



Exhibition
was Extended
to 29th Jan

From the Ground Up VPinc Exhibition

All are invited
Saturday 19th Nov 2022
to 29 January 2023

MiRa

MARYSVILLE INFORMATION
+ REGIONAL ARTSPACE

Gallipoli Park
11 Murchison Street
Marysville VIC 3779

WHAT'S NEW AT VALLEY POTTERS

Exhibitions

MiRa Exhibition Opening
VPinc Exhibition Nov/Dec/Jan

End of Year Gathering

Point Leo Estate and Coolart
Gardens, Somers

Workshops to come ...

Events to come ...

Exhibitions to come ...

Herring Island Exhibition
Warrandyte Pottery Expo

Members in General Info

Calendar & Up Coming Excursions & a whole lot more ...

Links to forms and payment details:

*This is an interactive newsletter, click any article,
picture or word to be linked into its web page.*



MEMBERSHIP has it's rewards!

MiRa VPinc Exhibition



Coming up ...

EXHIBITIONS

Get your pots ready, cause exhibitions are coming thick and fast!



... for Exhibition information
and Entry Forms:

EMBRACING A POSITIVE COMMUNITY

EXHIBIT WITH VALLEY POTTERS AT POTTERY EXPO

FRI 24 - SUN 26
FEBRUARY 2023

WARRANDYTE
COMMUNITY
HUB



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What are you
waiting for?
Exhibit your
pottery NOW!



A membership in Valley Potters means you have access to a great many assets. We encourage you to participate in any of our workshops or exhibitions; however, if you feel a little unsure of how to go about it....

HELP is at hand!

Call any of our fabulous Committee and they will gently guide you through the process of labelling, packaging, presenting. It's important to understand that when we hire a Gallery space, they have ways of curating that we must follow. Artist Statements and Biographies as well as good quality images are now commonly required to apply to a Gallery. We at Valley Potters strive to hire contemporary Galleries to give each of our members a chance to exhibit in a professional environment at a reasonable cost.

So if you are hesitating about entering in one of our exhibitions; Don't!! **Be bold!** Have a chat with one of us and we can get you there!

2022 The Year that was ...

Raku Firing

June

Pit Firing

July

Weekend Away

August

AGM + Quiz + Photo Workshop

September

MiRa : From the Ground Up*

November

END OF YEAR PICNIC

December

Hello All, Happy New Year!

Just in case you have not heard yet,

Mira Gallery loves us!

The Exhibition at Mira was extended.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Bernadette Skinner, Exhibitions Officer
exhibitions@valleypotters.org.au

Well Done Bernadette and Congratulations of an excellent exhibition. Many remarked on how calm, patient and professional you are at curating. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to Valley Potters:

**Lize Myburgh
Graham Foxman
Melanie Shuval
June Harling
Hannah Chubb
Kirsty Moore
Eileen van Bavel**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November/December 2022
+ January 2023

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year!!! I hope you all had a great Christmas and start to 2023.

Welcome to our new members, it's wonderful to have you join us and I hope you enjoy the exhibitions, workshops and other experiences we have on offer.

2022 was a testing year for some, but a year filled with some fantastic workshops and exhibitions, I want to thank everyone who participated and those who organized the events. It was great that we had a year without having to postpone or cancel anything.

There are quite a few fun and interesting workshops planned for this year so please keep an eye on the Website and our social media. Our first workshop being Ikebana, something I have always been interested in.

Our Exhibition team was extremely hard at work with the beautiful exhibition at MiRA "From the Ground Up" which was extended to the end of January.

Valley Potters are thrilled to be part of the Summer Arts Festival and exhibiting at Herring Island again, it's a great space to visit and fun to travel on the punt to get to the island. If you haven't been there before I would recommend a visit and sitting in the gallery is a wonderful experience to chat with the visitors about the work on display, fingers crossed that everything goes to plan for the opening of this years exhibition.

Warrandyte Pottery Expo has invited us to put on an exhibition in the Community building across the road from the Expo this year.

