

BIOGRAPHY

Pie Bolton

Dip.Cer., BSc.(Hons), MFA, current PhD Candidate

Pie Bolton is a contemporary ceramic installation artist working on Bunurong country in Melbourne, Australia. Geology is the driving force in her process-based practice as she considers the laying down of sediments over deep geological time, the continuous slow flow of rocks, catastrophic earth events and properties like gravity. Bolton's work is grounded in the capacities and tendencies of materials and an interest in temporality. She researches correlations between geological and ceramic processes and often bisects her work to inspect the interior, revealing what is usually hidden. She uses interpretations of geological processes to expand ideas about humanity as a geological force. She has held many and varied solo and group exhibitions around Australia.

Bolton has been the recipient of a Creative Victoria Grant and an RMIT University Travel Research Grant. In 2015 she undertook a residency at The Pottery Workshop, Jingdezhen, China. She has recently had articles published in Garland Magazine and The Journal of Australian Ceramics.

Tertiary studies in both art and science (geology), and her endless quest for knowledge have resulted in a unique, authoritative practice. She has tertiary qualifications in ceramics, completed an MFA and is currently a PhD Candidate in the School of Art at RMIT University, Melbourne. She was employed professionally as a Ceramic Technician, heading up the workshops at Holmesglen TAFE and RMIT University for more than a decade.

In 2019 Bolton founded **The Kiln Room**, a unique ceramic resource in Melbourne. The Kiln Room is a fully equipped ceramic studio, growing in facilities and services as required by the ceramic community with intent to build connections between artists. Aims are to promote the sharing of knowledge and to embody the continued generosity of spirit of ceramicists and potters. The Kiln Room offers a specialist ceramic firing service, technical expertise, mentorship, artist studios and an International Residency Program.