

exhibition catalogue 2023

In 2016, Will Twycross approached us with an idea to honour the creative life of his godmother Klytie Pate, whilst also contributing to the development of artists in the field of studio pottery.

Presentation of the highly regarded Open Award would not be possible without the generosity of the continued sponsorship of Will Twycross and the Emerging Artist award's new sponsor, Valentina De Maria.

We are delighted to bring you the Klytie Pate Award and Exhibition which has attracted an inspiring field of works from around Australia and New Zealand.

Arts Mansfield would like to thank our judges, Rachel Arndt, Director Wangaratta Art Gallery, Melinda Martin CEO SAM (Shepparton Arts Museum) and renowned NSW ceramist Susie McMeekin. We also acknowledge the assistance of Arts Mansfield's Klytie Pate 2023 Coordinator Kathryn Ruddick.

On behalf of the Arts Mansfield Committee, we welcome you to the Klytie Pate Ceramic Award Exhibition.

Arts Mansfield welcomes you to the fourth Klytie Pate Ceramics Award

Ceramics was one of the first art forms in human history to emerge out of strict necessity... The need to carry and store water.

It seems it lent itself to art because of the malleability of clay, the ability to draw or etch images onto its surface and finally the wheel.

I grew up watching Klytie's magical treadle driven wheel where a lump of clay would turn into a tall receptacle within the blink of an eye. Her fillagree work in Australian flora and fauna themes were especially distinctive, as were her glazes. Klytie was my parent's best friend, and I was her godson. She was, in her later years, eccentric but loveable. Her work is represented in the collections of all of Australia's best ceramic galleries.

Klytie was not very wealthy, but she left me a legacy which I used to help the construction of the 'Klytie Pate Treasury' at 'Beleura', Mornington. Sponsoring this prize will be secure and ongoing, so thanks to all the participants and we hope to see your work again. I have seen images of it, and it looks very exciting.

Will Twycross
MANSFIELD

finalists

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

ALISON SMILES	4	MAHALA HILL
ALLISON MUELLER	5	MARIANNE HUHN
ANNA BATTERSBY	6	MARLIZE MYBURGH
ANNE MOSSMAN	7	MINEKO SHIMAZAWA
CARA ASHEROVITCH	8	MINNA GRAHAM
CATHY FRANZI	9	NICCI PARRY-JONES
CSONGVAY BLACKWOOD	10	NICOLETTE JOHNSON
DR SANDRA LOCKWOOD	11	PETA BERGHOFER
FLEUR SCHELL	12	PIE BOLTON
GREG DALY	13	ROBYN PHELAN
HANNAH VORRATH-PAJAK	14	SALLY KENT
IAN HODGE	15	SIMON REECE
JANE BURN	16	SIMONE FRASER
JANICE KEEN	17	SOPHIE MORAN
JULIE NASH	18	STEPH WALLACE
KIRSTY MANGER	19	STEVEN GOLDATE
LEA DURIE	20	TANIA VRANCIC
LENE KUHL JAKOBSEN	21	YOKO OZAWA
LUKE ATKINSON	22	

ALISON SMILES

We worked until the sun started to turn to fire and slip into the sea. The dogs calling us to feed them. Looking into the faded world of tools, scratchy drawings, and empty coffee cups, it was as if I could see our golden words still gently floating in the air. The intangible energy from twin minds bubbling around us.



Golden Eye 1 & 2



COIL BUILT WHITE RAKU CLAY, UNDERGLAZES AND GOLD LUSTRE $460 \times 800 \times 300$



In The Round #2

CERAMIC GLAZED 350 X 230

Is there a connection between nature and design? Certainly, colour and texture for me is the link. My work is all about the forms, adding surface or glaze to simple wheel thrown shapes. I love the gritty, earthy texture of the raku clay which I use. All of the glazes had to have visual interest, matt, glossy, rough or smooth. This work is a combination of textures and glaze experiments.