I hope to see you soon.

Alli

What's coming up in 2023

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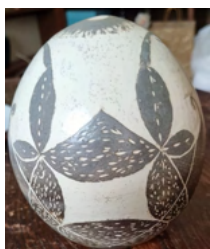
FEB '23

Exhibit with Valley Potters

Herring Island Summer Arts Festival 2023



Exhibition dates 25th, 26th February
Location: Community Hub Warrandyte



While at Herring Island, check out and purchase the special presentation of pottery that Alistair Whyte & Ken Naki have been creating with traditional sand drawings to help raise funds to revive the pottery industry on Malecula Island, Vanuatu.

POTTERY EXPO

SAT 25 & SUN 26
FEBRUARY 2023
EDGE TO EDGE

WARRANDYTE
ON THE RIVER BANK YARRA ST
10AM - 5.30PM
SPECIAL GUEST POTTERS FROM WA



WWW.POTTERYEXPO.COM

Exhibition dates 25th, 26th February
Location: Community Hub Warrandyte



WEEKEND AWAY

Details to come

APRIL '23

BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK

NORTHCOTE POTTERY DANDENONG



WED 12TH APRIL 10:30AM
FOLLOWED BY AFGAN LUNCH

Tour of Northcote Pottery Clayworks Factory
Date: 12th April 2023

WORKSHOPS

IKEBANA Workshop

with Aileen Duke

March 19, 2023



Firing

Hands on Raku Firing.

Date: 25th June



Pit Firing - Over 2 Weekends

Fabulous Pit Firing.

Date: 13th August & pick up 20th August



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2022/2023 NEW \$50 per year membership

VALLEY POTTERS MEMBERSHIP

A \$50.00 one-year Valley Potters Membership
with electronic delivery of newsletter.

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Application form online: [HERE](#)

We welcome & encourage Victorian clay lovers to learn
& share our collective knowledge of achieving ceramic
craftsmanship. www.valleypotters.org.au



VALLEY POTTERS APRON \$40.00



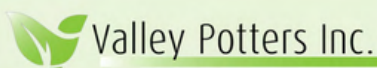
This lovely practical apron is
a fundraiser for the Valley
Potters. It is beautifully
embroidered with our logo.
Money raised will help keep
our costs down and make
you look fabulous.

Made with polyester/cotton
blend. One size.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you to those who have contributed to our
VPinc NEWSLETTER. Can't do it without your help.

NEWSLETTER contributions are always welcome.
Please send photos and articles to me:
helena@valleypotters.org.au



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Meet your NEW 2022/23 Committee Members

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MiRa Exhibition

Grande Opening

Valley Potters Exhibition
"From the Ground Up" at MIRA.

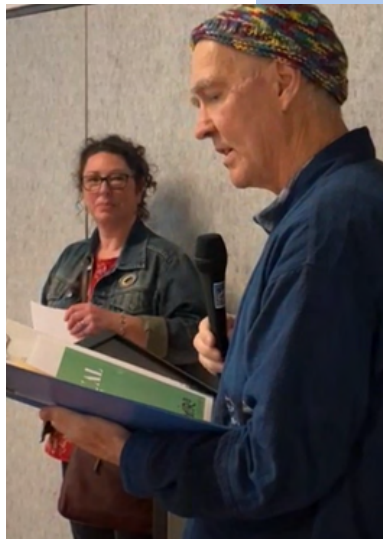
A fabulous afternoon with a great many people turning out for our Opening.

Special heartfelt thanks goes to our judge, Master Potter Alistair Whyte for his taking the time to join us.

Congratulations to Bernadette, Kathryn, Linda, Alli, Laura, Karen and everyone who helped transport, unpack, set up and co-ordinate our great event!

Well done to the 22 potters who participated this year! A great turnout!

Congratulations to all!



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MiRa Exhibition

continued...

CONGRATULATIONS

Mira Exhibition Opening 19th November 2022

It was a soft sky day in Marysville last November when many interested potophiles gathered at MIRA to attend the Opening of our Annual Exhibition. Our judge for the prizes was Master Potter Alastair Whyte, and he was very glowing in his appreciation of the diversity and calibre of Valley Potters members.

