



The 2009 Aireys Festival of Words Sculpture Trail Created by Darren Matthews



Follow this 'Fluid'-themed Sculpture Trail around seven Festival venues. Fill out a competition entry form and you could be in the running to win your very own sculpture.

1. Aireys Inlet Community Centre

Sculpture: Turning the tide

A solid steel weldment forms the body of this propeller-shaped sculpture.

Steel strapping has been rolled to form blades around a circular hub.

The blades contain sandwiched rock made up of river pebbles, local cliff rock and small white quartz stone.

A giant Jarrah railway sleeper has been notched in sharp abstract recesses to add mechanical purpose to the piece.

Salvaged water taps fitted with copper tube have been polished and enclosed within the hub to depict the use of fluid to assist in movement.

2. Eagles Nest Gallery

Sculpture: Flowing to centre

A solid steel vase-shaped weldment forms the main body of this sculpture.

Sandwiched rock of river pebbles and white quartz stone fill the vase, with the white quartz flowing into the centre.

A solid steel rod waves down from a significant height to eventually appear above the centre of the vase.

3. a la grecque

Sculpture: Straining Mars

An abstract framework of solid steel holds an unusually shaped funnel that has been progressively stuck with local red cliff rock. Or are they particles from Mars?

A rolled metal ring holds river pebbles and the strained red rock.

4. Aireys Inlet Hotel

Sculpture: Hard to be fluid

This sculpture has a diamond base of sandwiched river pebble and white quartz stone. The white quartz rises up and disappears into the air until it reaches a height where it transforms.

A mesh box contains a mass of quartz stone with some stones now falling back to ground like snow.

5. Lighthouse Stables Tearoom and Gallery

Sculpture: Sustain yourself

Trench mesh has been hand-shaped and welded together to form the outline of a tree sculpture. The base of the tree is strong and heavy with Goulbourn river stones contained in its framework. Recycled garden taps weave from the trunk to allow the tree to water itself. A single flower of oxy cut tread plate rises to great height as a sign of its unique robustness.

6. Great Escape Books

Sculpture: Seeping rings

Three rolled solid steel rings form the body of this sculpture. River pebbles, black washed stone and white quartz are sandwiched within the three rings. White quartz is seen seeping through the black stone and into the river stone.

7. Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club

Sculpture: Climbing seas

A sandwiched river pebble boat is caught in the wild ocean, 'The largest mass of fluid on earth'. The waves are formed from twisted mesh welded together and all balanced precariously on a single waving rod.