ALLISON
MUELLER
Emerging Artist

_____<u>5</u>

ANNA BATTERSBY



PORCELAIN, SLIP WORK AND PRESS MOULDING 330 \times 280 \times 48

Mementos



Seeking the ephemeral within the permanence of clay, gestural movements are captured in fluid porcelain and oxides, then promptly compressed into plaster moulds. The shell-like mementos display the physical and energetic imprints, highlighting the entanglement between artist, material, and process. Rare earth oxide glazes add to the ephemeral quality with the dichroic lavender-to-green glaze.

Colour me Light references light and colour in Mossman's bromeliads garden. When light moves through the garden the striking architectural shapes are further enhanced by their brilliant colours. The layering construction replicates movement of the light as the colours weave up the vessel. Using the Japanese nerikomi technique, porcelain is coloured and layered before being sliced.



Colour me Light



COLOURED PORCELAIN USING THE NERIKOMI TECHNIQUE (STAINED/LAYERED) 210 X 150 X 240

ANNE MOSSMAN

CARA ASHEROVITCH

Emerging Artist

Grounded is a response to the 2022 floods that devastated our area and refers to the process of returning to a grounded state after turmoil. This is one of a series. Pieces are slip cast in porcelain and wood fired. The story of the fire imprints the pots, showing the flow of ash and flames through the kiln.



Grounded



SLIP CAST PORCELAIN, WOOD FIRED 220 X 170



In my work Daviesia leptophylla, I continue the fascination by artists, such as Klytie Pate, in the subject of Australia's distinctive flora. This plant can be found in bushland around Mansfield, with its recognisable 'eggs and bacon' flowers. To depict the plant's form I use sgraffito, carving through engobe to reveal porcelain below, and sumptuous glaze to accentuate flower colour.



Daviesia leptophylla

PORCELAIN, WHEEL THROWN AND ALTERED, SGRAFFITO 208 X 295 X 215

> CATHY FRANZI

CSONGVAY BLACKWOOD

a collaboration between Coilla Coongray and Matt Blackwood

R2.0 is a sculpture of a broad wave reaching its highest peak that is now beginning its descent. The hard-edge geometries of R2.0 and the broader Making Waves collection reference a range of 'Reproduction' numbers. The lower the R number, the smaller the wave of the virus, and the smaller the wave of our Making Waves sculptures.



R2.0

R2.0 IS MADE FROM CERAMIC STONEWARE AND IS SLAB BUILT, AND IS PART OF OUR 'MAKING WAVES' COLLECTION 300 X 270 X 120



Morphogenic Landscape

CERAMICS, HAND BUILT, WOODFIRED AND SALT GLAZED 300 X 440 X 160



This work is made from clay I have composed with added found materials. It has been wood fired and salt glazed. It tells of raw memory. Not disguised, smoothed over or tidied up. It weaves ancient earth memory into the story of making and firing to stand as witness to what has bought us to this point.

DR SANDRA LOCKWOOD

FLEUR SCHELL

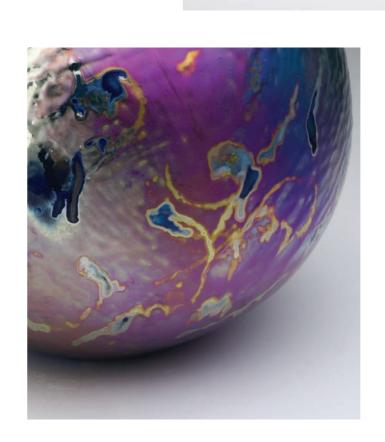
As a child I was mesmerised by the fringes on my clothing, the edges that tasseled and shimmered. Fringe is also described as not part of the mainstream, on the periphery. This strange alternate universe, rich with characters and creatures not that different to me just living a different life. I yearn to live on the fringe, where humans cohabitate with the natural world.





The Fringe





Summer Light

THROWN, LUSTRE GLAZE USING SILVER, BISMUTH AND COBALT

210 X 220

From first light to sunset, I watch the day's light traversing my landscape, interacting with the atmosphere, the topography and the flora. A slow symphony of colour, ever changing. This interaction is something akin to alchemy for me. The transmutation of the base elements of photons, air and earth into precious visions. A myriad of colours, some subtle, some overwhelming, never the same.



