



WATER FEATURE FASCINATES

SCULPTURE/PUBLIC ART

'14 Pieces' is a unique water feature that forms an integral part of the major streetscape and landscape works carried out at North Terrace in Adelaide.

This new and distinctive landmark replaces the original fountain that was supplied by the Bonython Family.

'14 Pieces' was unveiled in October 2005 by Premier Mike Rann and Lord Mayor Michael Harbison.

Remarkably, the novel design emulates the opalised vertebra of an Ichthyosaur, which were fish-like carnivorous reptiles that have no living relatives today.

Ironically, the most complete specimen of an Ichthyosaur was discovered by Palaeontologists at a location near Maree in South Australia in 2002. This dolphin-like creature swam the freezing inland sea of South Australia 120 million years ago.

'14 Pieces' resembles an actual exhibit, which is displayed in the nearby South Australian museum.

Each piece of the vertebra is formed from Adelaide Black Granite. The vertebra are set in oval plinths fashioned from Calca Red Granite. The '14 Pieces' is a well detailed concept that has been designed, manufactured and installed with great care.

The constant and quiet water flow fascinates young and old alike. By night, the feature is well lit which adds a new aesthetic

Everyone admires an inspiring sculpture carved from stone. However, the availability of Computer Numerate Controlled (CNC) machinery allows fabricators to do a whole lot more with stone than simply form and polish edges to bench tops.

The contemporary fabricator's workshop equipped with CNC and waterjet equipment can cut, shape and decorate stone in a multitude of ways.

Projects of this nature provide a glimpse of possibilities that are all too often ignored.

Specifications

Project:

'14 Pieces' water feature sculpture, North Terrace, Adelaide

Architect:

Phillips Pilkington Architects Pty Ltd

Artists:

Hossein and Angela Valamanesh

Stonemasons:

Tillett Natural Stone Industries

Engineers:

Wallbridge and Gilbert

Hydraulic design:

Nevil Crocker Australia

Contractor:

Catcon Pty Ltd

Stone:

Adelaide Black Granite and Calca Red Granite supplied and formed by Tillett Natural Stone Industries