

# Ingenuity Sculpture Festival - Press Release

*Take time this Music filled four days to walk to Palm Park, Mullum, and enjoy a burst of Artistic Creativity.*

Ingenuity is our inaugural Mullum Sculpture Festival, and it represents that *not afraid to speak out, or bust out, Mullum state of mind*: featuring 20 artists from local studios, who will transform Palm Park into a Sculpture Walk extending from the Scout Hall, behind Mullum post office, following the river bend around towards Federation Bridge.

## Curator's preview:

Artworks range from the ephemeral and beautiful to the intelligently provocative. Peter Day's Artist *Vessel* questions human impact, using scavenged ocean waste, Sarah-Jane McGrath's *obsoletia* tells us that "plastic lives", while Tim Fry's pop art *Tower* calls for us to cease our love affair with fossil fuels.

Danny Gretscher's *Pink Wall* abstracts a dialogue about construction over natural places and walls that divide, with minimalist slick, and Kylie Stoddard and Tiffany Sassafrass's *Shank's Pony* plays with concepts of 'home' in a refreshing, innovative play around a heritage object.

Layla Tan creates using the gifts of nature with a tenderness and lightness that is rare, Anaheke Metua uses her heritage of weaving to create a strong and beautiful statement about recycling the energy of found materials, and Ellen Ferrier & Bree Cribbin, combine healing traditions with art, creating an energising land art work.

Dev Lengiel raises our consciousness beyond the privileges of our lifestyles, Frank Meura mourns the great forests, while Jason Morning evokes the spirit of regeneration, Christopher Dean reveals the feminine as incubator of creation, and Jess Poulsen gently shows us how the earth reveals us to ourselves. John Walters brings to life his soulful swamp wallabies, and Mercedes Mambort and Suvira McDonald hold space with elegant metal pieces juxtaposed with nature's offerings.

Peter Neilson asks stone to sing, and Malcolm Price has a witty dig at a familiar of the Byron landscape, while Leonie Jackson reminds us water is life, and Thomas de Toni acknowledges the circle, which, in every culture is about connection and unity.

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Artists will be present in the Park to interact with the public and talk about their works, there will be 2 guided tours each day at 11.30 and 2.30, and some surprise performance works.

A feature of the walk will be a **Castle of Dreams installation by Mullum High School students, led by Joey Ruigrok**. There will be daily workshops, where young and old can join in and build their own sculptures with helpers on hand, tools and materials provided. Come join the Creativity!

Among the large sculptures, Ellen Ferrier's "*73 Palms*" highlights the recent history of 'Palm Park', it's rejuvenation from a disused paddock to a riverside sanctuary, thanks to a group of local palm enthusiasts who planted 73 varieties in this area by 1986. Ellen Ferrier invites you to come make part of the 73 Palms sculpture, with her guidance: Thurs. 10-1pm Sat. 10-1pm

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