HANNAH VORRATH-PAJAK

Chocolate Beaker and Saucer



WHEEL THROWN PORCELAIN IN AN OIL SPOT TENMOKU GLAZE, OXIDATION FIRED

154 X 9

Chocolate Beaker and Saucer reimagines two-handled chocolate beakers and saucers made by Meissen Porcelain Manufactory in the early 18th century. At this time, chocolate was a luxury item in Germany, resulting in tableware developed specifically for its service. These curious and ornate examples inspired Vorrath-Pajak to make her own version, wheel thrown in porcelain and dressed in an oil spot tenmoku glaze.





From The Sky

HAND BUILT STONEWARE CERAMIC WITH INSCRIBED MARKINGS COLOURED SLIPS, GLAZE AND IMPREGNATED STONE. 180 X 120 X 250

A parched, scorched windswept landscape, thirsty and dry. Above, promising clouds gather filling a once blue sky. Now much cherished rain. 'Salvation Arrived'.



IAN
HODGE
Emerging Artist

 $\underline{14}$ $\underline{15}$

JANE BURN

Vessels inspired by ancient forms, handbuilt using locally sourced clay from my island home. The vessels ARE the land, their colour and texture all created from the land beneath our feet, the seaweed that washes up on our shores embellishes the surfaces, a true representation of my home on Waiheke Island.

HAND BUILT COIL TECHNIQUE USING WILD CLAY AND SEAWEED GATHERED FROM WAIHEKE ISLAND NEW ZEALAND 260 X 210 X 60







White Gum

WHEEL THROWN PLATTER IN STONEWARE CLAY WITH PORCELAIN SLIP AND OXIDE LAYERS. REDUCTION FIRED TO CONE 9
360 ROUND

White Gum utilizes clay as a medium to convey texture, color, and line. By carefully selecting materials and employing techniques such as layering and mark-making, I craft dynamic compositions that encourage viewers to delve into the intricacies of the surfaces. My platter draws inspiration from my Wallangarra White Gum with layered slips and oxides evoking the bark's appearance after rain.



Land and Sea

JANICE KEEN

JULIE NASH





No Bees No Life 3

Pursuing environmental themes in my work highlights the issues presently threatening our natural ecosystems. This watering can features native plants and four native bee species, under attack from insecticides, herbicides, food farming and habitat destruction. Using underglaze pencils to create the illustrations on the ceramic surface enables botanical and anatomical details to be recorded.

WHEEL THROWN CERAMIC FORM WITH PULLED HANDLES AND UNDERGLAZE PENCIL ILLUSTRATION

300 X 350 X 140



Shadow Bowl

MIDFIRE PORCELAIN, SLAB BUILT, SPRIGS. 1220°, SEALED WITH LIQUID QUARTZ

290 X 170



Kirsty Manger's 'Shadow Series' ceramic sculptures artfully blend perspective, surface treatment, and light play. An aerial lens captures horses and abstract shadows under the afternoon sun's spell. The smooth, raw surface contrast with areas textured with hessian feed cloth, casting a mesmerising dance of artistry to the simple porcelain

KIRSTY MANGER



LEA DURIE



First Aid Kit

First Aid Kit is a response to the contrast between the summer of 2019-20, and the loss of natural habitat to fires, and the summer of 2021-22, when the rains came and brought both reprieve and further devastation. It explores the abundance and necessity of water in a landscape that a few months prior held no capacity for sustenance.

HAND BUILT CERAMICS, WITH SLIP AND UNDERGLAZES $260 \times 160 \times 90$



'Terrene' – of earth stoneware, shino glaze, wheel thrown, carved, wood fired $_{\rm 135\,X\,120}$



Eucalyptus seed capsules or 'gumnuts' have fascinated me since I first encountered them in the Australian bush having moved from Denmark to Victoria. Gumnuts resemble perfect vessels and inspired the shape of this wheel thrown stoneware piece. It has been woodfired to 1300 degrees and the carved surface treatment shows subtle colour differences from the ash deposits.

