

## SCULPTURE SURGE TO WASH OVER CURRUMBIN



For the seventh year, the **Swell Sculpture Festival**, set between two major iconic headlands, will transform the seaside setting of Currumbin Beach to an outdoor gallery. Artists from around Australia and the world will install 52 sculptures for the free open-air exhibition where visitors can soak up the sculpture from the **11th to 20th September**.

52 distinctive artists will enthrall you. These include **Philip Perides** whose larger than life bronze feet exaggerate the human form, **Shelly Kelly** with a crop of polyurethane rods that come to light at dusk and **Kelly Ann Lees** whose pod formation will contradict its steel assemblage with organic beauty. Through collaboration with Crossing Divides, **Artist in Residence Mark Warne** renders a sea of love with his sandstone tower; New Zealand's **Tai Meuli** symbolises the union of family which transcends life, death and distance and **Daniel Clemmett** has a dynamically charged, enormous trike of reclaimed steel. Great for the kids, both big and small.

All artists will vie for **awards and acquisitions** exceeding \$60,000 including the Gold Coast City Council \$20,000 acquisition and the Satterley Property Group's \$20,000 and \$10,000 acquisitions. Visitors can vote for their favourite sculpture in the Currumbin RSL People's Choice Award and go into the draw to win their very own small sculpture. There is a Kids' Choice Award for the young visitors too.

Up to 200,000 visitors come each year to enjoy the blend of beach culture and imposing outdoor sculpture. On the other hand, the **Swell Smalls Gallery** located at The Way of Design Art Gallery on the Currumbin beachfront, allows them to experience sculpture at an intimate and affordable level. Pieces include maquettes or smaller versions of their beachside counterparts.

In addition to this, there are **twilight sculpture walks, artists' talks** throughout the exhibition and a **public art forum** on Tuesday September 15th exploring Perspectives of Public Art. During the weekends, little sculptors can participate in the **Swell Kids' Workshops** to hand cut flowers from recycled PET bottles. And as the sun sets each day, a selection of sculptures reveal a new liveliness as they light up under the southern sky.

As part of the **Swell Kids' Program**, invited NSW artist **Lynne Adams** and 960 school children from the Currumbin Primary School have worked together on a community sculpture. Making fun of a serious issue, consumerism and waste, the children have learnt to hand cut more than 5,000 PET bottles into flowers. The sculpture, installed by professional rock climbers, will culminate as a spectacular floral mass draped over Currumbin Rock.

Both weekends are popular and parking is a breeze with the **Free Swell Shuttle Bus service**. Visitors can hail the bus along the designated circuit and be taken to and from the exhibition with ease. **Gourmet BBQs** on the weekends will tantalise tastebuds, visitors can choose casual dining at local cafes and restaurants or a homemade picnic and plan to stay the day.

The sculptures are big and captivating and best of all, the exhibition is free!

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**WHAT.**  
**FREE OUTDOOR EXHIBITION**  
Swell Sculpture Festival

**WHEN.**  
Friday 11th – Sunday 20th  
September 2009

**WHERE.**  
Pacific Parade  
Currumbin Beach  
Queensland

**KEY DATES.**  
**Installation**  
Wednesday 9th September

**Public Art Forum**  
Tuesday 15th September

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