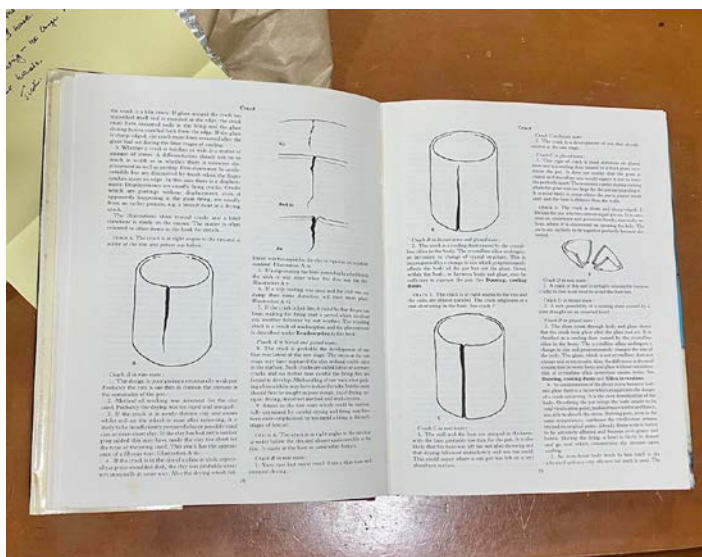
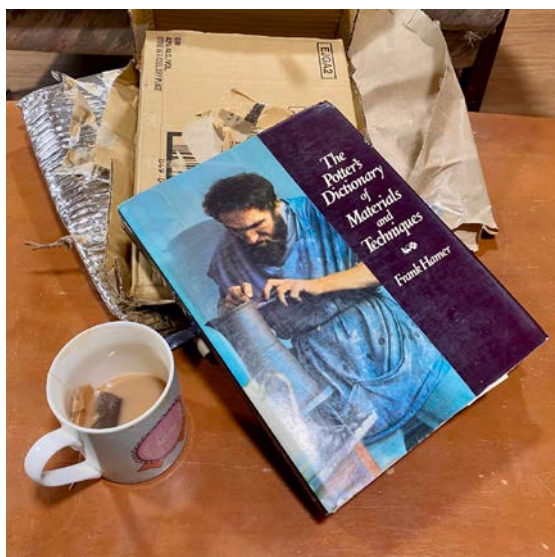
## Book Delivery!

Exciting parcel delivery from my parent's friend Judi Miles, a modern artist and Professor with national recognition up and down the East coast.

I finally got to chat with her then this door drop. Now crippled, she handed down her 'bible'.

A book this big organized alphabetically normally gives me a headache, but I can see I'll be sneaking time in this and hiding it under the folded laundry when someone comes by. Eight illustrated pages just on cracks!

Natalie O.





# Ray Cavill's Clay School

What an absolutely pleasant surprise it was to visit the Clay School Winter Event in June.

Ray's new premises at Crombie Street, Milton, is very much akin to the old TAFE studios at Southbank where the concept of Western Suburbs Clayworkers was formed by Lyn and myself, twenty years ago. Ray Cavill and other TAFE teachers were very supportive at that time and joined our group to help us increase memberships.

The work of participants at this Winter Event showed the true significance and expertise that Ray's quality learning environment offers. This includes small classes for beginners, skill development, mould making and even specialty workshops with visiting overseas ceramists.

The new premises has off street parking, lots of shelf space, large open airy expanses and some little hidden nooks for those quiet creative moments.

Our members, Kelly and Natalie's work was on display as per the photos.

*Gai*



# Quixotica sculpture walk to Rowley Drysdale's Gallery exhibition

Quixotica Art Space - 25 years of Quixotica - group exhibition featuring up to 15 Australian and international ceramics artists July 5-6 2025. *Natalie O.*





# Craft your own tools

Ceramics tools can get expensive!

While you work on building up your stash, repurpose everyday items to make essential tools. Many of the materials are probably already available in your home.

## Create tools with the following:

- Unfolded paper clips taped to a wooden stick make great needle tools.
- Bamboo skewers or plastic forks aid with scoring.
- Used-up gift cards make sturdy ribs.
- Plastic bags cut into pieces make a chamois substitute.
- Sponges attached to sticks make water removal efficient on the wheel.
- Unused tarps or thick plastic drop cloths can make DIY waterproof aprons.

Based on:

<https://theartofeducation.edu/2024/01/jan-10-cheats-and-hacks-for-leveling-up-your-pottery-and-ceramics-game/>



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