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Swell Sculpture Festival 2008 Public Art Symposium

Public Art – an Object or an Experience?

When you look at a piece of public art, what do you see? Is it a waste of space or does it energise public spaces and transform our everyday life?

The **Public Art Symposium** will provide an informative forum for the community to engage with the topic **Public Art – an Object or an Experience** through three keynote sessions. The aim is to broaden community involvement and participation in cultural discussions and to challenge the perception of public art and its role in public life.

This new initiative from the organisers of Swell Sculpture Festival will be held on Tuesday 16th September and runs in conjunction with the major outdoor sculpture exhibition being held from 12th to 21st September on Queensland's Currumbin Beach.

Prompted by expert opinions, the Public Art Symposium will provide for genuine discussion bringing cultural dialogue directly into the community.

Keynote speakers include **Associate Professor Patricia Wise** from Griffith University who will challenge the term *Public Art* and broaden its interpretation, not pinning it down to a definition. **Yenda Carson** from Arts Queensland will extend the discussion addressing how artworks in public interact with space and place. **Andrew Trump** from the Gold Coast City Council will speak on initiating new visions through cultural policy and strategy.

Joining the panel are sculptor **Antone Bruinsma** and **Ian Brazier** from Austrade.

The Public Art Symposium is an opportunity to connect with speakers who are experts in their fields and with fellow attendees to promote conversation in everyday life. The audience is encouraged to participate with the view of broadening their understanding of public art from a visual, cultural and critical perspective.

Session and ticket information is available at www.swellsculpture.com.au.

WHAT.

Public Art Symposium
Swell Sculpture Festival

WHEN.

Tuesday 16th September 2008

WHERE.

Point Restaurant
The Rocks Resort
828 Pacific Parade
Currumbin Beach
Queensland

\$50 per person

Includes morning tea and lunch

Bookings and Information

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