



# Alison Smiles

## *Softer/Still*

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*Softer/Still is an exploration into the rich potential of internal pride in the absence of shame. Resting in the strata of our emotional landscape, there often runs multiple veins of shame borne of life experience, which contaminate our thinking and censor our full experience of life. Using the conventions of the figurine and borrowing from the aesthetics of the Staffordshire flat-backs (a type of press-moulded earthenware figurine common from 18th century Britain), these forms are larger in scale and utilise bocage, a way of building an integrated structural support for the figure by using elements of nature. The mounded ground and the cartoonish trees, which reflect the dusk/dawn light, provide foundational elements to support the figures. Connected to the trees and the ground, the figure's limbs drive through the grassy tussocks and into the earth, with their bodies melding into the trees to become one form. This structural device becomes a metaphor for the emotional support experienced while being immersed and connected to nature, a phenomenon which makes it unnecessary to feel shame at our shortcomings and foibles while we are ensconced in the business of something more expansive than ourselves.*



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*As pretty as a quail's egg*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

31 x 29 x 20 cm

\$550.00



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*The dusk pulls us together (fig 1)*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

50 x 40 x 31 cm

\$650.00



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#### *Fungarees*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

33 x 25 x 22 cm

\$750.00



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*Singing with the blackbirds in the morning sun*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

38 x 21 x 21 cm

\$550.00



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*The dusk pulls us together (fig 2)*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

41 x 30 x 24 cm

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*Plunging into new worlds*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

38 x 32 x 30 cm

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*I feel your heart on the other side of the hill*

Terracotta, coloured slips, epoxy

43 x 31 x 25 cm

\$750.00



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#### *Lemonade and friends*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

58 x 48 x 33 cm

\$1,800.00



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*Save it for later*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze, lustre

60 x 60 x 78 cm

\$2,000.00



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*No shame at the green grocers*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze

42 x 32 x 26 cm

\$750.00



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*We built our own world together*

Terracotta, coloured slips, clear glaze, lustre

\$2,000.00      dimensions

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### Alison Smiles

*I can see your heart from here*

Terracotta, coloured slips,

epoxy

\$750.00

dimensions variable

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Gibson St Bowden, 5007. Praxis Artspace is located on the  
traditional lands of the Kurna people.