

Artist Portfolio

Lakkari Pitt



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Introducing Lakkari



Lakkari Pitt is a proud Gamilaroi Ularoi yinarr from Walgett, New South Wales.

Lakkari's art is a take on the knowledge that her Elders and significant people in her life have passed down throughout generations. Lakkari's art explores the movement, essence and stories of Country.

Lakkari takes extreme pride in the work she does in community, working with many Aboriginal organisations, businesses and charities, including the GO Foundation, 13 Yarn, ID Know Yourself and AbSec.

Lakkari has also had the pleasure of working with notable clients including the likes of Nike, Pinterest, Teacherlatte, ANZ Bank, Macquarie Group, Sportsgirl, Westfield, NSW Health, NSW Department of Education, Westmead Children's Hospital, Hardie Grant Publishing and the National Dreamtime Awards.

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National Art School

In 2014, Lakkari was selected from a competitive pool of Visual Arts Higher School Certificate students to attend an intensive two week, 2D Module at the National Art School, Darlinghurst.

This period allowed Lakkari to expand her practice, interact with other artist and develop her skills in pursuing art professionally.



Dreamtime Awards



Lakkari was commissioned to design the 2019 Dreamtime Awards program.

The awards are attended by the country's most high profile political and community figures, sporting stars, entertainers and personalities.

This was the first time the Dreamtime Awards had commissioned an artist to design their program.

Lakkari Art x Teacherlatte



The Lakkari Art x Teacherlatte collections were created with meaning and purpose, to celebrate Aboriginal culture.

The stamp collection was created to empower Aboriginal children to embrace their culture and identity and to feel proud. Each lanyard celebrates Country, including our Waterways, Sky and the connection we share with each other.

Both lanyards and stamps respectfully invite teachers and students of all nationalities and ethnicities to learn about the rich and dynamic use of Aboriginal symbols and culture.

The collections also support First Nations community-led organisations, through the *Lakkari Art x Teacherlatte Community Fund*.

GO Foundation

The GO Foundation aims to empower young Indigenous Australians through education and opportunity. It was founded by two proud Indigenous men and AFL greats Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin.

Lakkari donated a hand painted Sherrin for their 2020 BIG CATCH UP event.



Yinarr Collection

Yinarr means woman in Gamilaroi language.

The Yinarr collection celebrates the strong, beautiful, resilient and caring females in our life. Yinarr was directly inspired by Lakkari's beautiful Guni, Merindah.

The 8 piece collection tells a story, which begins with Warranggal, which pays tribute to our female Elders, the yinarr who sacrificed so much for us to be proud of our culture. Yinarr then honours our Baagii and Maamaa (grandmothers), the matriarchs of our families. Lakkari then included two special artworks which are dedicated to her Guni (mother) and Dhagaan (brother). Yinarr then celebrates our Walgan (aunties), then our female Wambanhiya (cousins) & female Maliyaa (friends).

The line work featured throughout the Yinarr collection, reflects our female kin and pays homage to their feminine energy. These lines symbolise their guidance, strength, pride and resilience.

Yinarr was Lakkari's first collection and virtual exhibition.





Kicks to Make Change

In collaboration with Bared and Children's Ground, Lakkari designed the 'Hornbill Lakkari Sneaker'. Children's Ground is dedicated to creating and empowering future for the next generation of Aboriginal children.

For every sneaker sold, \$50 was donated to Children's Ground to empowering First Nations' children and families.

Yaraay Collection

Yaraay is pronounced ya-r-eye and means sun in Gamilaroi language. Lakkari's second collection Yaraay launched on 22 March 2022.

This collection is inspired by Lakkari's love for sunsets and sunrises. It is symbolic of the colours, textures and the journey the Yaraay makes across Country. Yaraay is a series of arches, symbolising the outline of the sun rising and setting.

The Yaraay Collection is proudly dedicated to Karen Flick, a proud Gamilaraay Yuwalaraay yinarr.





ANZ Rug

Lakkari's Dhagaan artwork was translated into a 50sqm hand tufted rug for ANZ's Sydney HQ.

This project was in collaboration with ANZ, Hot Black Design, Designer Rugs and the Copyright Agency.



Pinterest

Pinterest commissioned Lakkari to create a mural for their Australia and New Zealand HQ. The mural spans a lengthy 6 metres long by 3 metres high and is the highlight of their entryway.

The artwork features symbols which celebrates creation, inspiration and positivity. The colour palette enhances the story and celebrates First Nations people's connection to Country through using earthy browns, pinks, creams, white and blue.



Macquarie Group

Macquarie Group approached Lakkari to visually communicate their Reconciliation Action Plan. Lakkari worked closely alongside Macquarie's Reconciliation Manager and their RAP committee to further understand their Reconciliation journey and create an artwork that represents that.



