

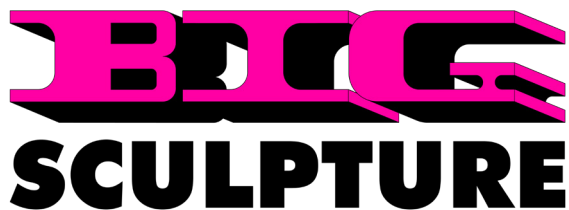
# **BIG** **SCULPTURE**

The **BIG Sculpture St Kilda Trail 2024/25** is a free event exhibiting 20 sculptures located in and around Acland St, the Upper Esplanade and the historic and leafy streets, parks and plazas of St Kilda, Melbourne, between Dec15th., 2024-Feb16th., 2025. Commencing before the Festive Summer Season it runs until the end of the St Kilda Festival.

Utilizing **QR Codes** linking to the **BIG Sculpture website** and **online Maps** the Trail commences with an artwork at Acland Street Plaza (**#1** Adrian Spurr) and two interior sites in Acland Court (**#2** Jason Hartcup and **#3** Al Phemister) Readings Bookshop (**#4** Different Artists). Travelling North along Acland Street the trail passes the corner of Robe St (**#5** Andre Sardone) to Linden New Art (**#6** Mark Stoner, **#7** Mike Nichols, **#8** Jeremy Blincoe), Theatre Works (**#9** Angela Macdougall) until Christ Church (**#10** Phil Doggett-Williams). From here the Trail turns left along Wimmera Place toward Alfred Square (**#11** David Waters, **#12** Dan Thornell). Crossing over the Upper Esplanade to stall 82 of the St Kilda Sunday Market (**#13** Mark Schaller) continuing to The Palais forecourt (**#14** Christabel Wiggley), Luna Park (**#15** Nicole Allen). A short walk to O'Donnell Gardens there are two sites (**#16** Kate Howard, **#17** Jason Waterhouse). The Trail finishes in the St Kilda Community Gardens (**#18** Brigit Heller, **#19** Sal Lolicato, **#20** Rudi Jass), The final site (**#21** Anton McMurray and Simone Thomson) is situated on the front lawn of the St Kilda Town Hall.

The BIG Sculpture St Kilda Trail has been made possible by the support of:

- **City of Port Philip** Cultural Development Fund Grant and the support of CoPP Events.
- **Acland Street Business Association:** Funding the construction of the BIG Sculpture website and printing of a hardcopy map.
- **Partridge Structural Engineers:** Provided Engineering Specifications for all sculptures that will be exhibited.
- **Monash Art Projects:** Funding the Graphic design services developing a BIG Sculpture logo and all published signage and layout for the printable Trail map.
- **Linen New Art:** Hosting 3 sculpture sites and all BIG Sculpture events, workshops, panel discussions, artist interviews and the opening event.
- **Luna Park:** Major Sponsor



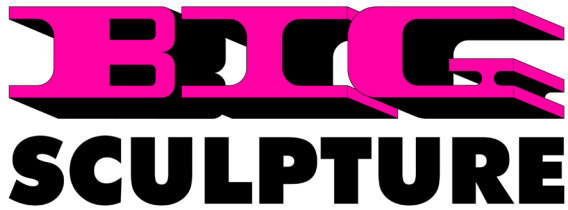
## History

The BIG Sculpture partnership between Adrian Spurr and Mariella Del Conte commenced in 2019 to create the BIG Sculpture Biennale held in the St Kilda Community Gardens. This exhibition and competition, judged by Max Delaney (previously CEO ACCA) presented 19 sculptures as a free event over a period of 4 weeks. A second Biennale due to open in 2021 had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic. The second Biennale was presented twelve months later in November 2022. This event was judged by Prof. Callum Morton (Monash Uni). These events were the largest outdoor sculpture events in Metropolitan Melbourne. In addition to these two sculpture events BIG Sculpture has presented, with funding from CoPP, BIG Sculpture in South Melbourne Market.

In February 2023 BIG Sculpture was approached by Partridge Structural Engineers who are the engineers who provide all certifications for the two largest outdoor sculpture exhibitions in Australia (Bondi and Cottesloe). Partridge offered to complete the engineering specifications for sculptures were BIG Sculpture to expand beyond the Community Gardens and present work in the streets of St Kilda.

BIG Sculpture then secured a partnership with Dr Vince Alessi, Director of Linden New Art whereby LNA would act as the BIG Sculpture Trail Hub hosting the opening event, Artists Talks and panel discussions and Sunday workshops. Monash Art Projects led by Professor Callum Morten also partnered with BIG Sculpture and with the support of these three distinguished institutions BIG Sculpture applied for, and was awarded, a CDF Grant from CoPP.

Other sponsorships/partnerships have since been established including the Acland Street Traders Association who have funded the building of the BIG Sculpture Website, Acland Court, Luna Park, Theatre Works, Christ Church St Kilda, Veg Out Community Gardens and various residents' groups along the Trail.



## Exhibiting Artists

- Adrian Spurr
- Al Phemister
- Andre Sardone
- Angela Macdougall
- Anton McMurray
- Brigit Heller
- Christabel Wigley
- Dan Thornell
- David Waters
- Jason Hartcup
- Jason Waterhouse
- Jeremy Blincoe
- Kate Howard
- Mark Schaller
- Mark Stoner
- Mike Nicholls
- Nicole Allen
- Phil Doggett-Williams
- Rudi Jass
- Sal Lolicato
- Simone Thomson

## Associated Events

Linden New Art. Opening event. Artist talks. Panel discussions. Sunday workshops.

Inge King 1915-2016. An exhibition including three works by one of Australia's most renowned Artists, granted by permission of the estate of Inge King, in support of the partnership between the BIG Sculpture and Linden New Art. These three rarely seen artworks will be presented for exhibition in the foyer of Linden New Art over the entire duration of the St Kilda Trail.

Luna Park. Children's sculpture workshops presented and facilitated by BIG Sculpture.

Organised walking tours of the Trail (and sites of historical and cultural interest), in collaboration with St Kilda Historical Society.

Collaborating in Arts events with Shakespeare Grove Artist Studios.