

# Deanne Gilson

Wathaurung Clan  
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## Welcome to Country Facilitator on Wathaurung Country

2009 – Present

(Honoured to do the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with my sister Tammy Gilson and niece Indigo Harrison for Prince Edward's Visit to Ballarat 2018)

## Education

- 2016 - 18 Doctor of Philosophy (Visual Art) Deakin University Waurn Ponds Campus
- 2014 - 15 Masters by Research (Visual Art) Deakin University Waurn Ponds Campus
- 2013 Graduate Diploma in Education Secondary, Federation University
- 2011 Certificate IV in Aboriginal Contemporary Art & Craft
- 2010 Cultural Heritage Management Short Course Latrobe University
- 2007 - 10 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours in Paint & Clay) Federation University
- 1986 Secretarial Course, TAFE, Ballarat
- 1984 - 85 Diploma of Art & Fashion Design, TAFE, Ballarat

## Professional Work Experience Overview

- 2012- Present: Registered as Victorian Teacher
- 2013 – Present, LinkedIn Member
- Current Police Check
- Working with Children Check
- CRAFT Victoria, Membership
- NAVA – National Association for Visual Artists Membership
- 2015, 16, 17, 18 - Tanderrum Kulin Dance Ceremony, Federation Square, Melbourne
- 2017, 18 - Corroboree, Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
  
- 2018 *Murrup Bunjil* Reconciliation week Indigenous cultural workshops, Art Gallery Ballarat
- 2018 Artist in Schools Program (Education Week) Phoenix P-12 Community College
- 2018 Ochre Workshop, Ballarat Aboriginal Community
- 2018 Created Indigenous Workshops for Art Gallery of Ballarat Indigenous Schools Program
- 2018 Artist Talk – University of New South Wales
- 2017 Artist Talk, Deakin University
- 2017 Conducted Ochre Painting Workshop, Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne
- 2017 Conducted Clay Baskets Workshop, Koorie Heritage Trust, Melbourne
- 2017 Conducted Ochre Painting Workshop as part of Yirramboi Festival, Melbourne
- 2017 Artist Talk, Wyndham Library
- 2017 Cultural Workshop, St Alipius Primary School
- 2017 Cultural Workshop, Woody Yaloak Primary Schools
- 2017 Day of the Dead Workshops, Art Gallery of Ballarat
- 2016 Clay Basket Workshop, Art Gallery of Ballarat

- 2016 Scaredy Cat from Ballarat, Children's Workshop, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2015 Bunjil Creator Spirit, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Reconciliation Week  
 2015 Ganawarra The Black Swan Workshop, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2015 Artist Talk, Art Gallery of Ballarat *Body of My Ancestors Exhibition*  
 2015 Teachers PD Art Gallery of Ballarat Artist Talk  
 2014 Conducted a Totem Making Workshop in clay at Gallery Kaiela, Shepparton  
 2014 Artist Talk, Shepparton Art Museum  
 2014 Forum Presenter, Indigenous Ceramic Art Award, Shepparton Art Museum  
 2013 Artist Talk, Manningham Art Gallery  
 2013 Teacher children's afterschool Still-Life art workshop, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2013 Full time Study, (9) weeks teacher training in two Secondary schools, Ballarat  
 2012 – 13 Lead Artist Facilitator, Bunjil's Nest Schools Project, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2012 Lectured on Anthropology and Art, University of Ballarat  
 2012 Conducted Hand Building Clay Workshop, Shepparton Art Museum  
 2012 Ballarat Aboriginal Cooperative, full time/casual, administration  
 20011- 12 Aboriginal Education Officer, Federation University, casual position, full time  
 2008 – 11 Casual Field Officer, Wathcorp, working with archaeologists on Country, with artefacts and cultural heritage  
 2003 – 2007 Self-employed artist, teacher, curator of Gallery Montez, taught still life classes, curated exhibitions and held several solo exhibitions in the gallery  
 2004 Villa Homewares commission (4) artworks for a limited-edition food platter series  
 1998 Created a range of (9) gift cards of own artwork (still life series)  
 1989 – 2003 Central Highlands Laundry, Fulltime Laundry-Hand  
 1987 Secretary Ballarat Electronic Supplies  
 1985 Eureka St Fish & Chip Shop Assistant

## Solo Exhibitions/Major Commissions

- 2018-19 *MURRUP LAARR* (Ancestral Stones) Ballarat City Council, Lake Wendouree Sculptural Park Commission (solo, permanent sculpture)  
 2018 *Murrup Laarr* (Ancestral Stones) BOAA Invited Solo Exhibition (clay studies and drawings depicting Sculptural Park Lake Wendouree commission)  
 2017-19 Wyndham Estate Sculptural Park Commission x 8 bronze sculptures, drawings  
 2017 Melbourne Obstetrics College Artwork for gowns, invited commission  
 2017 NAIDOC Solo Exhibition, Post Office Gallery, Ballarat, *In Between the Object and the Gaze*  
 2017 *Yarn Up Sisters*, Brochures for new born babies and women's family violence, available in hospital baby packs Australia wide  
 2017 Ballarat Foto Biennale: *Cook, Murnong and Me*: Solo installation  
 2017 White Night Ballarat, *Wadawurrung Walking with Waa*, Film  
 2017 Solo Show, *Murnong: Yam Daisy*, Koorie Heritage Trust Melbourne  
 2017 *Cultural Birthing Tree*, Painting commission Wyndham City Council Library  
 2016 Artist Residency, Guam, Festival of Pacific Arts  
 2015 - 16 *Body of My Ancestors*, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2014 - 15 *Past, Present & Future*. Deanne Gilson. Bunjilaka Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum  
 2013 *I See You, I Hear You*, Manningham Art Gallery, Doncaster (Reconciliation week)  
 2013 *The Ballarat Four*, Koorie Heritage Trust Melbourne  
 2012 *Welcome to Our Country Mother & Daughter* Art Gallery of Ballarat

