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- Practice** I am a Textile Artist specialising in free machine embroidery, hand stitching and mending based in Melbourne. My practice engages with the environment recreating the images and shapes in my embroidered works in both 2D and 3D form. My work incorporates upcycled or reclaimed materials and has been exhibited in Australia, United Kingdom, USA and the Netherlands. I facilitate community arts projects and promote sustainable art practices along with teaching workshops in embroidery, mending and upcycling materials.
- Solo Exhibitions**
- 2022/23 'Web of Life' – Tamworth Regional Gallery – work purchased for gallery collection
 - 2020 'Fractured Earth' – Lane Cove Gallery Sculpture Plinth - Sydney
 - 2016 'Stitch by Stitch' - 69 Smith St Gallery – Melbourne
 - 2009 'Spring Landscapes' – Body Works Studio – Canberra
- Prizes and Awards**
- 2023 Finalist – International Art Textiles Biennale – Touring Australia 2023-24
Finalist – MAVA Art Prize – Exhibiting 2024
 - 2022 Finalist – Australian Textile Art Award (ATAA) - Melbourne
Finalist – Toorak Village Sculpture Exhibition – Melbourne
 - 2021 Finalist – John Villiers Art Prize – Outback Regional Gallery - Winton
 - 2015 Honourable Mention - End of Year Show – 69 Smith St Gallery – Melbourne
 - 2009 2nd Prize 'Reuse, Reclaim, Recycle' – Green Lifestyle – Canberra
 - 2004 People's Choice - 'Recycled – Reborn'- Cuppacumbalong Gallery – Tharwa
 - 2004 1st Prize - 'Footsteps on Campus: Connections with Environment' - Australian National University – Canberra
 - 2002 1st Prize - Seer Green Art Show – Buckinghamshire, UK
- Curatorial Projects**
- 2024 Threads of Dreams & Realities – Naarm Textile Collective – Assembly Point - Melbourne
 - 2023 Uncommon Threads – Naarm Textile Collective – FortyFiveDownstairs - Melbourne
 - 2022 Stitching Change – a selection of works – Assembly Point - Melbourne
 - 2021/2022 Stitching Change – Naarm Textile Collective – FortyFiveDownstairs & Online (NaarmTextile.com) - Melbourne
 - 2019 Founded and curate Naarm Textile Collective - an artist group aiming to incorporate and challenge the boundaries of textile arts practice – NaarmTextile.co & facebook.com/groups/NaarmTextileCollective
 - 2017 Moreland Quilt exhibition – Town Hall Art Space - Melbourne
 - 2014 - Present Developed and curated Creativesandmakers – supporting Melbourne artists & craftspeople
 - 2009-13 Founded and curated www.CanberraHandmade.com –web portal promoting arts and crafts.
 - 2009 Switch to Green art show – Exhibition Centre – Canberra
- Group Exhibitions**
- 2024
 - MAVA Art Prize – Memo Gallery – Healesville
 - Working Memories – FortyFiveDownstairs – Melbourne
 - Biennial of Colour and Light – WestEnd Gallery – West Melbourne
 - No Vacancy Annual – No Vacancy Gallery – Melbourne
 - 2023
 - Inner West Art Fair - Newport
 - Small Works – Brunswick Street Gallery
 - MAVA exhibition - Melbourne Flower Show
 - A Stitch in Time - Textile Palette - Clunes
 - 2022
 - Stitch by Stitch – Schoolhouse Gallery – Hobart
 - Future Tense – Counihan Gallery – Melbourne
 - Women* Now – Queen Victoria Women's Centre – Melbourne
 - Small Works – Brunswick Street Gallery – Melbourne
 - Thread[laid]bare – Geelong Art Space
 - Small Works – Alternating Current - Melbourne
 - Petite Textile – Wangaratta Art Gallery
 - Harmony – Post Gallery - Melbourne
 - Hall & Willcox Art Exhibition – Melbourne
 - Stitching Change – FortyFive Downstairs - Melbourne
 - 2021
 - Stitching Change – Online
 - Garden of Loss and Triumph – No Vacancy Gallery – Melbourne & NDSM Fuse - Amsterdam
 - 'History and Heritage' – Counihan Art Gallery – Melbourne
 - Fort Earth – MARFA Gallery - Melbourne
 - CrossXpollination Adaptation Exhibition – COPACC Gallery - Colac
 - Kinglake Art Show - Online
 - 2020
 - Covid Quilt – online @covid19quilt and as part of The National 2021: New Australian Art – Sydney
 - 'Show Us Your Rona' - Bridget Kennedy Project Space gallery - Sydney
 - 'Solitude and Solace' – Counihan Art Gallery – Melbourne

- 'Make A Fuss' – Queen Victoria Women's Centre - Melbourne
