

## Discussion List

### The Australian Ceramics Association Email Discussion

List aims to facilitate direct discussion amongst Association members and other site visitors. You may have a technical question (or an answer); you might want to trace the maker or origins of a favourite ceramic piece; you may have some news to share or an issue to raise; you may be seeking a studio employment opportunity in Australia. If so, this Discussion List is for you.

Use it to post your questions, enquiries and replies.  
Joining is free and participation will enable you to draw on the collected wisdom of those similarly interested in Australian Ceramics.

**\*\*You must join the Discussion list BEFORE you can post to the list.\*\***

> [Join the Australian Ceramics Discussion List](#)

### Discussion list FAQ

#### Who reads my replies?

When you reply to a list message that you have received with your daily emails, you are not replying directly to the sender - you are sending the message to the whole list, all 400(+) of those who have subscribed thus far. Think of it as a big party line where everyone listens in to every conversation.

#### Can I reply to someone from the list privately?

If you want to reply to someone directly (off-list) ie you don't want everyone to read your message, you have to manually put their address into a new message.

#### Is there an etiquette regarding lists like this?

Yes - in order to preserve clarity and efficiency it pays to never quote the entire original message (or digest!) back to the list. If you keep doing it over and over it just increases the size of the messages and eventually makes them unreadable. Learn how to work with your email program and quote selectively in your replies by editing out all the rubbish in the header and footer - then edit out all in the message that you don't want to address. Try to keep the language and postings family friendly. Don't reply to a digest without changing the subject to match that of the individual message you are responding to.

It is also very important to send all emails to the list in plain text only. This is for the benefit of those subscribers who receive the list via digest (once daily), if the message is sent with coloured text or backgrounds it appears as lengthy code - not as the sender intended. So make sure your email software is set to send emails as plain text.

How do I get off the list?

All the information you need to post to the list, be taken off the list, or switch mode is included with every message (at the top). Or you can send an 'unsubscribe' submission using the form on the ACA website. Please don't send unsubscribe notices to the list.

Finally most of all have fun and enjoy trying out this new medium, use it to communicate messages about events etc, to ask technical questions (any questions for that matter) just to say hello and realise that there are a lot of others just like you out there in Australia and beyond...