



## Monique Burkhead

***Octopus's Garden*** series 2022

ceramics

Courtesy of the artist

The Great Barrier Reef's stunning, healthy coral reefs are the stimulus for this series of works. However, she is concerned about the threat of climate change on this sprawling biodiverse ecosystem at our doorstep. The abnormally warmer waters are affecting the reef, causing large parts of colourful reef to turn stark white. In this stressed state coral expel their algal partner in a process called coral bleaching. If this continues for too long the coral will die.

*My series is all about bringing awareness to the oceans' fragile ecosystems which will hopefully inspire people to take action.*

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