

# sculpture by the sea

**SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, BONDI**  
19 OCTOBER – 5 NOVEMBER, 2017



David Ball, *Orb*, *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi 2017*, Photo: Jessica Wylid

## David Ball from New South Wales announced as recipient of the Aqualand Sculpture Award

*Sculpture by the Sea* and Aqualand today announced David Ball from Mittagong, NSW as the recipient of the \$60,000 Aqualand Sculpture Award for *Orb* at the launch of the 21<sup>st</sup> annual *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* today.

The \$60,000 acquisitive award is the most generous annual sculpture award in Australia.

Upon receiving the award at Bondi this morning, David Ball said "I was quite convinced when I dropped off the sculpture that I had no chance! There are so many incredible pieces here. I feel shocked."

He continued, "It's suddenly given me this amazing confidence and is going to give me time to do some exploration in the workshop. As a sculptor, you are never really sure if your work is going to continue selling but this has given me more security. Thank you to Aqualand and *Sculpture by the Sea* for supporting artists like myself."

Today it was also announced the award-winning sculptures from the 2016 – 2018 *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* exhibitions will be gifted by Aqualand to the Harbour Trust for permanent public placement at Headland Park overlooking Sydney Harbour.

Alex Adams, Head of Sales and Marketing, Aqualand said: "Aqualand is a proudly Australian property development and investment company, with a present portfolio of 4,500 apartments to be delivered over the next ten years across our community. We have a firm belief that there's a strong connection between creativity and engaged,

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vibrant communities, and celebrating Australian arts and exceptional talent in the cultural sector is incredibly important to us."

"For the second year running, we're excited to support this iconic exhibition that is enjoyed by so many Sydneysiders and visitors to our city. It is also our great pleasure to congratulate this year's Aqualand Sculpture Award recipient, David Ball, for his exceptional sculpture *Orb*."

The gift of the three Aqualand Sculpture Award works to Sydney Harbour Federation Trust will see Ball's work join last year's recipient Johannes Pannekoek's *Change Ahead* and the 2018 recipient's sculpture in their new home at Headland Park in Mosman for visitors to enjoy year round.

"The Harbour Trust is delighted to again be partnering with *Sculpture by the Sea* to bring award-winning sculptures to Headland Park at Mosman, and we are grateful to Aqualand for their generous donation," said Harbour Trust CEO Mary Darwell.

"These sculptures will fit extremely well within our Headland Park setting with its thriving working Artist Precinct, great cafes and restaurants, beautiful bushwalks and a wonderful exhibition space in our WWII T5 Camouflage Fuel Tank. This cultural experience adds to the rich Indigenous, military and Pacific stories of Headland Park."

"As *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* turns 21 we would like to thank everyone who has joined us on the Bondi coastal walk since 1997. Congratulations to David Ball on this award. The gifting of his sculpture for permanent public placement at Headland Park in Mosman is a great way to celebrate our 21<sup>th</sup> anniversary," said Founding Director, David Handley AM.

*Orb* by David Ball was chosen by this year's judging panel:

- **Dr Nien Schwarz**      Artist & Senior Lecturer, School of Arts and Humanities , Edith Cowan University
- **Henry Mulholland**      Senior Art Specialist, Deutscher and Hackett
- **Jennifer Turpin**      Artist

Born into the Australian bush, David Ball has been shaping steel for decades. His ability to execute massive structures that fit harmoniously within rugged landscapes has won him awards and significant commissions from various private collectors. Ball's drive to make his works by hand necessitates considerable physicality, which is a challenge for large-scale sculptures.

The corten steel sculpture was inspired by Ball's experience exploring the outdoors of Sydney's bushland. He said in his artist statement, "*Orb* is a visual metaphor for a break in unity but also conveys humour as such a small force cause's disconnection."

This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year in which the breathtaking Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk has been transformed by *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* with the installation of 104 sculptures from 16 countries. The exhibition is free to the public and runs from Thursday 19 October until Sunday 5 November 2017.

The media launch took place on 19 October at 11.00am at Marks Park, Tamarama with ABC Radio's Simon Marnie as MC.

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#### **ABOUT SCULPTURE BY THE SEA**

*Sculpture by the Sea* is a series of exhibitions presented Cottesloe Beach in Perth, Western Australia next year from 2-19 March, 2018 and Bondi. *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* began in 1997, as a one-day exhibition run by

volunteers featuring works by 64 artists and attended by 25,000 visitors. Since then, the event has grown to become the largest annual sculpture exhibition in the world featuring numerous esteemed international artists and enjoyed by an estimated 500,000 visitors over 3 weeks.

#### **ABOUT AQUALAND**

Established in March 2014, Aqualand is a property development and investment company that aims to go beyond the expected. We create beautiful, intelligently designed living and working environments with our customers and partners in mind.

Incorporating a mix of residential developments and investment properties, Aqualand's strategy is to increase landholdings in all sectors including residential, hospitality, commercial and retail assets as opportunities arise.

Taking advantage of the strong Sydney market conditions and potential of the residential property market, our current residential pipeline will deliver approximately 4,500 apartments over the next 10 years.

Aqualand has built a reputation as a producer of high quality residences and currently has more than 17 properties in its portfolio.

#### **ABOUT THE HARBOUR TRUST**

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is an operationally self-funding agency created by the Australian Government to be responsible for the vision planning and management of former defence and Commonwealth sites around Sydney Harbour.

Its sites are Cockatoo Island and Snapper Island in Sydney Harbour, Woolwich Dock and Parklands, Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney, Headland Park in Mosman, North Head Sanctuary in Manly, the Marine Biological Station in Watsons Bay and Macquarie Lightstation in Vaucluse. These public spaces and parklands offer major events, exhibitions, venue hire, accommodation, tours and business tenancy.

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