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Clay shapes world

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POTTERS around the world are making masterpieces with clay made in Dandenong.

Clayworks Australia makes an appearance in canoe-shaped sculptures that appear to glide through the Dandenong Civic Centre foyer.

"Some of those are bone china, but one of them is made out of southern ice porcelain," director Max Campbell said.

"Southern ice porcelain is one of the best studio porcelains in the world and we export it to Singapore, Hong Kong, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, the UK, the US and New Zealand.

"It's very white, very translucent and it's fully vitrified (glasslike).

"We mix the materials in a big plunger with water. It's like a food processor with a 54-horsepower motor on it."

Mr Campbell said machines then sieved, filtered and de-aired the mixtures.

"The production process is a bit unusual. It's a relatively expensive production process but you get a very good product at the end," he said.

He said porcelain was at the top end of Clayworks' 35-strong clay range.



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