



PortAugusta

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Solar and Sun Sculpture Exhibition Celebrates Art, Sustainability and Natural Resources.

The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden set the scene for the 2023 SOLAR & SUN Bungala Sculpture Exhibition which opened to the public at 10am on Saturday 1st April 2023. The exhibition features 14 sculptures that celebrate the theme of "Solar & Sun - harnessing natural resources".

The opening ceremony was officiated by Port Augusta Mayor, Linley Shine, who expressed excitement for the event, stating "I am thrilled to see the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden once again be a hub for cultural events that celebrate sustainability and natural resources. This exhibition is a great opportunity for artists and visitors alike to appreciate the beauty of art and the importance of renewable energy."

Geoff Brock MP and John Banks CEO of Port Augusta City Council also attended the opening.

The SOLAR & SUN Bungala Sculpture Exhibition offer artists the chance to showcase their work and compete for three prizes, including the 2023 Grand Prize Winner - \$20,000, sponsored by the Bungala Solar Farms (Sustainability Arts Partner 2023). The People's Choice Award, worth \$2,500, will be determined by public vote, while the Youth/Junior Award, worth \$1,000, will be given to artists 15 years old and younger.

All entries must incorporate elements of the "Solar & Sun - harnessing natural resources" theme and be made of at least 50% raw or recycled material. A team of judges will determine the winners based on creativity, originality, and adherence to the theme.

The SOLAR & SUN Bungala Sculpture Exhibition promises to be an exciting and engaging event that combines art, sustainability, and community involvement. Visitors are encouraged to cast their votes for their favourite sculptures, while also enjoying the natural beauty of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden.

Port Augusta City Council acknowledges and would like to thank the Bungala Solar Farms, operated by Enel Green Power for being a Sustainability Arts Partner in 2023 and making this exhibition possible.

The exhibition is open at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden until Saturday 13th May 2023.

JOHN BANKS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Photos: Geoff Brock MP, John Banks CEO Port Augusta City Council and Mayor Linley Shine with David and Goliath by Benjamin Cowey Youth Category (Top) SolaRe by Matt Turley (middle) Embrace by Riley Humphrys Youth Category (far right).