

# Sculpture in the Garden

Wollongong

**Kid's Guide**

**1-30 April 2025**

Wollongong Botanic Garden



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## Welcome - Creative Nature Play

Hello and welcome to the Sculpture in the Garden Wollongong activity trail. There are six artworks to visit along the trail. Follow the map to find the artworks and then use this guide to learn about the sculptures.

This booklet is yours to keep. Be your own artist and colour in the artworks or do the drawing activities to make the artworks come alive.

While you are walking the trail keep an eye out for some of the amazing plant and animal life as well as the sculptures.

Along the way you could make your own artwork using things from nature that you find on the ground, like leaves and seeds.

Please only collect from the ground **not a living plant** and make sure you keep out of the garden beds. Our plants don't like to be squished!!

You could make a leaf rainbow, a nature mandala or a stick sculpture like the illustrations below from left to right.



Once you have made your artwork, take a photo and put the artwork materials back into the garden, leave no trace!



Sculpture in the Garden Wollongong is an outdoor art exhibition held in the Wollongong Botanic Garden every two years. There are 18 artworks in this year's exhibition. During the exhibition one artwork will be chosen to stay here in the garden to enjoy anytime. We currently have four artworks from the previous exhibitions. Can you find them?



You can vote for your favourite artwork in our People's Choice Prize.

[wollongongbotanicgarden.com.au/sculpture](http://wollongongbotanicgarden.com.au/sculpture)

## Do you like building or making things like the artists in this exhibition?

### FREE Kids and Their Grown Ups Sessions

Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Thursday 17 and  
Tuesday 22 from 10am-2pm

Join the team from FOLKplay for some nature sculpture in the school holidays. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

*You can find FOLKPLAY near artwork #17 along the creekline.*

# Sculpture Locations

Sculptures featured in this special kids guide are highlighted in yellow on the map below.





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## *In Memory of Red Cedar* Danny Ivanovski

Red Cedar trees once grew all over the Illawarra. They provided homes and food for local wildlife. This artwork helps reminds us of what has been lost through logging over the last two hundred years. Can you imagine and draw what a Red Cedar looked like before it got cut down?

Draw what you think the Red Cedar tree looked like before being cut down.



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*Mimic*  
Angela Forrest

This artist has used nature to build a bower like the Garden's resident bowerbirds.

Can you draw a bower for one of our bowerbirds? What will it look like and how will you decorate it?



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**Billa**  
**Mark Cuthbertson**

This artist made his sculpture to interact with the natural environment. On the surface of the sculpture can you see the imprint of local plant and leaf shapes? Do you recognise anything familiar?

The water in the middle of the artwork is also a bird bath. What birds or insects can you imagine might visit for a drink or a swim?

Can you draw the creatures visiting?





## *Nuwa ganda (Look up)*

Dr Virginia Keft

Virginia is a Muruwari artist. She has made flying foxes from natural materials using Aboriginal weaving techniques. The flying fox prefers to eat blossom (tree flowers) and fruits from our native trees like gum trees and paperbarks. They help to pollinate these trees and poop seeds out to grow new trees somewhere else. Without them our native bushland would not survive and thrive.

This artist has used the flying fox as a symbol for community, connection and care.



Can you draw some food for our hungry flying fox? Perhaps some native tree blossom or fruit.

Have you seen or heard flying foxes feed in your neighbourhood?

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## *Banksia Vincentia Totems*

David Doyle

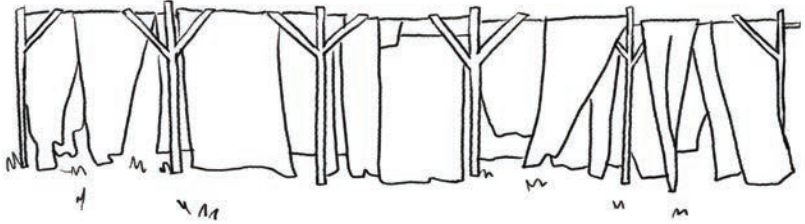
This artwork celebrates survival and science. The *Banksia vincentia* is a very rare plant that almost became extinct. You could find it only in a small area on the South Coast at Jervis Bay. It was believed that only six plants were left in the wild. Thanks to the Botanic Garden and their plant science, seeds were collected and grown ensuring that the *Banksia vincentia* was saved for all to enjoy.

What other plants or animals have been saved from extinction that you know about?

Draw your favourite native plant or animal next to the *Banksia* totems.

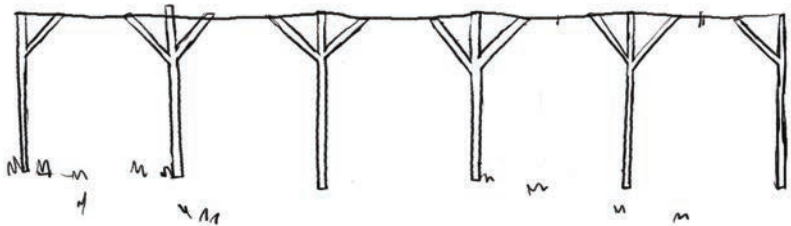


*I Belong Under the Sun,  
You Belong Under the Sun*  
Stephanie Quirk



This artist has chosen a cherished childhood memory for the subject of her artwork. Can you guess what that memory might be?

This artist has tried to capture the playful feelings of a memorable moment in time. The breeze fluttering through the freshly cleaned sheets, playing hide and seek amongst the laundry, a time of safety and freedom.



What cherished memories would you hang on the line?  
Can you draw them?

## Learning at the Garden

Wollongong Botanic Garden offers families, community groups and schools a range of nature-based active learning programs.

Nature play, sustainability workshops, gardening masterclasses, botanic learning, Aboriginal cultural programs and arts workshops are all held in the beautiful surrounds of the Botanic Garden.

For information about our school excursions, holiday programs, weekend workshops and events head to the Botanic Garden website or follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the activities.

[wollongongbotanicgarden.com.au/learn](http://wollongongbotanicgarden.com.au/learn)

## Save the Date!!!

Join us for Nature Shake, our annual celebration of our local environment.

**Schools event:** Friday 5 September, 10am-2pm

**Family Day:** Saturday 6 September, 12-4pm



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