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*The natural world is woven in cycles.
An unyielding state of change.
A tree grows, dies and decays, or is
taken and fashioned by human hands.
This timber, has passed through many
stages and now hangs here as the
essence of Wandoo Country.*

“The project brief required the use of recycled Wandoo timber, originally the seating from Perry Lakes Stadium. Wandoo is a notoriously hard and heavy timber endemic to Western Australia. I had misgivings about working with it but upon seeing the lengths of timber, their weathered grey surfaces, and the beautiful ‘chocolatey’ grain, I was inspired.

The wandoo woodland, on the eastern edge of the jarrah forest of the Darling Scarp and the fringes of the vast wheatbelt is a beautiful, somewhat

under appreciated place. The Wandoo tree has a smooth white, speckled trunk and the understorey is sparse and open. It is a landscape worthy of artistic representation. I joined the different lengths of timber in a staggered, vertilinear pattern reminiscent of the strong vertical lines of the forest, and used a variety of textures and treatments to evoke the natural palette of the wandoo bush.

Brought together in fifty separate panels the whole piece calls out to be touched. It is a large artwork hung on two levels. It was my intention to evoke in the viewer the grandeur and scale of the wandoo landscape with its variety of textures and colours and to bring the contemplative aura of the natural environment into a busy office space.

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