

Damien McNamara

Damien McNamara is a woodturner based in Bacchus Marsh, Victoria, creating sculptural bowls and vessels that celebrate the natural beauty of imperfect timber.

Working under McNamara Woodcrafts, he uses reclaimed and ethically sourced wood to highlight grain, texture, and the quiet stories within each piece.

His love of woodworking began in high school and led him into carpentry and later building design, where he focused on the creative side of construction. After experiencing burnout and depression, Damien stepped away from the industry and realised woodworking was what helped ground and support him.

Though new to woodturning at the time, he bought a lathe, taught himself, and hasn't looked back. His ongoing collection, Adurere, explores resilience and the beauty found in nature's fractures through techniques like charring and copper stitching.

Through his work, Damien invites viewers to slow down and connect – with the material, the maker, and the quiet strength found in imperfection.

