

## Hi from our President

Thank you all for another successful year almost behind us.

### BVAC

Our next and last event for the year is on this weekend - the BVAC Pop-Up-Shop in the Auditorium at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Bump out Sunday 4pm.

Open hours Mt Coot-tha Auditorium are Friday 10-4, Sat 10-4 and Sunday 9-3pm. Bring your friends along. Don't forget to put in your Inventory form filled out with your code name and price details and bank account details and keep a copy for yourself.

We have 10 participants now making it a smaller group but it looks great with 5 tables.

This event is shared with about 10 other BVAC artisan groups.

Good luck with sales for Xmas now. If you can't get there to bump-in please contact someone else to bring your work along for you.

### CAQ's Siliceous Exhibition

Did you miss this opportunity to go up to Ipswich to look at this 1<sup>st</sup> class exhibition of well-known potters and sculptors? It was at the D'Arcy Doyle Gallery in Ipswich square. No charge for entry.

### Workshops and Studio

If you think you could do a workshop for us next year as a volunteer please put your name and ideas and approximate costs forward to the committee at a meeting. We are adaptable to suit your days and times.

Membership fees should still remain at \$32 per year and \$16 half year. They will be due again with your application form early January. Don't forget we are capped at 50 members now so don't think its an automatic renewal. Studio fees may also be going up to come in line with other clubs. Still to be decided by SNC. It is still less than a cup of coffee to use our well-equipped studio for a morning and we are still cheaper than other groups.

If you are a silent member and just bringing work to be fired please come along to get to know other members. We don't want our group to become a firing service only. As Pottery Supplies is the place for this alone.

### AGM + Xmas Party

We have our next meeting followed by our AGM and Xmas Party Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the main hall behind reception - 11am start.

Please bring along a plate to share and let David know what you are bringing so we don't double up on food. WSC will provide us with protein such as ham and chicken and prawns.

All positions will be available at the AGM so please put your hand up to take or share a position if you can as we can't run our club successfully without a strong committee of experienced people.

We have rules within our club to make it run easier for everyone.

Some positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary, Firing Squad of 4 people and a trainee. Exhibition co-ordinator and Team. Club Membership Secretary. New Members advisor.

Also please send in to David for WHYD (What have you done) for this year. Up to 3 clear photos of pieces you have made this year only. We have nice vouchers as prizes from Pottery Supplies, Milton.

Also the Secret Santa, please bring along a small gift with no name tag, multi gender, to an approximate value of \$10. No Chocolate! Potters love anything to do with clay and making. If you forget you can just step out of this fun event.

We will also be making a generous donation to SNC for being so generous to us so we can continue as a group in their premises.

Studio hours will remain the same. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 9.30-12.30am.

**The studio will be closed over the Xmas period from 13<sup>th</sup> December till 10 January, 2024.**

**Looking forward to seeing you all on 13<sup>th</sup> December for the Xmas party and AGM.**

**Bye for now Lyn.**

**What have you been working on? Please send us a few words and photos**





## Western Suburbs Clayworkers at the BVAC Pop-Up

Here is the work of our 10 members at the November 2023 BVAC Pop-Up at Mt Coot-tha.



Linda's Ducks and spikes in the garden!



David's Rotten Pumpkin glaze

Show and Tell



# Teepee firing

Work by Kim Harris. Ruby's mum, Linda's sister

This type of firing was originally a Native American technique, although many other cultures have used similar techniques, where greenware or bisque ware is placed in a shallow pit and covered with twigs and branches, then lit and allowed to burn down. Such a firing can reach temperatures of around 800°C.



Setting the base  
Pots and  
Combustibles in  
place



Building up twigs  
and firewood  
The teepee takes  
shape  
Teepee covered in  
paper and slip (?)  
Ready to fire  
The results  
Pots cleaned up





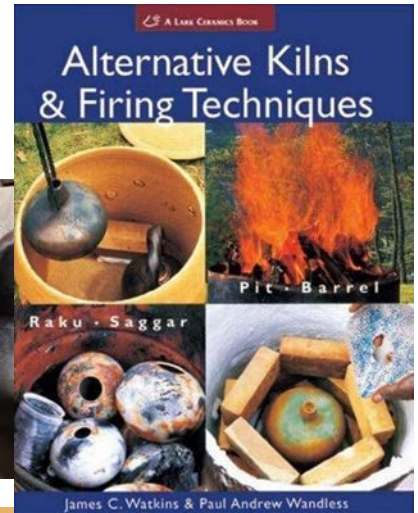
# Alcohol Reduction with Shawn Felts

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=uqL\\_MyxcdYw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=uqL_MyxcdYw)

Watch this on YouTube but definitely don't try this at home!

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