

A word from our new president

Happy New Year!

Well our new president is the same as the old one!

The studio

We have had some suggestions for activities for 2020.

Photography workshop

How best to photograph your work with a minimum of equipment.

Raku workshops

As you know the last workshop was postponed due to the total fire ban for most of the end of last year.

There is quite a bit of work on the shelves ready to go when we can fire up the kiln. We will wait until the weather is a little cooler and less humid.

Mid-fire

2019 saw a couple of successful mid-fire events. Though they were not widely advertised.

Why mid-fire? The results are similar to stoneware with vitrification and glaze results but because we fire at a slightly lower (around cone 6, 1220°C rather than cone 10 1280°C) temperature it is more cost effective.

However we ask that you be very sure of your use of a suitable clay and glaze for mid-fire. The bases definitely need to be free of glaze for up to 5mm as you cannot use props and the glaze is more likely to run!

Recycling clay

We have a lot clay in the studio that needs to be recycled. Some in the form of donated blocks some from failed projects etc.

Remember we cannot recycle bisqued ware or any clay that has been in contact with plaster!!!

Clean up when you are finished

Please leave the wheels and benches clean and tidy ready for the next user. Some of the benches and wheels are already looking a little manky.

Our Annual and Xmas Exhibitions

Get working on pieces for end of the year - we have booked Richard Randall again.

We hope more members will be involved the exhibition this year. Any suggestions for change of name, format will be most welcome.

On top of our Annual Exhibition in October we have committed to participating in a Xmas Tree decoration event at the ABC Studios at Southbank at the end of the year.

Final details are yet to be worked out but keep it in mind when we get working in the studio! Shapes, size colour are all things to be considered.

Library display

We have booked for September this time.

Monthly meetings and membership

Membership for 2020 is now due. The cost remains at \$32 which is very reasonable considering the space and equipment you will have access to.

Forms are on-line and easily filled out in Acrobat and emailed back.

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Next meeting is 5 February at 10am - see you there with your ideas for 2020.

Cheers, David

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MEMBERS' TO DO LIST

The studio 2020

28 February - GOLD class will be in the studio.
Regular member studio day not available.

5 February - First monthly meeting for the year.

2020 - Sherwood Community Market (To be confirmed)

2020 - Raku

2020 - September in the Fairfield Library

2020 - October Annual Exhibition

2020 - BVAC Pop-up-Shops

2020 - The rest is up to you!



Western Suburbs December 2019 BVAC



The WSC tables at the
November/December 2019
BVAC Pop-up-Shop.

WSC were well represented but
only with 5 members present!



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