



Founder- George Duncan Guthrie

Bendigo Pottery is Australia's oldest working pottery and a true Bendigo icon. It was established in 1858 making 2008 the year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this historic attraction.

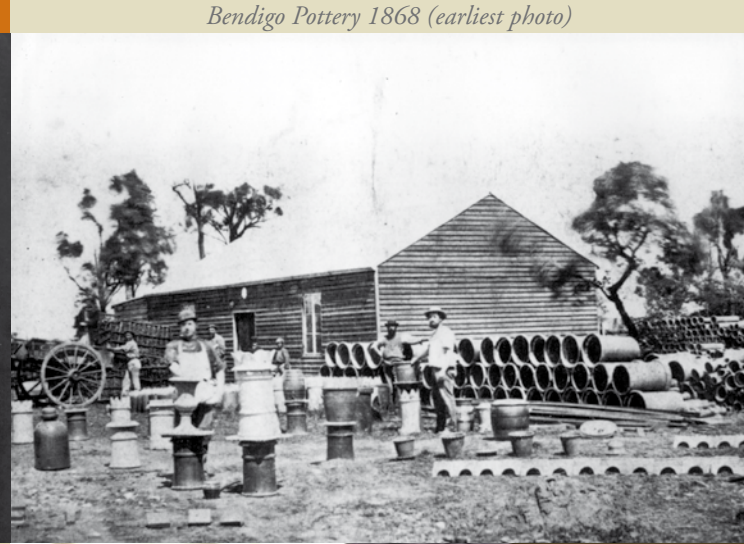
The world's most significant collection of heritage wood-fired kilns make a visit to Bendigo Pottery a must!

Our story since George Duncan Guthrie noticed the fine white clay of the district when he travelled to Australia from Scotland has created a living legacy.

Households across Australia and the world have welcomed Bendigo Pottery kitchen ware and products onto their dinner tables and into their hearts. Prized pieces made at the pottery are today sought after and highly collectable.

This program of events allows visitors of all ages to experience this authentic pottery and to celebrate the heritage, achievements and joy of ceramic making.

We welcome you to celebrate with us in 2008!



Bendigo Pottery 1868 (earliest photo)



150th Commemorative Range

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary,

Bendigo Pottery has designed a collection of specialty items which are available as souvenir or as limited-edition collectables. Visit our online shopping site to view these – www.bendigopottery.com.au

***Open
daily from
9am to 5pm***

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Australia's oldest working pottery**

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Our 150th Celebration Events



1-31 January Wood-fired Wonders Exhibition

Discover the art of ceramics with works fired in traditional wood-fired kilns from talented local artists.

2 - 26 February FigureARTive

Life Drawing Exhibition featuring six Bendigo artists.

1 - 16 March All Things Olive Exhibition

A celebration of this ancient and versatile fruit through the eyes of local artists.

Sunday 2 March Bendigo Olive Fiesta 10am - 4pm

Celebrate all things Mediterranean at this vibrant family event. Discover locally-produced olive products. Enjoy the festivities, live music, cooking demonstrations, and olive workshops.

Monday 24 March Bendigo Easter Festival

Bendigo Pottery joins Epsom Primary School for the Bendigo Easter Parade.

21 March - 27 April Toby Mug Exhibition

Mugs depicting the faces of well-known people have been



affectionately called Toby Mugs since the early 18th century in England. Toby Mugs went on to become a popular product line at the Bendigo Pottery, with a mug depicting Don Bradman one of the favourites. See an exhibition of old Toby Mugs and some new creations from local artists.

School Holidays

21 March - 6 April Make a Toby Mug

This hands-on school holiday activity allows kids of all ages to create their own piece of history in the Clay Play area.

1 - 31 May Makers & Markings Exhibition

An exhibition displaying how Bendigo Pottery pieces have been identifiably marked and glazed over the years. Stories about the Bendigo Pottery potters will be a highlight feature.

Saturday 17 May & Sunday 18 May Makers & Markings Talks 11am and 2pm each day

A weekend that will be of great interest to collectors and those who have a prized piece of Bendigo Pottery in their home. Guest speakers will examine how to identify when items were made and by whom. Bookings essential.

1-30 June Loose Splatterings

Contemporary works on paper, contemporary works on canvas & sculptural ceramics.

School Holidays

28 June - 13 July Make a Commemorative Tile

This hands-on school holiday activity allows kids of all ages to create their very own take-home commemorative tile in the Clay Play area.

5 - 26 July One Woman One Colour Exhibition

13 local women artists are taking part in this multi-installation exhibition, with artworks on display in the Paynter Gallery and also in central Bendigo.

2 - 31 August Collective Exhibition and DVD launch

An exhibition featuring one piece of artwork from each of the local artists.

1 September - 5 October The faces of Bendigo Pottery's 150 Years

A display of employee archives tracing the history of Bendigo Pottery. Discover photographs, files and the work of many past employees who have each helped to shape the 150 years.

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 September 150 Years Celebration Weekend

Rekindle or begin your connection to Australia's oldest working pottery as past and present friends, employees and patrons gather to celebrate. Explore the archives, search the employee database or leave your stories with us as we collect the memories. Entertainment and activities for the whole family.

Saturday 6 September 150th Reunion Dinner at 7pm

Take one of 150 seats at the celebration dinner and enjoy the time relaxing with old and new friends. Bookings essential.

School Holidays Paint A Plate

20 September - 5 October
Interactive workshops throughout the holidays to engage the kids. They'll add their flair and take home a lasting plateful of memories.

17 October - 7 December Daringly Decorative Bendigo Pottery Majolica Wares (1879 - 1910)

Exhibition on at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, located at 7-27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora in Melbourne.

Saturday 18 October Paint A Platter that Matters!

In this workshop discover the hints and techniques required to create a self-designed platter to take-home and show-off at your next dinner party. Bookings essential.

18 October - 23 November The Art of Sharing Exhibition

Exhibition of decorative ceramic platters in the Paynter Gallery.

1 - 31 December Botanical Bliss Exhibition

A celebration of botanically themed paintings and ceramics with vibrant and innovative works by Central Victorian artists.