The Gallery gradually filled as many visitors came through, even Bruno the Sculptor popped in and chatted with me. The ceramics on display were varied and textural, colourful and subtle, wall pieces, sculpture, wheel thrown, hand built... an amazing collection, yet not discordant.

"It is such a joy..."

There was a quiet unity in the exhibition as a whole. It was a convivial group of people who checked out the work, had a glass or two of wine, reminisced and planned the next one.

It is such a joy to be a part of this. It's easy to feel comfortable as you talk to the ceramicists about their work, inspiration, ideas for new pieces- all so inspiring and uplifting. It's quite a confidence builder to see your work out of a dusty studio and sitting proud on a plinth in a proper Gallery. I encourage everyone to put at least one thing in for next time to be part of this experience!

Enjoy! Juliet

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Lisbeth Duncan Acquisition prize
Jill Anderson



Walkers Award
Ian Hodge



Northcote Pottery Award
Gillian Tomasich



Valley Potters Award
Bernadette Skinner



Ruth Peterson Award
Danielle Segal



End of Year Gathering

END OF YEAR PICNIC

Sunday 11th December 2022

A DAY ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA



POINT LEO ESTATE sculpture gardens
COOLART GARDENS picnic on the lawns

A very enjoyable and relaxed activity for a warm balmy day.

We wandered around the sculptural park before a picnic lunch and visit to the gallery which had fabulous post war Australian sculptures of 1950's



Jill

What's the buzz ...

Calendar of Events

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



February 2023

- 10th Feb (Fri) - Set up Herring Island 9:30 to 10:30am
11th Feb (Sat) - **Herring Island Opening 12-2pm**
15th Feb (Wed) - Warrandyte Entry forms due
23rd Feb (Thur) - Set up Warrandyte Community Hub 12:30 to 1:30pm
26th Feb (Sun) - Pack Warrandyte Exhibition at Community Hub 5.30pm
27th Feb (Mon) - Herring Island bump out. Meet at depot 9.30-10.30am

March 2023

WORKSHOP Ikebana - 19th March

April 2023

Factory Tour - 12th April - Northcote Pottery Clayworks

June 2023

WORKSHOP Raku - Sun 25th June

July 2023 1st July MEMBERSHIP DUE

August 2023

WORKSHOP Pit firing - Sun 13th August (Pick up 20th August)

September 2023

AGM - 16th Sept @ Japara

Mini Workshop - Small Totem Pole- Laura at AGM

Get your ideas ready ...more details to come

Practice, Practice, Practice.....



Melbourne Teapot Exhibition August 2023



TACA Open Studios November 2022

While away in Brisbane, awaiting my first Grandchild, I visited a TACA Open Studio artist Carys Martin outside of Brisbane. How great was this. I'm based Victoria, but can look up an artist through The Australian Ceramics Association to find a potter to visit. I also needed something to keep my fingers busy in the hotel room, so I got some clay.

Carys was lovely and her studio was amazing. Full of her pottery, glaze samples, artwork, her son Tommy and of course the studio K9 Bramble.

Explored her fully equipped studio where Carys creates and teaches her love of clay through classes and workshops, I chatted with Carys about her projects, finding inspiration and her love of clay as a medium. Mugs, bowls, special orders and small animals hand built for loads of vessels, vases and containers.

Cheers, Helena
Newsletter Officer



AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS
OPEN STUDIOS
12 & 13 NOVEMBER 2022



THE 2023 AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS OPEN STUDIOS WILL BE HELD ON 11 & 12 NOVEMBER.

Australian Ceramics Open Studios (ACOS) is an annual, nationwide, weekend event that celebrates clay, community and creativity.

Hosted by The Australian Ceramics Association, ceramics studios around Australia open their doors to offer a peek into their making, practical demonstrations and the chance to take home a handmade piece.

