



## Who we are

We are a Not for Profit organisation. The committee is made up of artists, designers, publicists, educators, environmentalists, event managers, small business owners, curators, and community residence.

Through interactive installations and workshops we endeavor to create a sculptural walk along the foreshore of Brunswick Heads, an event held triennially in October will enliven the site as an experience of man in nature, 2018. It is a free, grassroots event, developed to be sensitive to the environment. Sculptors, community and visitors are able to respond to the site and contribute to its evolving nature.

This diverse landscape with wetlands, coastal scrub, rivers, ocean dunes and open parklands lends itself to sculptural installations that raise awareness and connect to community through Art and Nature. Artists and educators that help explore the environment as a source of healing.

The event in 2015 attracted over 10,000 visitors over 4 days. Bringing over 2 million dollars into the local economy.

'Nature 2018' Brunswick Sculpture Walk invites nationally recognised artists to present works from the popular to the conceptually demanding. It also provides much needed opportunities for regional artists to engage with community and offer workshops and mentoring to local artists in different regions and states.

Visitors can also engage with a range of artworks on display, including art and environment workshops, guided tours, and talks. Nurturing through art in the landscape.

## Our History

- In 2012 The 'Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk' was founded and included into the 'Brunswick Heads Strategic Plan' for the Byron Shire.
- In 2013 we received a CASP grant from 'NSW Regional Arts' Grant' - Fishtales', a ceramic wall mosaic in Torakina Part, Brunswick Heads. This involved 800 community members, educating community groups and visitors about our local marine life through public and school run workshops.
- In 2015, Inaugural BNSW was held, with 45 national and local artists exhibiting sculptures set amongst the landscape of Brunswick Heads. Including workshops, Nature Walks and talks with Artists, Schools, and Environmental organisations e.g. Brunswick Valley Land Care, Brunswick Heads Dune care, Byron Bay Bird Buddies, Byron Bamboo, and Sustainability Byron Shire.

## Our Achievements

A successful 2015 'Brunswick **Nature** Sculpture Walk' event

- 3 Established Awards for excellence in sculpture 'Brunswick Sculpture Award' – in recognition for a work which reflects an environmental issue, 'People's Choice Award' and 'Local Artist Award'
- 2 Permanent acquisitions, Joanne Mott – 'Simpson's Sofa' and David Walsh – 'Oh My Cod'
- 15 permanent sculpture sites approved by Byron Shire Council.
- Commitment from artists and community to support a triennial event.
- A Documentary Film produced of 'BNSW' 2015', interviews with 12 Sculptors about their arts practice.
- 'Documentary Film and Small Sculptures Exhibit' at the Brunswick Picture House accompanying exhibition Launch Oct. 2016

*It is a locally loved, significant outdoor sculpture event with ongoing acquisitions.*

## Our relationships

We have committed community support and are again seeking to gain sponsorship and funding through various organisations to help maintain this quality event.

The following organisations sponsored our 2015 event

- Brunswick Heads Progress Association – Aspicing body 2015 /18
- Byron Shire Council, The Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, The Byron Shire Echo, Byron News, Bay FM
- Tweed Regional Gallery –judging committee and providing workshop facilities for 2018 event.
- Southern Cross University - judging committee. Student professional practice support program – 'Live Ideas' mentored by BNSW Artists, Participation of three 3rd year Sculpture students in the 2015 BNSW.
- Local schools participating in workshops facilitated by professional artists in 2015. Mirra – Winni Gaze, Joanne Mott, Sue Davidson and Kathleen Browne building links in community, students learn about their local Environment, Culture and Sustainability through arts related expression. 'Nature as a means to place and connection'.
- 20 local businesses sponsorships and in-kind donations from organisations in Byron Shire and continue to align ourselves with businesses that have a similar ethos
- 100 community volunteers

## Testimonials

*"I loved that nature was the theme and this made it completely different to other sculpture walks. The walk was very relaxing and the crowd was great!! The curating was excellent. My family loved the event."*

*"A free event accessible for all and getting all sorts of people involved. A reflective event, people connected with nature, each other."*