LENE KUHL JAKOBSEN

<u>20</u>

LUKE ATKINSON Emerging Artist



Ringed Bowl

WHEEL THROWN BOWL, IN BLACK SCARVA CLAY WITH STAINED SLIPS AND OXIDE WASHES

260 X 80

Can the shape of a vessel change through repetition, evolving into something completely different from its beginnings? When creating a body of work for my graduation exhibition, I focused on one shape: a straight-sided cylinder. During this process, I varied the height, width and angles until the shape evolved and changed. Stained slips were used over glazes, allowing the surface to be in focus.





Corrupted Growth III

BONE CHINA, STONEWARE BLACK CLAY, GLAZE. POST FIRED CONSTRUCTED BURN OUTS, EXPERIMENTAL GLAZE, HAND BUILT

130 X 130 X 140

A waste environment. An apocalyptic vision.

A constructed representation of an Australian
Native Bee, assembled from bone china
burn outs, dominates the oozing glaze
landscape. The excess of material illustrates
the disfigurement of the natural world.
Mimicking colours of candy and plastic
showing over consumption yet
simultaneously luring the viewer.



MAHALA HILL

MARIANNE HUHN

Through the Trees



LIMOGES AND AUSTRALIAN PORCELAIN WITH BLUE STAIN UNDERGLAZE REDUCTION FIRING ROUND BOWL-130 X 90, FLAT BOWL - 150 X 90



The series 'through the trees' began when I was drawing the trees of winter. The stark shadows of the winter trees in the suburban streets where I live, and the barren winter landscapes of Victoria gave me ample lines and patterns to establish a narrative. Through the trees is a visual metaphor, it's about looking beyond the surface, seeing past what's in front of you, looking for the hidden depths.



Intertwine

MIDFIRE CLAY HAND BUILT WITH SLABS AND CARVED

23 X 23 X 29

Intertwine transports us to a mesmerizing realm where fantasy, nature, and science fiction intertwine harmoniously. Drawing inspiration from this fusion, Myburgh skillfully crafts a piece that captures the very essence of organic matter undergoing a remarkable metamorphosis into a captivating sculptural form. The artwork invites viewers on a journey of exploration of imagination.



MARLIZE MYBURGH

MINEKO SHIMAZAWA

Emerging Artist



Full Blossom



PORCELAIN, HAND BUILT ALTERED SLAB, HIGH-FIRED WITH CRYSTALLINE GLAZE 290 X 280 X 35

Full Blossom, a plate with gently curved lines and rising points at corners, carries fully-grown crystalline blossoms. While I have control over shaping the plate's curves and edges, coaxing the crystals to blossom involved intricate negotiations with glaze ingredients and firing cycles. Finding the vessel coming out of the kiln full of beautifully bloomed crystals was sheer bliss.

Patagonia

CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF 3 VESSELS. THROWN AND CARVED WHITE STONEWARE, ASH GLAZE, BLACK PIGMENT, MATT BLACK GLAZE, FIRED IN REDUCTION

780 X 230 X 610

Using stoneware clay I communicate my emotional response to the Patagonian landscape. I cut, tear and rip, simulating the wildness of jagged mountains that dominate. I feel insignificant against corkscrewed earth and azure glaciers, but I am also in awe. Pigments and glazes augment textural contrasts, conflicting emotions spark. My relationship with nature is one of both peace and tension.





MINNA GRAHAM

NICCI PARRY-JONES

Beatrix, Steampunk Teapot

When I discovered Steampunk, I fell in love. For a lover of texture and detail, the ability to embellish with gusto was a dream come true. After 30 years in ceramics, one needs a challenge to keep inspired so I now combine the technical difficulty of creating functional teapots with intriguing surfaces using the wonderfully inclusive Steampunk aesthetic.