NOTE: Expressions of Interest for opening your studio in 2023 will open in May 2023

Dandenong Ranges Open Studios

29 April 2023 to 30 April 2023

Burrinja Cultural Centre
Glenfern Road
Upwey, VIC
(03) 9754 8723
openstudios@burrinja.org.au



TRANSCEND



Valley Potters members open their studios to all!



Juliet Widdows Studio Ceramics

11 Menzies Road
Menzies Creek, VIC 3459



Info, Fun, Facts, Giggles + Silly



Liquid Quartz:

While some potters use wax to shine up their pots, others use Liquid Quartz. Big and Small spray bottles of Liquid Quartz are available to keep your porous pit fired vessels sealed, glossy and easier to keep clean.



Silicone tipped tools from up cycled pencils, dowels and brushes.



Trivia: Where can you see next years Chinese animal?

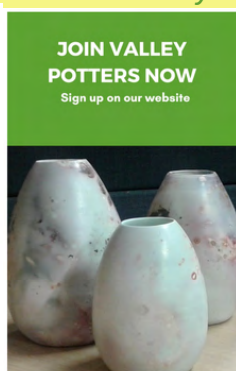
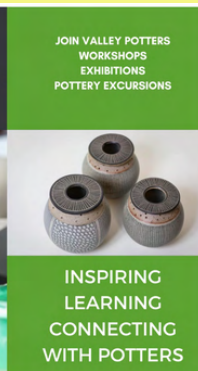
Lego has now released a POTTER !



Lego's newest minifigure set includes a little potter at the wheel 😊



Membership cards will be available at all Valley Potter functions



Valley Potters are a non-profit member based organisation that have been running for over 40 years.

We provide a point of contact and connection with fellow Victorian potters by holding at least one exhibition a year, open to all members. We run workshops and social events, and members receive a regular newsletter. We'd love you to join us.

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ARALUEN CULTURAL CENTRE ALICE SPRINGS

I was privileged to be in Alice Springs for the SIXTY exhibition and Ceramics Conference this year. I wandered around the Araluen Cultural Centre, where they have four beautiful, light, open Gallery spaces displaying at the time a vast amount of Ceramics and Indigenous Artworks. After thoroughly examining all of these wonderful works, I went into the gardens where there is sculptures and a small coffee shop and also a well equipped Ceramic room. Unfortunately there was no-one around for me to talk to about their program on the day, so I just had a wander through myself. The aim is to encourage Indigenous people to create works in clay that can then be sold to help maintain the program and their Community. There was a large working space for handbuilding and I gather that some weaving and basketry may have been done there also. In other rooms there was a set of Venco wheels, loads of shelving and a decent sized kiln too. Really well set up and obviously a lovely hub to connect and create in. Then my eye was caught by a dusty glass cabinet that housed an amazing collection of ceramics by really well known potters. I took photos of some of my favourites but it was difficult through the glass. As I read the labels, I gathered at some stage there was a concerted effort by the Crafts Council of the Northern Territory to gather a collection for display. Seemed to have finished by the late nineties as all the works were dated prior to 2000. These were the names and potters that inspired me in my early days as a potter, so it was like meeting old friends again. Very well worth visiting if you can get there.



Juliet at the cabinet of Treasures



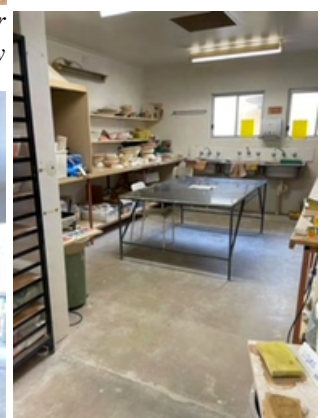
*Steel Sculpture of a lobster
at the approach to the Gallery*



*Lots of shelving in the
Studio space*



Wheel area in the Studio



Work space in the Studio

ARALUEN CULTURAL CENTRE ALICE SPRINGS

... Continued

I loved the selection of Artwork there. From the exquisitely fine porcelain of Tim Strachan, Les Blakeborough and Vic Greenaway to the rough, textural surfaces of the fumed Raku by Jeff Mincham and Rori Artman. The collection included Pit fired work by Ray Jensen and brightly coloured earthenware work by Stephen Davies. It was a good cross section of many techniques and firing temperatures. Even an Allan Peascod iconic jar tucked up the back! Brought back memories of College and the enthusiasm and inspiration these people stirred up in this potter's heart.



