

# PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE

STURDY FIBREGLASS CONSTRUCTION





# WELCOME!

A WORLD OF NATURAL MAGIC STARTS HERE...



David Joffe, Founder, Natureworks

**NATUREWORKS** design and manufacture lifelike sculptures of nature's wonders, from animals, rocks and trees through to themed props and big things designed to make a big impression!

Create amazing experiences for education, tourism or commerce. Our sculptures, props and statues enhance playgrounds, wildlife parks, cultural centres, shops, hotels, theme parks and tourist attractions. They also provide enjoyment and natural beauty for home and garden decor.

Founded in 1979 by experienced museum preparator David Joffe, Natureworks is an extraordinary enterprise. It mixes the disciplines of the built environment with the creativity and imagination of exceptional artists with a passion for natural history and interpretive art.

## Museum quality replicas

Since its inception, Natureworks has pursued a commitment to retain a museum standard master of every item of wildlife art the company produces. This now numbers over 2,000 items! This library of exhibit resources positions Natureworks as a unique supplier of highly detailed replicas for use in museums worldwide. It also means we can create copies of just about anything!

Over the years, Natureworks has been inundated with the strangest of requests and has subsequently amassed an unparalleled collection of natural history sculptures and oddities. Combined with director David Joffe's knowledge and expertise, this collection means Natureworks is a leader in the theming industry.

## The art of the natural world

David has dedicated his life to creating a collection of moulds of nature's art. The collection includes literally thousands of animal, bird, reptile and amphibian castings. Original sculptures include logs, trees, roots, rocks, ponds, fungi, corals, invertebrates, termite mounds, water lilies, dinosaurs, crystals and fossils. These moulds provide a unique resource to create beautiful natural habitats and environments.

## 40 years experience in the theming industry

Natureworks have created a wide range of sculptures and environments for zoos, aviaries, cultural centres, theme parks, botanical gardens, shopping malls, aquaria, playgrounds, mini-golf and museums.

Demand for Natureworks products increases as the world's pristine habitats dwindle. Contact Natureworks today to see how we can transform your project with custom design solutions and a dose of natural magic!

*Natureworks is based in Brisbane northside, and delivers products and projects for customers throughout Australia and around the world.*

*Please contact us for more information about any of the products in this catalogue, or to enquire about custom design services.*

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## MINER - LARGER THAN LIFE-SIZE SCULPTURE

Custom designed miner public art statue - now situated at the Big Rig tourist centre



# MINER SCULPTURE - BRONZE FINISH - LARGER THAN LIFE SIZE

Miner sculpture	
Code	Custom
Length	307 cm
Width	133 cm
Height	177 cm
Weight	151kg
Fall zone	600 x 1000 cm
Mounting*	Fixing plates available
Material	Sturdy fibreglass
Colour*	Bronze finish or painted true to life
Finish*	Available with UV stable 2-pac finish
Suit ages	All
Usage	Indoor display
Themes	Australiana, Heritage
Certified?	Can be made extra heavy duty

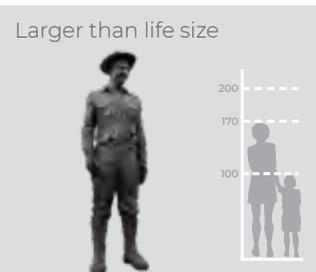
This piece larger than life-size sculpture of major miner John Machado. This sculpture was commissioned by the Big Rig tourist destination in Roma Queensland

For added stability it can be fixed via base plates or mounting plates attached.

Durable UV- stable pre-pigmented gel coat finish.

### Key features...

- ✓ Sturdy, durable, safe
- ✓ Available with fixing plates or on a base plate
- ✓ Realistic replica available with various finishes- appeals to wide audience
- ✓ Larger than life-size



[VIEW ON WEBSITE](#) 

## MINER - LARGER THAN LIFE-SIZE SCULPTURE

- ✓ Unique design - replicating clothing, hat, gloves and boots.
- ✓ All creases in clothing, style of boots and attire are authentic replica of a traditional Australian miner
- ✓ Base can be added to aid in stability
- ✓ Height was made larger than life-size as it was purpose built for our customers needs as a photo opportunity at the entry to the Big Rig tourist destination



- ✓ Lighting can add effect and showcase the statue at night
- ✓ Measurements - approximately 2.5m high and 600 wide stance
- ✓ Custom designed by Natureworks artists



2.5m  
Height

Length 600 cm approx

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## THE DRILLER

The development of the oil and gas industry in Australia is a story about the efforts of people ..... explorers, engineers, field workers, investors and many others. These people are part of the story of Roma - the birth place of the oil and gas industry in Australia.

This statue and the Big Rig commemorate their efforts and celebrate their achievements.

The statue is based on a photograph of a well-remembered character from the early days of oil-search in this district. John Machado came to Roma, with fellow Californian, Clarence Evans, in 1923.