Intuit

Lakkari created a bespoke artwork for Intuit, a multinational business software company. Lakkari worked alongside the company to bring Intuit's values, people and customers to life.

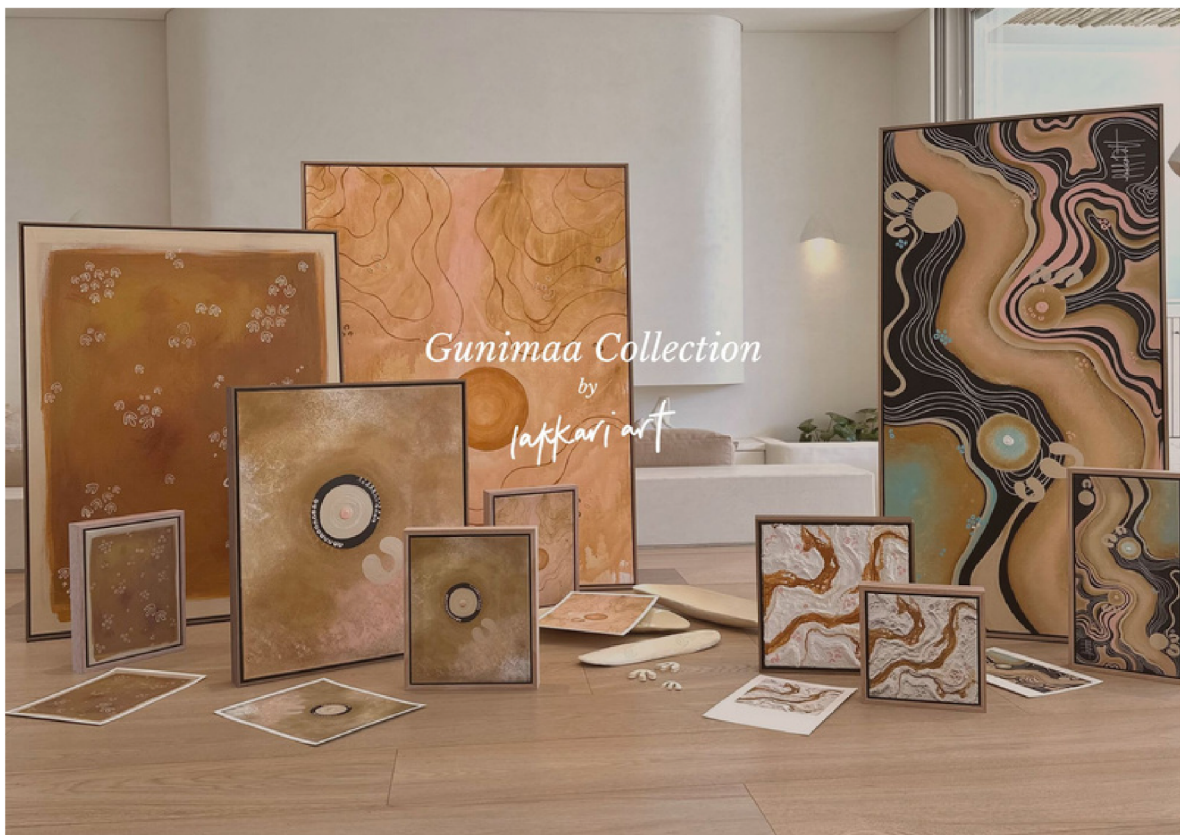


Gunimaa Collection

Gunimaa means Mother Earth in Gamilaroi Ularoi language.

Gunimaa is a mixed medium body of work, including acrylic, oil, crayon, ceramics, plaster, modelling paste, digital art, photography and videography.

The Gunimaa Collection is a visual representation of Lakkari's experience with Country. Lakkari describes her art as the movement, essence and stories of Country, this collection is exactly that.





Nike

Nike hosted 26 First Nations youth, 12 international Nike athletes and 4 sneaker artists to their Nike Think Tank event for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Lakkari pre-stencilled designs that were selected on the day by the athletes and young people. Chosen designs were then custom painted in real time onto an Air Force 1 by Lakkari.

Sportsgirl

Lakkari teamed up with Sportsgirl to set her intentions for 2024 and beyond. Lakkari's campaign with Sportsgirl was displayed in over 50 stores across the country for the month of January 2024.

Lakkari manifests confidence, wellbeing and growth.



Westfield Eastgardens

During NAIDOC Week Lakkari live painted in centre an oversized boomerang at Westfield Eastgardens. The activation was extremely successful and engaging for customers.



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