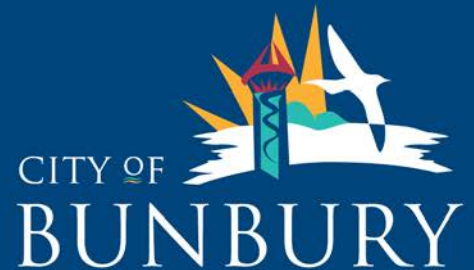


MEDIA STATEMENT



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Public art piece makes a splash at Koombana Foreshore

A colourful art installation to raise awareness for children's mental health was installed at Koombana Foreshore on Friday 4 August.

Dexter the Dolphin was gifted to the City of Bunbury by global mining and metals company South32, which operates Worsley Alumina

The life-sized dolphin was one of 37 dolphins commissioned for the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation public arts project – The Big Splash – to raise awareness and funds for children's mental health.

After the event each sculpture was sold at auction with proceeds going to support the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit at Perth Children's Hospital.

South32 was the successful bidder of Dexter painted by Perth-based artist Sioux Tempestt.

Deputy Mayor Jaysen Miguel acknowledged the generous offer from South32.

"I wish to thank South32 for donating this unique artwork to not just the City of Bunbury but the community as a whole," Cr Miguel said.

"It has injected some colour to Koombana Foreshore and adds to the overall vibrancy of the area not to mention solidifies Bunbury's reputation as having the largest public arts display in regional Australia."

South32 Vice President Corporate Affairs Katie Tovich said the company cared about people and the community.

"With our headquarters in Perth and our Worsley Alumina operation near Bunbury, we're very pleased that we could donate the artwork for the enjoyment of the Bunbury community.

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“We’re proud to have been a major sponsor of The Big Splash WA and we hope that having Dexter on display at the foreshore will help to raise awareness of youth mental health and well-being.”

Dexter is now on display at the Koombana Foreshore for the community and visitors to enjoy.

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