



Koskela Gallery

# Tylah Saunders [re] connection

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# Meet the artist

The Koskela Gallery proudly presents [re] connection – a series of works by Tylah Saunders.

[re] connection is a celebration of culture, creativity, and Country. Featuring a collection of canvas works and hand-painted skateboard decks, Tylah explores and reflects upon his journey as a First Nations contemporary artist.

*“My practice is a kind of meditation; I find it to be an incredible way to relax and reflect... It is a way for me to reconnect to my culture. Growing up away from my own Country, my art became a tether for me. It’s become something that I’ve funneled a lot of my cultural identity and pride into, which has been empowering for me.”*

– Tylah Saunders

Tylah is a proud Gunditjmara artist and educator from southwest Victoria currently living and working in Gunbalanya, a remote First Nations Community on the northern border of Kakadu National Park.

Tylah has worked across several mediums including canvas, works on paper, murals and most recently skateboard decks. Describing the decks as an exciting vessel with which we can reconnect to culture, Tylah uses the modern medium to share stories and engage with mob in a new way.



Tylah Saunders



Michele Morcos in studio







**ART-TS-1**  
*Lost Lines I*  
Tylah Saunders  
Acrylic on canvas  
76cm x 101cm  
**\$860.00**



**ART-TS-2**  
*Lost Lines II*  
Tylah Saunders  
Acrylic on canvas  
76cm x 101cm  
**\$860.00**



**ART-TS-3**  
*Lost Lines III*  
Tylah Saunders  
Acrylic on canvas  
76cm x 101cm  
**\$860.00**

About the artist

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About the artwork

*Lost Lines is a series inspired by the ocean and in particular the incredible patterns of brain coral. After years of scuba diving, I started experimenting with line and colour to emulate coral forms, creating a calm feeling.*







**ART-TS-4**  
*Koomar Koomar (fog from the sea)*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
koomar koomar (fog from the sea) speaks to the swirling shapes that settle over saltwater Country at dusk and dawn. koomar koomar is Dhauwurd Wurrung language from the Gunditjmara peoples.



**ART-TS-5**  
*Lost Lines, framed*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
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**ART-TS-6**  
*Pawan Kooloor Meereeng (Volcano Country)*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
Pawan Kooloor Meereeng (Volcano Country) is inspired by ancestral ingenuity. Gunditjmara peoples built small huts in the banks of Lake Condah made from volcanic rock. Pawan Kooloor Meereeng is Dhauwurd Wurrung language from the Gunditjmara peoples.







**ART-TS-7**  
*Ngeeye Taynto (Place of Connection)*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
I love the idea of waterholes and connecting streams representing our connections in life. Ngeeye Taynto (Place of Connection) is Dhauwurd Wurrung language from the Gunditjmara peoples.



**ART-TS-8**  
*Meertako (Rise)*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
Meertako is a Dhauwurd Wurrung phrase from the Gunditjmara peoples meaning rise.



**ART-TS-9**  
*Wang poorp tyeenang (Echoing Footprints)*  
Tylah Saunders  
Painted skateboard deck  
20cm x 78cm  
**\$615.00**

About the artwork  
Everything we do as Aboriginal People is because of the strength and resilience of those that have come before us. Their footprints echo through us. Wang poorp tyeenang (Echoing Footprints) is Dhauwurd Wurrung language from the Gunditjmara peoples.





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Thank you

Follow your heart.  
Trust your judgement.  
Do it with joy.

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