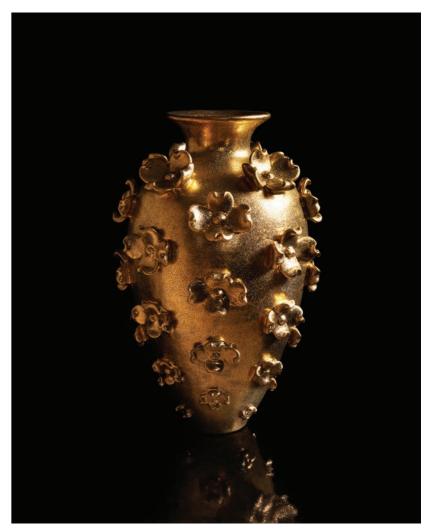




HIGH FIRED STONEWARE CLAY, THROWN AND ASSEMBLED, HAND DECORATED WITH STAMPS, LACE, SPRIGS AND SCULPTURAL ELEMENTS. COPPER CALCIUM MATT GLAZE EXTERIOR AND CHUN GLAZE INTERIOR. FULLY FUNCTIONAL UNIQUE TEAPOT. 210 × 240







Gilded Flower Pot

The pot is a warm field, an expanse of bright, gleaming sun. The pot is a canvas where golden flowers cascade neatly and buoyantly down. The pot's stony heft and metallic shell are answered with a softness—undulating petals, curling and inviting. The flower is a gesture that says "shed your dead things".

The flower is a beacon that trills "look—here is something that is alive!"



NICOLETTE JOHNSON

PETA BERGHOFER

Using hand building, staining and glazing techniques, Give Take forms an installation of ceramic assemblages. Each structure is made of both sculptural and functional objects where each object in a structure cannot exist without the other. Here, ambiguous artworks are formed, creating a symbiotic relationship between the historically, once opposing sides of domestic and art-based ceramics.





Give Take

HAND BUILT, COLOUR-STAINED STONEWARE AND EARTHENWARE WITH UNDERGLAZE AND GLAZE 400 X 450 X 200



You And I Are Earth





CERAMIC, HAND BUILT, WOOD FIRED, ASH GLAZED, GIFTED QUARTZ PEBBLE

370 X 280 X 170

Pie Bolton is a contemporary ceramic artist working on Boon Wurrung Country. Her process driven practice is full of conversations and collaborations with materials, always with constant attentiveness to their capacities and tendencies. This work highlights the preciousness of the earth and the care we should be taking of it and explores the vibrancy of material interactions through wood firing.

PIE BOLTON

ROBYN PHELAN



Gathering

HAND FORMED CLAY, TERRA SIGILLATA 330 X 330 X 150

Can anyone drive past canola in bloom and not be inspired by a field of brilliant yellow? Gathering takes its form and texture from hand woven baskets and speaks to human endeavour through acts of producing, harvesting, and connecting through food. The graphic surface treatment pays homage to Klytie's passion for abstract floral design and highlights the touch of the maker's hand.





HAND BUILT PORCELAIN, UNDERGLAZE, GLAZE, OXIDES AND GOLD LUSTRE $550\,\times\,800\,\times\,300$

I have created a work that celebrates human relationships and connection. The role that the subconscious plays in determining who we are attracted to is interrogated, by exploring the patterns formed in childhood that we unknowingly seek to recreate. I also imagine the urns holding those parts of ourselves that remain concealed and can never be shared with another.

SALLY KENT

SIMON REECE

CLAY, WHEEL THROWN, COILED AND MANIPULATED. DRY GLAZED, THREE FIRINGS, MID FIRED

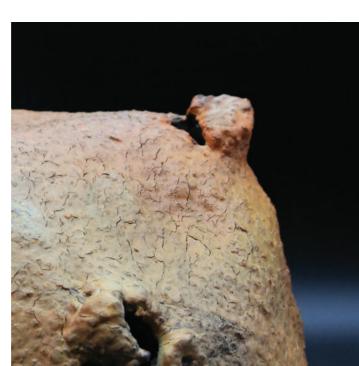
Most cultures have used vessels as icons or symbols on their historical journey, and I choose to work within this tradition. I continue my investigation into both the day-to-day acts of contemplation and the complex acts of social ceremony. It is also a link to the customs and practices that distinguish all cultures, including our contemporary world.