These two Americans were largely responsible for training the first Australian oil drilling teams. John Machado became a naturalised Australian in 1939, and remained in Roma until 1945, well after the oil boom which brought him to this country. He was employed by the Roma Town Council as Water Foreman until 1945, converting the diminished oil bores on Hospital Hill to town water bores.

John Machado died in Brisbane in 1974, aged 76 years.





# Product care

## GUIDANCE ON HOW TO LOOK AFTER NATUREWORKS FIBREGLASS SCULPTURES

Take good care of your Natureworks fibreglass sculpture and you'll have many years of enjoyment, as well as protecting your investment.

### Maintenance tips

Fibreglass sculptures require little maintenance if kept indoors, however there are a few things you can do to keep them looking like new, especially if used outside in the weather.

- Most stock items are painted with standard acrylic paint, so if used outdoors pieces require a protective coating to assist in preserving integrity and colours of paint. Natureworks can apply a commercial grade hard-wearing polyurethane clear coating, called '2 pac finish'. Make sure you specify 2Pac finish when ordering items that will be used outdoors (unless this is shown as standard for that product).
- If products are going to be exposed to the public and/or climbed on, they may need to be reinforced and have fixings installed to secure them to a solid footing. This can be quoted as an additional modification at time of ordering. We can also build items to meet Australian Playground Certification standards, where appropriate.
- The paint finishes will not tolerate submersion under water and it is imperative that no water is allowed to pool on any painted surface.
- Annually at least, wash with warm, soapy water or sugar soap if required using a soft cloth.
- Do not wash with steel wool, or any other materials which may scratch or damage the surface.
- If kept outside, you will need to re-coat the clear protective coating every 12 to 18 months depending on your climate. This can be done with a good quality enamel clear gloss (a spray can is alright). Test it on a small inconspicuous area first. The replica needs to be cleaned before you re-coat with the clear coat. We use Resene Acrylic Clear Semi-Gloss for our protective coating.
- Give your replica a light hand sand using 240 grit sandpaper, then clean off any excess dirt and grit and repaint per the paint manufacturer's specs. If you desire a high polish or glossy look use a high gloss Acrylic instead.
- Note the colour red and its derivatives are at the greatest risk of fading.
- Colour finish touch up kits are available for small chips or scratches.
- Note that we can do repaints and repairs depending on the scope of work required

### More info

- ▶ [FAQs on our website](#)
- ▶ [Product care sheet](#)

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# Additional extras

## PRODUCT CUSTOMISATION OPTIONS & SERVICES FOR NATUREWORKS CUSTOMERS

Nearly all of our products can be customised to suit your needs. This page lists the main options available, but if you need something special or aren't sure what's the best option, just ask. We'll happily create a variation on a sculpture, provide different fixings, or come up with a completely new design for that extra wow factor.



### *Mounting plate or other fixings*

A steel mounting plate lets you fix a sculpture to a flat surface, increasing safety and security. Some products are suitable for wall mounting, or suspended from above using hooks and wires.



### *2Pac finish*

If your product is going to be used outside, 2Pac finish is a must, as it will help protect it from the elements. Even for internal use, 2Pac can help reduce the effects of sunlight or sticky fingers! See our product care guide for more information.



### *Custom size or format*

Want it smaller, larger or giant size? Need a sculpture facing the other way, or in a different pose or ratio? We can create variants of most products; just say what you need when enquiring.



### *Custom colours*

Our animal, plant and rock sculptures generally feature colours from nature, but we can finish products in any colour you want. You can specify corporate or team colours, glow-in-the-dark finish, extra bright colours or other variations.



### *Product signage*

We can provide a custom sign with your branding, educational information or way-finding guidance. Signs can be integrated or provided separately, depending on the product.



### *Internal steel armature*

An internal armature made of steel gives extra strength and is standard for sculptures designed to be climbed on, such as artificial rocks or playground items. This extra can be added to any product we create, to make it more robust.



### *Playground use and certification*

At Natureworks we're passionate about the value of nature-based play, and many of our sculptures are ideal for children's' play areas. We can advise which products are most suitable, discuss safety features, and certify products to meet Australian standards for use in playgrounds and child care facilities.



### *Movable fixings or design*

If you need to be able to move the product around, we can provide relevant fittings. For example, we can provide a wheeled base, or adjust the design to make it more movable.



### *Delivery*

Natureworks can deliver anywhere in Australia or around the world, or you can pick up from our premises in Highvale, near Samford on Brisbane's northside. Shipping costs depend on the type, size and number of products ordered, as well as the delivery location and insurance requirements. In many cases we will make custom-built crates to protect your items. Please ask for a quote.

Our address is: 732 Mt Glorious Road, Highvale, Queensland 4520, Australia.



### *Installation*

For larger projects, we can provide a professional on-site installation service. We have a range of construction equipment to suit different sites and installation types. Please discuss your needs when requesting a quote.