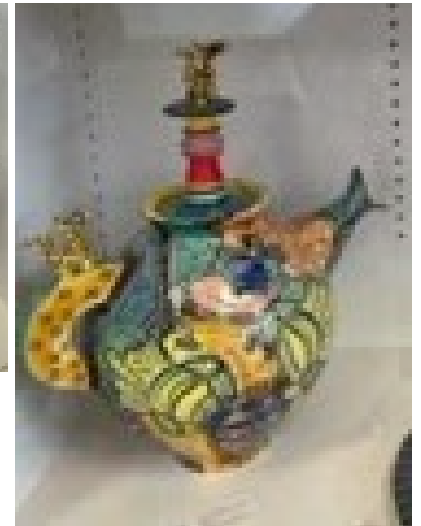
*Ray Jensen - Earthenware,
burnished and Pit fired*



*Tim Strachan - porcelain, white crackle glaze and oxide brushwork
Les Blakeborough -porcelain with oxide brushwork
Vic Greenaway - stoneware, onglaze and lustre brushwork*



*Allan Peascod
- Stoneware,
high fired with brushwork*



*Stephen Davies
- Earthenware with coloured slips*



*Greg Daly
- Porcelain, high fired crackle gold glaze*



Jeff Mincham - Fumed Raku



Rori Artman - Fumed Raku

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Art Galleries and Theatre



NAKE & NUDE CALL FOR ENTRIES

\$37,000 prize money
Closes 23 June

online entry form
www.friendsmanningvalley.com.au
Manning Regional Art Gallery
12 Macquarie Street TAREE
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ART PRIZE 2023

RAVENSWOOD
AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S
ART PRIZE

ENTRIES OPEN
15 November 2022

ENTRIES CLOSE
15 February 2023

OPENING NIGHT
12 May 2023

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FIRST PRIZE

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Instagram & Facebook

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DISPLAY EQUIPMENT HIRE

Valley Potters members are able to hire various sizes and sets of display tables.

These may be very useful for Open Studios and Exhibitions.

Price on application, starting from \$10,
depending on how many sets are required.

COST TO HIRE PLINTHS

1 - 5 Plinths \$50 with a \$50 deposit

6 - 10 Plinths \$100 with a \$100 deposit

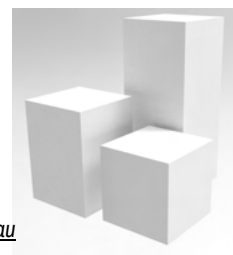
10 - 20 Plinths \$200 with a \$200 deposit

For inquiries and bookings please contact Alli Duckworth on 0425807230 or email vicepresident@valleypotters.org.au

[CLICK HERE](#)



Any help from family or friends to help move the plinths would be greatly appreciated!
Contact Bernadette,
exhibitions@valleypotters.org.au



**YES,
YOU can help
Valley Potters !**



We all have a place in this wonderful group of Ceramic Creatives and you can have your say too! We welcome and value any input, suggestions, ideas for Studio Visits or Workshops.

Raise your voice and tell us what you are interested in. To support these events we hold Raffles, Silent Auctions, Merchandise and more in order to raise funds for Gallery Hiring and paying Guest Tutors.

Hop on the website, like us on Facebook and Instagram and spread the word amongst fellow enthusiasts. **We Need You!**

CLASSIFIEDS

A new thing coming to the newsletter for members!

If you have something you'd like to sell, and that can fill in a 30 word, 5 line classified: send your info to our Newsletter Officer, Subject: "CLASSIFIEDS" helena@valleypotters.org.au

What: How Much: \$
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