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For the past year Emma Lindegaard started each day at Wayalup Beach, a stretch of ocean south of Perth along Australia's western coastline. Emma would traverse the shores, sitting with uncomfortable thoughts surrounding recent changes in her life. This meditative ritual allowed her to seek comfort through her sensorial interactions with the natural elements. The sounds of the ocean and the feeling of sand underfoot allowed Emma to stay present in her body which helped navigate and explore the psyche.

Emma drew on these memories as a reference point for her latest body of work, *The Tides Do That With Me*. In this series, the artist has turned her lived experience into forms that reference her time at the ocean through the textures, shapes and movement. Her works encourage the viewer to sit with each piece, to imbue some of the bodily responses she recalls from her time on the beach. Intuitive mark-making and carving intend to emulate sounds and surfaces with an ethereal quality. Her sculptures are formed around a central void which allows the light to pierce through the clay, emulating the heart space within the ceramic body. Her works seek to encourage the audience to reimagine how we might engage with our physical environment and its effect on our psychological wellbeing.

Says Emma, "I'm often at Wayalup early enough to witness the crescent moon's soft afterglow, the dance of light on minute ripples of water. My mind is clear and it's refreshing, more than welcome. Today brings clarity but tomorrow may bring dread. The sand feels particularly coarse today, the air is thick, and the water is muggy. Not a breath of wind. I'm looking forward to the colder months, for the water to shock me out of my head and into my body. Soft smile through the eyes, scan the body. My mind starts wondering. Count to 10. Thoughts form and then fade.

I wonder what tomorrow will bring."



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