2006 *Waiting for Vincent* - Still Life, Convent Gallery Daylesford  
 2006 Still Life, The Window, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2006 Still Life, RADMAC Gallery, Ballarat  
 2002 Still Life, The Foyer, Ballarat Base Hospital  
 2000 *Welcoming Spring*, Still Life, Convent Gallery Daylesford  
 1999 Still Life, The Window, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 1997 *My Garden*, Still Life, Convent Gallery, Daylesford

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2018 Shortlisted finalist Wyndham Contemporary Art Prize  
 2018 *TELL* Exhibition, UNSW Galleries  
 2017-18 *Romancing the Skull*, Art Gallery of Ballarat  
 2017 Shortlisted finalist Wyndham Contemporary Art Prize  
 2013,14,15, 16 - 17  
 Koorie Heritage Trust Christmas Show  
 2016 Group Show, *Hero Worship*, CRAFT Victoria  
 2016 Shortlisted Finalist, Ballarat Arts Foundation Awards Exhibition  
 2016 *I Never Painted My Dreams, I Painted My Reality*, Kingston Arts Centre  
 2016 Shortlisted Finalist, Shepparton Indigenous Ceramic Art Awards  
 2014 Contain Art Exhibition, Eureka 160th celebrations, Ballarat (Invite only)  
 2014 Koorie Heritage Trust Award Exhibition Melbourne  
 2014 Two Pieces, Shortlisted Finalist, The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards  
 2014 Shortlisted Finalist, Indigenous Ceramic Art Awards, Shepparton  
 2014 Incinerator Art Award, Moonee Ponds, shortlisted finalist  
 2014 Deakin University Small Sculpture Award, shortlisted finalist  
 2014 Ballarat Arts Foundation recipients award show Post Office Gallery  
 2014 Shortlisted Finalist, St Patrick's Art Exhibition, Invite Only  
 2014 Backspace Art Gallery Ceramic Show  
 2013 Shortlisted Finalist, The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards  
 2010 - 12 Shortlisted finalist, Indigenous Ceramic Art Award Shepparton  
 2010 - 11 St Patrick's College, *Flanagan Art Show*, Invite Only, Ballarat  
 2009 Graduate Exhibition Brunswick St Gallery Melbourne  
 2009 Graduate Exhibition 'Eye' Mining Exchange Ballarat  
 2009 Gordon Hall Art Show  
 2008 Current Student Exhibition, Post Office Gallery, Ballarat  
 2000 Maldon Art Show  
 1984, 85, 86, 96, 98  
 Ballarat Begonia Festival Art Show  
 1984, 85, 90 Ballan Art Show

## Grants/Awards

2018 Winner, Glenelg Hopkins Water and County Art Award/Painting  
 2017 Deakin University scholarship recipient  
 2017, 18 Finalist Wyndham Art Prize  
 2016 Artist Residency Guam, Festival of Pacific Arts  
 2014 Australian Catholic University Acquisition Award VIAA  
 2012 Highly Commended, The Ballarat Arts Foundation Grant Recipient Award  
 2010 Dr Mary Atkinson Scholarship Recipient for Academic Excellence

- 2009 Paul Mason Indigenous Art Award, University of Ballarat
- 2008 Ballarat Arts Foundation Grant
- 2007 Golden Key Honour Society Lifetime Award, Federation University

## Collections

- 2017 Wyndham Library
- 2016 Wyndham Shire Council
- 2014 Australian Catholic University
- 2013 Manningham Art Gallery, Doncaster
- 2012 The Art Gallery of Ballarat
- 2012 Shepparton Art Museum
- 2011 Federation University, Ballarat
- Private Collections: Australia, Tasmania, England, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand and America

## Selected Publications

- 2018 Lake Wendouree Sculptural Park, The Ballarat Courier
- 2018 Wyndham Art Prize catalogue
- 2017 *Romancing the Skull*, Exhibition catalogue
- 2017 Several White Night Publications, Facebook film commercial utilising my artwork/story and Ballarat Courier, Ballarat City Council magazine
- 2012, 14, 16 Shepparton Art Museum Indigenous Ceramic Art Awards Catalogues
- 2015 – 16 Solo show Catalogue, Art Gallery of Ballarat, *Body of My Ancestors*
- 2015 - 16 Ballarat Courier *Body of My Ancestors*, Exhibition Interview
- 2015 Wyndham City Council Booklet
- 2012, 14 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards Catalogue
- 2012 Front cover: The Journal of Australian Ceramics, July 2012

## Vimeo Links

- 2014 <http://vimeo.com/93973722> Interview by Nicholas Boesely for Indigenous Ceramic Art Award
- 2013 <http://vimeo.com/65884051> Interview by Ann E Stewart