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Dr Cathy Franzi's latest exhibition of ceramics was created through studio, archival and field research during a residency in the far southwest of Western Australia, at Stirling Range National Park. The jagged ranges of this biodiversity hotspot overlook the Southern Ocean. Buttressed by the water, it is an extraordinary sanctuary of diversity at the edge of a vast continent.

Franzi's practice is concerned with the graphic representation of flora on ceramic vessels. Her pieces reflect their ecological connections, and are informed by the precariousness of the existence of many of the plants that inspire her.

for her to engage with botanical research, and has informed her practice since she first began working with ceramics. This knowledge sadly brings with it a profound awareness of the danger that climate change and invasive pathogens bring to the myriad ecosystems of Australia.





It is a land of ancient natural landscapes, evolved through continental isolation, long geological stability and the careful stewardship of the First Nations Peoples.

Franzi's depictions of the form and beauty of Australia's plant-life capture a moment balancing on the edge, unknowing which way it will fall.

"#resilience - This idea is central
to my experience of southwest WA, where my delight in
studying plants on location is
tempered by the fragility of
their existence due to human
impact. This remarkable flora
has evolved over millennia to
survive a harsh environment,
the question is, can their
resilience adapt to new
global conditions?"

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This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

Red Kangaroo Paw, 2023

plant name: Anigozanthos rufus

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze
44 x 17.8 x 17 cm

\$3,250





Prickly Banksia, 2022

plant name: Banksia aculeata

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze

36 x 18 x 16.5 cm

\$3,100





Banksia gardneri, 2023

plant name: Banksia gardneri

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe,

glaze and underglaze

29 x 22.8 x 19.7 cm





Stirling Range Coneflower, 2023

plant name: Isopogon baxteri

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze 29.5 x 18 x 16.8 cm





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Fan Hakea, 2023

plant name: Hakea baxteri

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze 25 x 23 x 16.5 cm





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Corky Net-bush, 2023

plant name: Calothamnus gracilis sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze and underglaze $20.1\times17.6\times14.8~\text{cm}$

20.1 X 17.6 X 14.8





Cathy Franzi Synaphea, 2023

plant name: Synaphea petiolaris

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze

21.1 x 17.3 x 17.1 cm





Coastal Jugflower, 2023

plant name: Adenanthos cuneatus

sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze

and underglaze

11.4 x 13.1 x 11.6 cm

\$800





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Red Andersonia, 2023
plant name: Andersonia grandiflora
sgraffito on porcelain vessel, with engobe, glaze
and underglaze
11.3 x 12.1 x 11.6 cm
\$800



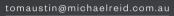












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