

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

Statement by Member for Cottesloe

DR D.J. HONEY (Cottesloe) [12.57 pm]: Starting last Friday, and for the eighteenth time, Cottesloe had the privilege of hosting over 70 artists from 13 different countries who helped to transform Cottesloe Beach into one of the world's largest sculpture exhibitions. As I am sure members are aware, *Sculpture by the Sea* has established itself as one of the foremost cultural events for not only the Cottesloe electorate, but also the whole of Western Australia. I was therefore extremely honoured to have the opportunity to attend and speak at the launch of the 2023 *Sculpture by the Sea* exhibition. This year we also had the pleasure of exhibiting the works of two artists from Ukraine, which was curated by a special guest, Ms Viktoria Kulikova, art director of the Abramovych Art Agency in Ukraine. Furthermore, this year was the first time in three years that we were able to welcome back our international and interstate artists. Sadly, travel restrictions over the past three years during the COVID-19 pandemic had kept many of these artists away. Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to give a very special thankyou to all the artists, both local and international, of the 70-plus sculptures in this year's exhibition, and to the board of *Sculpture by the Sea* and especially David Handley and his incredible team for organising such a wonderful event. What a fantastic exhibition you have organised yet again! Thank you.