

sculpture by the sea

Sculpture by the Sea Incorporated

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Mr. James Hayes OAM
Mayor
and
Matthew Hyde
Chief Executive Officer
Snowy Valleys Council

17 March, 2021

Dear James and Matthew,

I am pleased to write to you with the offer, made possible by a donation from the Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark to our not for profit organisation, to gift to the Snowy Valleys Council three sculptures, one each by an artist from Denmark, Australia and New Zealand, for permanent public placement in the parkland adjacent to the oval either side of the stream running through Tumbarumba directly behind the main street.

This offer is made in friendship to the Snowy Valleys Council and the people of the Snowy Valleys following the bushfires of one year ago as the Snowy Valleys community re-builds and recovers.

The Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark ('the Society') has a long standing friendship and close association with Sculpture by the Sea following the staging of four editions of *Sculpture by the Sea, Aarhus* in Denmark every two years from 2009 – 2015 under the Patronage of TRH Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark. We have been pleased to work with the Society in developing the idea of this gift to the Snowy Valleys as the Society decides to wind up its organisation.

The Society would like the three sculptures to be located in the same park, relatively near each other, as a lasting symbol of friendship between Denmark, Australia and New Zealand, and has chosen the park in Tumbarumba, as it is a beautiful location near the centre of the town where people enjoy to walk by the stream. If this gift is accepted it is our hope you will agree to the gift being called the Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark Sculpture Collection and that this collection will in due course form a part of the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail being developed by our organisation for Council.

With advice from the Curatorial Advisory Group assembled for the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail we are preparing the short list of sculptures to be considered for purchase and gifting to Council thanks to the gift of the Society. At this stage, the Society would like to confirm it wishes to gift of the sculpture 'Together We Are Strong' by Keld Moseholm from Denmark, an image of which is attached with this letter. The sculpture is 280cm high by 100cm wide and 60cm deep, weighing approximately 700kg. In addition, we expect at least further three sculptures will be on the short list, each by an artist who exhibited in *Sculpture by the Sea, Aarhus*, and would like to ask Council for the Local Community Advisory Group for the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail to make the final decision of the artworks to be purchased and gifted to Council. Should Council wish to review the sculptures chosen to be gifted we will be happy to have these discussions.

The gift of the sculptures includes the budget for the freight, a bronze plaque and installation of the sculptures by our organisation in locations in Tumbarumba park following consultation with Council on the specific sites for the sculptures.

Sculpture by the Sea Incorporated is listed on the National Cultural Register and all donations to our organisation are tax deductible.

An important feature of the sculptures to be offered to Council is they will be able to be permanently exhibited outdoors in a public place with minimal maintenance for at least ten years, and hopefully much longer. If one or more of the sculptures is no longer in a suitable condition for public display we will understand if it needs to be de-accessioned from Council's collection. In this situation we ask that the sculpture be first offered back to the artist and then to our organisation before being removed by Council.

Should Council wish to accept this offer, it is our intention to write to TRH Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary of Denmark to invite them to endorse this gift by the Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark to the people of the Snowy Valleys.

When you have the chance I look forward hearing from you and to answering any questions you may have so we may begin the process of arranging the gift of three sculptures by the Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark to the people of the Snowy Valleys for installation in the middle of the year.

Yours sincerely,



David Handley AM
Founding Director
Sculpture by the Sea

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Hanne Bache, Friendship Society of Australia New Zealand and Denmark
Paul Holten, Director Community and Corporate, Snowy Valleys Council