CERAMIC, SLIP, UNDERGLAZE AND GLAZE FIRED TO 1260 DEGREES CELSIUS 210 × 200 × 135

gomi grub is about our waste and waste management. Gomi is a Japanese word for garbage or rubbish. gomi grub is rubbish, consumes rubbish and recycles and transforms rubbish. A beautiful addition to our armoury for the management and ultimate acknowledgement of our collective responsibility.







SIMONE FRASER

SOPHIE MORAN

Carinated vessels are steeped in historical and cultural ambiguity. Meaning shaped like keel, the word carinate led me to contemplate the passage of ideas, carried through pots, over time and sea. These carinated jars have obscured markings, hinting at past events. They create a dialogue between the present and antiquity, reflecting on the channels of knowledge inherent to this craft.





Carinated Jars

STONEWARE CLAY, OXIDES, MATT GLAZE, WHEEL THROWN AND FIRED IN AN ELECTRIC KILN TO CONE 10

MEDIUM JAR - 200 X 180 TALL JAR - 230 X 170

Hollow Form





WHEEL THROWN BLACK MID-FIRE CLAY WITH SURFACE APPLICATION OF SLIPS, OXIDES AND INLAID UNDERGLAZE LINEWORK USING THE MISHIMA TECHNIQUE. MAGNESIUM CRAWL AND SILICON CARBIDE LAVA GLAZES 300×180

Steph Wallace is a ceramic artist based in Ballarat on Wadawurrung Country. Steph's work is deeply rooted in her connection to this land. Through her ceramics she weaves narratives that reflect the complexities of cultural identity and the legacies of colonialism on the contemporary landscape. Hollow Form examines this concept from a sculptural perspective.

STEPH WALLACE

STEVEN GOLDATE

Pink Flamingo. The Ice Crackle or Snowflake Crackle glaze originated in Sung Dynasty China where it is known as 'Guan' glaze. Not easy to master, this glaze required years of research and hundreds of clay and glaze tests to achieve a satisfactory result. Whereas other crackle glazes exhibit vertical cracks, the Ice Crackle glaze develops lateral, or horizontal cracks, imparting a 'flaky', layered appearance.





Pink Flamingo

WHEEL THROWN PLATTER WITH STAINED GUAN ICE CRACKLE GLAZE 340 X 310 X 55



IMPERIAL PORCELAIN SLIP, STAINS, CERAMIC PENCIL

120 X 115 X 83



Freedom - Leaf Obsession #2

For some time now I have been pursuing freedom in my work. I have found that my best work is made when I am 'in the zone' having fully let go of any inhibitions, preconceived ideas, and expectations, taking risks in my ceramic practice. Intuitive brushstrokes, sgraffito and ceramic pencil mark making relate to my long walks on Red Hill.

TANIA VRANCIC

YOKO **AZAWA**



Nightfall

Yoko's practice is deeply influenced by the Japanese notion of よはくyohaku (blank space), encountered during her foundational graduate studies in Japanese painting. Translated into her ceramic works and installation practice, yohaku defines the space and stillness surrounding objects. For the artist, the space inside and between her objects holds possibility and meaning, not simply 'nothingness.

