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Floating rock installed at Cottesloe Beach for Sculpture by the Sea



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A floating rock made from stainless steel has been anchored off Perth's Cottesloe Beach for the 14th annual Sculpture by the Sea exhibition, joining more than 70 works installed at the iconic event.

For the next 18 days, everyone is invited to come along to the free event and enjoy a dynamic range of art works from 70 artists, including 28 from WA, with each piece a unique example of artistic expression.



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The piece was specially created for Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe. Photo: Richard Watson

The newest addition is titled 'Floating Rock' from contemporary Chinese artist Zhan Wang - a stainless steel rock that floats on the water, and was created specifically for Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe.

The installation was delayed until Wednesday afternoon due to freight issues, but the work is now in place for art lovers to admire.

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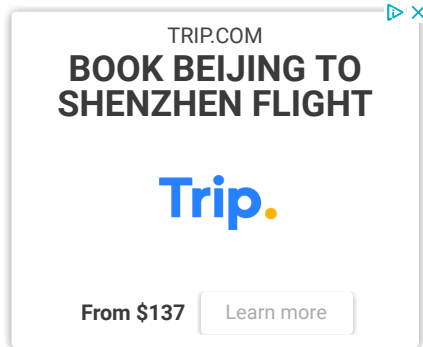
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There are significant prizes for the art works, with artist Harrie Fasher from Oberon, NSW announced as the recipient of the prestigious \$50,000 Rio Tinto Sculpture Award for her abstract steel work Transition (2016).

The sculpture is based on an Icelandic myth of a horse travelling between worlds, and depicts a horse rising out of the sand.



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"I am overwhelmed and honoured," said Fasher, speaking after she was presented with the award.



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The sculpture will be gifted for permanent public placement to the City of Busselton by Rio Tinto.



Floating Rock is dragged into place. Photo: Richard Watson

"Transition embodies everything that it is to be an artist – dreams, struggles and persistence. It's a very important sculpture in my creative practice and I'm delighted it will have a public home in the City of Busselton," she said.

"To get to Cottesloe, this year's sculptures have all together travelled 319,467 miles, so Sculpture by the Sea is asking visitors to 'Buy A Mile' with a \$1 donation to help the artists return next year and keep the exhibition alive and free for the community."

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