

# CLAIRE BECK

## **Raku Artist**



**Claire Beck is a raku practitioner and ceramic sculptor living and teaching in Lower Beechmont.**

**Claire came late to ceramics having worked in publishing, advertising and IT for over 30 years. It was only on retirement she took up creative pursuits – firstly painting and printing and then for the past 10 years ceramic sculpture – more specifically Raku.**

**In raku, glazed work is brought up very quickly to around 1000degC. The work is removed while red hot and placed into bins of flammable material and sealed (the reduction process). In this way oxygen is removed from their surroundings and this leads to the wonderful iridescent colourful results you will see in my work.**

**She won the Tyalgum Festival Prize (part of the Caldera Art Awards) for her print “Rainforest Cathedral” in 2011 and was winner of the Tony Palmer award for sculpture in 2018 from the Sculptors Society Gold Coast as well as other awards.**

**For 4 years she was Treasurer of the Sculptors Society Gold Coast and for the past 2 years has been Treasurer for QCWA Beechmountain.**