- 'Stitch On' – Schoolhouse Gallery - Hobart
- Petite Textile – Wangaratta Art Gallery
- Arts Under Lockdown – Counterweave - Online
- TransCultural Exchange's Hello World project - Online
- The Meaning of Things – Craft Victoria
- Woman Up! - Impress Printmakers Studio & Gallery - Brisbane
- 2019
 - 'Another Artist' - No Vacancy Gallery - Melbourne
 - 'Circular' – Blakdot Gallery - Melbourne
 - 'Language and Liberty' – Counihan Art Gallery – Melbourne
- 2017
 - Linden Post Card Show – Linden New Art - Melbourne
 - Small Works – Brunswick Street Gallery - Melbourne
 - Strut Your Stuff – Art Exhibition – Brunswick
- 2016
 - 40 x 40 Art Prize – Brunswick Street Gallery - Melbourne
 - 'The Last Show' – 69 Smith Street Gallery - Melbourne
 - 'Factivism' – Counihan Art Gallery - Melbourne
 - Linden Post Card Show – Linden New Art - Melbourne
- 2015
 - Small Works Art Prize – Brunswick Street Gallery – Melbourne
 - 40 x 40 Art Prize – Brunswick Street Gallery - Melbourne
 - Linden Post Card Show – Linden New Art - Melbourne
 - Small Works Art Prize – Brunswick Street Gallery – Melbourne
- 2012
 - Sustainable Art, Craft & Design – Belconnen Arts Centre – Canberra
- 2011
 - Harvest Festival of Art, Design & Wine – Belconnen Arts Centre – Canberra
 - You Are Here – Reloved Creations Design Hub – Canberra
- 2010
 - Footprints Festival in the Gardens – Australian National Botanic Gardens – Canberra
 - Re Loved Re Vamped – Craft ACT – Canberra
 - Belco Bazaar – Celebrating local Environmental Design, Art & Craft – Belconnen Arts Centre – Canberra
- Residencies**
 - 2019 - Artist Residency – Curtin Springs – NT
 - 2017 - Desert Harmony Festival – Volunteer Artist
- Projects**
 - 2019 - 2024
 - Facilitation and curation of Naarm Textile Collective art exhibitions and online presence
 - 2022 – 2024
 - Creation and organisation of Mend It, Fix It @ Fed Square twice a year
 - 2020-2023
 - Zero Waste Victoria – Treasurer, coordination Zero Waste Festival, online mending demonstrations
 - 2020
 - Sustainable Living Festival – mending demonstrations
 - 'Operation Stitches' – co-ordination community arts project.
 - 2019
 - Founded Naarm Textile Collective
 - Social Studio – teaching and mentoring students learning to sew.
 - 2016/17
 - Facilitating the Moreland Quilt - community engagement arts project to create 5 wall hangings representing City of Moreland resident's cultural diversity and curating the final exhibition
 - Peer Assessor – Catalyst Grants Program – Ministry for the Arts
- Collections**
 - Tamworth Regional Gallery - <https://collection.tamworthregionalgallery.com.au/objects/1438/shattered-urn-kintsugi>
- Publications**
 - MAVA Blog - <https://www.mavacollective.com/post/naarm-textile-collective>
 - Fibre Arts Take Two - <https://www.fibreartstaketwo.com/articles/russell/>
 - Textile Fibre Forum #145 March 2022
 - The Age - <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/what-to-do-when-you-re-stuck-in-a-covid-19-testing-queue-20220102-p59lbf.html>
 - Art Hole Magazine: 6
 - Authora Australis Issue 2 'RED' - <https://www.authora.net/issuetwo>
 - Fibre Arts E-Zine Vol.4 - <https://www.flipsnack.com/fibreartsnewsletter/fibre-arts-australia-e-zine-vol-4.html>
 - Machine Embroidery & Textile Art – Vol 13 No 2
 - Textile Beat - <http://textilebeat.com/a-meditative-process-tamara-russell/>
- Interviews**
 - ABC Radio National's Life Matters - <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/zero-waste-fashion-how-to-upcycle-your-wardrobe/101338896>
 - Fibre Arts Take Two interview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSTYLSzBpNY>
 - Kaizntree.com/podcast - <https://www.kaizntree.com/podcast/episode/1b4a539f/karhina-textiles-tamara-russell>
 - Arts Muster's podcast series - <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/textile-artist-tamara-russell-talks-about-sustainable/id1476416523?i=100044702640>
- Memberships**
 - Society for Embroidered Work (S.E.W)
 - Naarm Textile Collective
 - Embroiderers Guild Victoria
 - Craft Victoria
 - ArtAviso
 - Zero Waste Victoria
 - Women's Art Register
 - (MAVA Inc.) Melbourne & Victorian Artists Inc Group