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# Merlin Mosaica Newsletter

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**We're continuing to extend our range of tools and tesserae**

**Whilst shipping from overseas temporarily eased, some shippers are increasing their costs to Australia, in light of the flare-ups we are experiencing.**

**Our thoughts remain, as ever, with our friends and loved ones in Victoria.**

Hi All,

Firstly, I must pass on my thoughts to friends and loved-ones in Victoria. I lived in Victoria for 10 years, and love Melbourne and surrounds very much. I am greatly saddened by the current woes you are facing.

I've had another busy month - which is great. I am seeing a number of you use your loyalty points on check-out, which is also great - for you and for us! Remember, if you write a review, you can earn even more points!

## More Tesserae:

We have some wonderful new shell products in-store, and our **Mirror and Metal** range has grown with the inclusion of some absolutely gorgeous 24-carat 15mm wavy mirror tile. Yes, that's right—24-carat gold. \$17.50 for a pack of 20 pieces

How can we make things better? Let us know

Name \*

First  Last

Email \*

Please enter your email, so we can follow up with you.

How can we make things better for you? \*

Product Range

Customer Support

Website

Classes

Membership/Others

Other

Message \*

## Suggestion Box:

Did you know that under **Reviews and Feedback** there is a Suggestion box?

This is a great way to let us know what you would like to see - changes to the website, different products, offers, Customer Support (can we do it better) or anything else you might think of. Our aim is to have a happy band of customers, and we are always ready to listen.

*"One can speak poetry just  
by arranging colours well  
— Vincent van Gogh "*





### Adhesives and Tools:

As you know, we are the Australian distributor of the No Days range of heat-activated mosaic adhesive film. Currently the Groutless film is in stock in black and clear, but the Pewter Groutless, clear Adhesive and Heat-activated mesh are on their way...

We have in stock rubber ribs, as used by the lovely Caroline Jariwala of Mango Mosaics, to smooth out grout. These are used on pottery, and fit nicely in the hand. The flexible rubber won't scratch your tesserae when scraping of the grout. Also in stock are some cool Dental pick packs, including tweezers. They come in a handy zippered case.

Coming soon are some cool flexible silicone bowls - great for grouting, and easy to clean. When you've finished grouting, wipe them out. Once the residue is dry, flexing the bowl will cause the left overs to crack off, and you can chuck it in the bin!



### MAANZ Membership:

I've made the decision to join the Mosaic Association of Australia and New Zealand (MAANZ). I am in this for the long-haul, and want to continue to learn and stretch my skills... I do want to explore the more abstract, organic side of mosaics, and there are some wonderful artists in the Association that I can continue to learn from. I am also advertising in the MAANZ eMag—so will be interesting to see the results.

Next month (COVID willing), I will be taking a workshop run by Marian Shapiro - I am so looking forward to that! Marian is a highly regarded member of MAANZ, and her work is delightful.

In the same vein, last week I took an online workshop with Rachel Davies from Dunblane, Scotland - working with Scottish slate and glass. The glass tiles I got in my pack (pre-cut) were very similar to the iridised glass squares on our web-site. I also added some Willow Coral and Porcupine quills from the store to the piece I made (see image below). It was such a wonderful experience! I have a series in mind utilising some other lovely product from the site... and I am collecting some (local) slate in the next few days - so it will be great to compare it to the Scottish slate we used in the workshop!



Till next time..

stay safe,

*Ali.*