THROWN AND HAND BUILT **OBJECTS, STONEWARE,** PORCELAIN, GLAZE 350 X 350 X 550



thankyou

The Arts Mansfield Committee would like to express their thanks to the following sponsors for their support of the Klytie Pate 2023 Ceramic Awards and Exhibition

KLYTIE PATE AWARD **WILL TWYCROSS**

VALENTINA DE MARIA EMERGING ARTIST AWARD **VALENTINA DE MARIA**

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD **ARTS MANSFIELD**

FREIGHT SERVICE MT BULLER ALPINE TRANSPORT

VENUE HOST MANSFIELD ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION - MACE



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT ARTSMANSFIELD.COM.AU





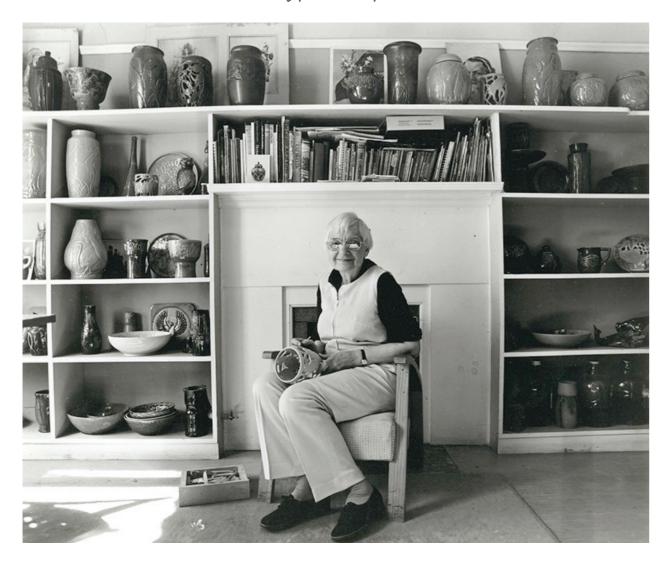
ARTS MANSFIELD IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY A MEMBERSHIP FORM CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE AT ARTSMANSFIELD.COM.AU

ARTS MANSFIELD AND KLYTIE PATE CERAMICS AWARD ARE BASED ON TAUNGURUNG COUNTRY. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.

CATALOGUE DESIGN BY YOULISSYS CREATIVE

FRONT COVER IMAGE MINEKO SHIMAZAWA **BACK COVER IMAGE ROBYN PHELAN**

1912 - 2010 Klyfie Pafe



The creative legacy of Klytie Pate is still unfolding...

Pate started making studio pottery in 1932 when she was twenty years old. By her early thirties, Pate devoted herself to working uninterrupted over the next 40 years when women were rarely professional artisans.

Pate exhibited at least once annually and grew in prominence as a practitioner. Once the National Gallery of Victoria purchased her modern Australian pottery in 1947, along with that of her former teacher, Allan Lowe (b 1907), Pate's commitment to making objects of formal and domestic elegance infused with personal symbolism was sealed.

She is included as one of the 100 artists in the National Gallery of Australia Know My Name: Australian Women Artists 1900 to Now exhibition.

Beloura House and Garden in Mornington has created a separate collection of Klytie Pate works, known as the The Klytie Pate Treasury—a survey collection which illustrates the way Klytie Pate's ouevre in ceramics developed over five decades.

This collection was gifted by Pate's godson Dr Will Twycross, to mark his parents' lifelong friendship with Klytie and Bill Pate and pay homage to Klytie Pate's skill and determination to succeed throughout her long life. The Klytie Pate Treasury is available for viewing during a scheduled Beloura House & Garden Tour or Recital.

Career trajectory is one thing, but stylistic invention, refined technique and inspired glazing were to justify and distinguish Klytie Pate's pioneering status. May her legacy flourish through the Award bearing her name.



BOTTLE-BRUSH, VASE
(C. 1939)
KLYTIE PATE
COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

43

BELEURA HOUSE AND GARDEN, MORNINGTON



THE BIENNIAL KLYTIE PATE AWARD FOR CERAMICS IS A NATIONAL PRIZE, OPEN TO ALL CERAMICISTS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN THE CRAFT.

THE AWARDS ARE A PRIZE OF \$10,000 FOR THE WINNING ARTIST, THE VALENTINA DE MARIA EMERGING ARTIST AWARD OF \$1,500 AND A PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD OF \$500.

HOSTED AT MACE 145-147 HIGH STREET MANSFIELD, VICTORIA