

Natalie Ryan Yarra Council Artist Statement

Blue Velvet (possum)

This work is a taxidermy cast of a possum, it is made from the original body of a possum and used in the process of taxidermy. This faux replica becomes a substitute to replace the discarded body with the animal skin stretched over it. This work is about the lost form, acknowledging the original animal used in this process. Possums are still very common in the Yarra Council area and one of the only native marsupials that have managed to survive here.

Rock Wallaby

This work is a taxidermy cast of a Rock Wallaby, it is made from the original body of the animal and used in the process of taxidermy. This faux replica becomes a substitute to replace the discarded body with the animal skin stretched over it. This work is about the lost form, acknowledging the original animal used in this process. Unfortunately native Rock Wallabies that would have once inhabited the Yarra Council area have been pushed out to other areas.