

## JON DENARO

West Australian sculptor Jon Denaro's professional art practice spans 34 years as a practicing and exhibiting artist and creating artworks for the public realm. Jon creates contemporary metal sculptures often finding inspiration in found objects that play an intricate part in the story of the resulting piece of art. His sculptures are characterised by exploratory idiosyncratic work within the genre of 'made by the hand of the artist' as opposed to the seamless quality of industrialisation and technology. The dynamic result is a play of objects, shapes and colour. Always with an underlay of biological and physiological narrative.

*'I emphasise the decision pathways and hand tooling; I value the repair and mistakes and show their evidence, like a painter.'*

Jon's portfolio of works include 40 public sculpture commissions, 22 solo exhibitions, 30 group exhibitions as well as participating in 11 Sculpture by the Sea Cottesloe exhibitions and 2 Sculpture by the Sea Bondi exhibitions. His public art sculptures range from 10m high stand-alone works, to 100 sqm integrated facades to small scale, functional bike racks.

Jon is Chairperson of the Pickle District Town Team, which is an arts precinct based in West Perth. Every year, the Pickle District host a highly anticipated annual arts crawl for the community. This event brings together all the businesses in the district, as they open their doors, offering an interactive night of art, music, and dance. Using the VOXLAB workshop as a base; artwork installations and projections are displayed in an 'open studios' style for the community to explore and immerse themselves in the art world.

### Key Projects

2023 Super Nature II - Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi  
2023 Deconstruction Reconstruction, The Fly-Boys, Fluvial + The Jumpups - PHIA  
2023 The Rail, The Ribbon + The Zimpels Catalogue - ONE Subiaco  
2023 Warp + Weft - The Brixton, East Victoria Park  
2022 Currents - South Perth Coles  
2022 The Prickle - Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe. Andrea Stretton Memorial Award  
2021 Canopy - Port Hedland International Airport  
2021 Coffee Cups - North Perth  
2020 The Mini - Leederville  
2019 Entry Sculpture - Ritz Hotel Elizabeth Quay  
2018 Power For The People - Fabric Property Group  
2018 Perron Group - Central Park Foyer Art Relocation  
2018 Swans - Sculpture By The Sea Cottesloe  
2017 Endeavour - Mid Ship Section 1:1 Replica Cantonment Hill, Fremantle  
2016 City Of Vincent Arm - Urban Housing Commission, Leederville  
2015 Grounds Kent Architects / Australind Foreshore Marina Project  
2014 Deep Water Point - Jetty Project Seating/Community Programs, City Of Melville  
2012 Aranmore Catholic School - Architectural Sculpture, City Of Vincent  
2012 Governor Stirling SHS - Architectural Cladding/Sculpture, Woodbridge  
2011 Bikelab - Greenwood Station  
2010 Western Power - Large Scale Sculpture Safety Bay  
2010 Palm Beach Architectural Structure Indigenous Mentorship, City Of Rockingham  
2009 City Of Rockingham - Z Force Memorial Sculptures  
2008 Bike Lab-Perth Children's - Festival Artist Program Director  
2008 BHP, City of Port Hedland  
2008 Civic Building Central foyer/ecternallarge scale sculpture series, City of Rockingham  
2007 Mindarie Keys, Harbour entrance, Mirvac  
2007 Perth Airport, 4 sculpture commission  
2004 Salentine Ridge, POA design sculpture series/furnitureClough/Earthcare Fremantle  
2004 Indicator Pole, Shire of Serpentine

2004 Shire of Ballidu Main street Ballidu  
2004 City of Melville Sculpture Walk, Piney Lakes  
2001 Margaret River Public Library, Sculpture Commission  
2000 Burswood Casino /Gaming floor steel ballastrade artpanels  
1999 Community Environment and Design Project, Margaret River Skate Park  
1999 Margaret River Aquatic Centre large indoor Mural  
1996 Perth Children's Arts Festival, Perth  
1996 Entry Statement, Riverdale Gardens, Yallingup  
1995 ARTRAGE Opening parade sculpture centrepiece  
1994 Gasworks series, East Perth Redevelopment Authority, Perth  
1990 Busselton foreshore play structure series, Flying Washingmachine

### **Represented by**

Linton & Kay Galleries, Kerry Stokes Collection, PICA, Gomboc Sculpture Park, Artbank, ABC, ALCOA, Woodside, Town of Busselton, City of Fremantle, Shire of Margaret River, Town of Port Hedland & Ballidu

### **Education**

2018 Arts Teaching Langford Islamic College  
2010-15 TAFE arts lecturing Design/Arts  
2001-03 SymbioticA - Research Residency UWA  
1989 BA Fine Arts (Sculpture), University of Hobart, Hobart, Tasmania  
1988 Diploma, Art and Design, Claremont School of Art, WA  
1986 Engineering, James Cook University, QLD

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2022 'Whatever' Linton & Kay West Perth  
2017 'Texture of Making' Moores Building Art Gallery Fremantle  
2016 'Strange Passion' Kidogo ArtsSpace Fremantle  
2015 'Memory Structure' Linton & Kay Perth  
2014 'Biomimic' Linton & Kay Perth  
2009 'Revelator'. Gomboc Sculpture Gallery.  
2009 'The Shape of Colour'. Margaret River Gallery  
2008 'Biomemesis', Libby Edwards, Sydney  
2007 'Biomemesis', Brisbane Powerhouse, Brisbane  
2007 'Oceanianism', Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park  
2003 'Super Nature', Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park  
2002 'New Sculpture', Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park  
2001 'Second Skin', Fremantle Art Centre, Fremantle  
2000 'Beautitude,' (Artrage), Moore's Building, Fremantle  
1998 'The Shape of Colour', Margaret River Gallery, Margaret River  
1997 'Fairy Motors', Margaret River Gallery, Margaret River  
1996 'The Shape of Modern', Delaney Gallery, Perth  
1995 Artrage, PICA ground floor, WA  
1995 'Information Super Highway Vehicles', Moore's Building, Fremantle  
1995 'Making', Margaret River Gallery, Margaret River  
1993 'Soul Shaped Devolution', Delaney Gallery, Perth  
1989 'Images', University of Tasmania Foyer Space, Hobart

### **Group Exhibitions**

30 group exhibitions between 1991-2023 and was selected for 11 Sculpture by the Sea exhibitions in Cottesloe and 2 Sculpture by the Sea exhibitions in Bondi between 2005-2023