



Public art to inspire the imagination

This large steel-reinforced concrete sculpture is in the park at Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshores. The sculpture's basic shape was inspired by a whale vertebra. Its abstract curves reflect shapes from local surroundings – clouds, reefs and views.

The sculpture was designed by artist John Van der Kolk for Coffs Harbour Council's public art collection, and was made and delivered by Natureworks. It was designed for children to play on, so the fibreglass structure was reinforced with an internal steel armature and installed with a soft surround.

To see your artistic vision come to life, or explore ideas to enhance playgrounds or tourist attractions, get in touch!



The final sculpture in place, with soft fall surround to suit playground use

"The intention behind Cloud Reef was to be a reflective playscape of the ocean and the coast; clouds, reef, views. The piece is designed with children in mind, to be a children's playground, a place for exploration, allowing them to explore the unfamiliar.

I didn't want to create something obvious, like a slide or a swing. This was to be an adventure into the unknown, allowing and developing exploration and imagination."

John van Der Kolk,
Artist



Fibreglass sculpture



Small 3D model of the sculpture



Steel reinforced substructure



Delivering the sculpture



Final sculpture in situ



Side view



Front view