

PRIMAL: EPHEMERAL Eco Art Residency

Ruth Gregor | Venus Bay | South Australia



art + environment learning connections

about the artist

I am a self-taught sculptor and painter living in Venus Bay. Over the years, I have taken any available opportunity to learn more about art, and the skills involved in expressing it. Indebted to the many artists and organisations who have helped me along the way by sharing knowledge and opportunities, I look forward to passing some of this experience on to others. I have been fortunate to be able to work on large pieces of public stone sculpture in Adelaide's Centennial Park as part of SALA 2015 and at Macclesfield's Crystal Lake Park as part of a sculpture symposium in 2015. I look forward to sharing the PRIMAL sculpture project with the people of Streaky Bay.

the importance of the environment

I am happiest in the natural environment, outside in the sun and wind and surrounded by plants and creatures that depend, as we all do, on clean air, earth and water. Feeling out of sorts? Step outside the door and you instantly feel that lift in mood! I hate to think of a world in which it is no longer possible for us to have this direct connection with nature, and unfortunately life is already this way for many people.



the eco art project and what it can achieve



Sculpture is a way to express ideas and feelings in a form not only visible, but touchable, and continually changing with each different viewpoint or fleeting effect of light. It's a way to present small things on a large scale, to make people look afresh at something familiar or to bring something new to their attention. The theme of my project is a small cold water coral, found both in fossil deposits and in the waters surrounding Eyre Peninsula. It represents for me the inter-connected nature of all life, especially in our seas. It also brings to mind the responsibility we have to sustain and preserve wherever possible, not just large and exciting species, but also the small and humble. Corals are especially vulnerable in our oceans these days, so I hope that my sculpture "Solitary Coral", which will be made of Mt Gambier limestone, will be a lasting reminder of such a fragile and beautiful thing. I also look forward to the workshops in which I hope to introduce people to the basics of making a sculpture. I am sure I will learn just as much from you, the participants, as you will from me!

further reading and eco art links

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- www.apponyi.net
- www.crystallakepark.com.au

PROJECT LOCATIONS | STREAKY BAY

- Doctors Beach, Wells Street
- Foreshore Lawns, Corner of Stuart Street & Eyre Avenue
- Campbells Landing, Corner of Linklater Street & Eyre Avenue

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