



SCULPTURE at SCENIC WORLD

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Sculpture at Scenic World winning artists, Elyssa Sykes-Smith, becomes the public's favourite.

The Marrickville winner of the \$20,000 Sculpture at Scenic World Award has also taken out the \$1,000 Carrington Hotel's People's Choice Award for her dramatic recycled timber installation, set under the canopy of ancient rainforest.

Sykes' *A Canopy of Thoughts* received the highest number from the 2,500 votes received from visitors since the opening on 15 April. The artist received \$1000 and a hand crafted trophy by local artist Keith Rowe at the closing celebration of Sculpture at Scenic World yesterday (Sunday 10 May).

Stevie Fieldsend received two awards for her timber, molten glass, resin and water sculpture, *Bulging Ichorous*. Fielding was awarded the \$5000 Artist Peer Award as voted by her fellow exhibiting artists, and the \$2000 Scenic World Staff Choice Award.

Scenic World Joint Managing Directors, David and Anthea Hammon, said the winners of this year's exhibition represented diversity in the sculpture medium and confirmed their support for Sculpture at Scenic World as an artistic playground for creativity.

"The exhibiting artists have displayed a spectacular appreciation for this unique rainforest setting and have taken our visitors on a memorable visual adventure," they said.

"As Sculpture at Scenic World continues to grow, we look forward to offering artists from around the world an opportunity to exhibit in an ancient rainforest for our 2016 event."

Sculpture at Scenic World 2015 exhibiting artists were from Germany, Finland, New Zealand, and Japan, alongside Australian artists from Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.



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You will have another opportunity to view Blue Mountains artist, Hannah Surtees' steel sculpture, *Tall Tales*, at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. Surtees was selected for exhibition as part of the newly developed 2015 partnership, her work will be on display from June 8 – July 5 , 2015.

Visitors to the exhibition have also been rewarded with Austinmer's Ethan Vezgoff winning an Ipad mini after his People's Choice Award vote was randomly selected in a draw. The Artstagram photo competition also drew hundreds of entries and the winner of the Ipad Mini for most creative photo went to Melissa Beattie.

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