



2023 In Review

From us all at the annual Melbourne Prize, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support and interest in our activities this year.

It has been a successful year for the Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture 2023. From a record number of entries from Victorian artists, the judges selected four finalists from diverse practices, who were showcased at Fed Square via the Augmented Reality Finalists' Exhibition and digital catalogue - the Awards at The Edge were extremely well attended.

Please enjoy some images from this year's activities and an acknowledgement of our partners and patrons in this newsletter.

The annual Melbourne Prize continues to provide opportunities for Victorian writers, musicians and sculpture and celebrates the 20th prize anniversary with the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024 & Awards - registrations of interest open shortly on our website.

Thank you to our 2023 partners and patrons, our three judges, all entrants and finalists and to the creative sector for supporting our activities this year.

A special thank you to Fed Square for hosting the 2023 Awards event at The Edge and the Augmented Reality Finalists' Exhibition, plus supporting the judges and finalist fees.

Going into its 20th anniversary prize with the Melbourne Prize for Literature 2024, the annual Melbourne Prize continues its objective to provide opportunities to the Victorian creative sector and to demonstrate the importance of recognising and rewarding artistic talent.

[Click here](#) for the Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture 2023 Catalogue.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which the Melbourne Prize Trust operates, the People of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respects to the elders, past and present.



Thank you to our Foundation Events Partner, Fed Square.



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Events at Fed Square



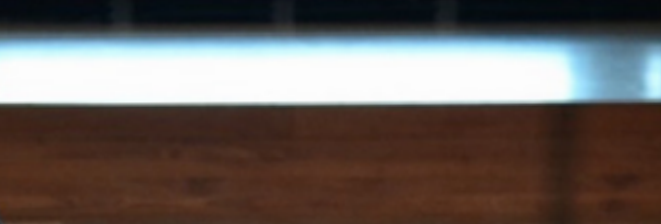
November Awards night and trophy - The Edge, Fed Square.



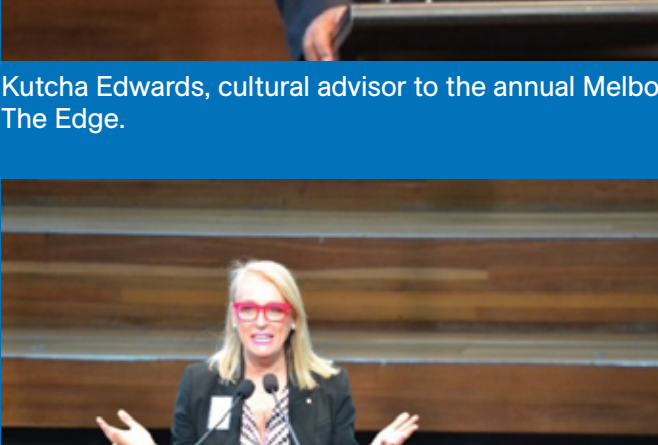
Augmented Reality Finalist Exhibition at Fed Square 1-15 November - all finalists were showcased.



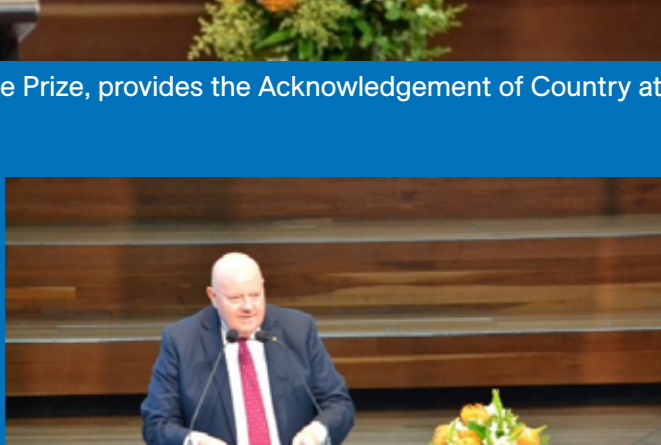
Promotions at Fed Square for the Awards event and Augmented Reality Finalist Exhibition 1-15 November.



Finalists' Exhibition sign at Fed Square.



Melbourne Prize flags and banner at Fed Square, printed by Evan Evans.



The Awards at The Edge



Guitarist, Dr. Tim Willis opens The Awards at The Edge.



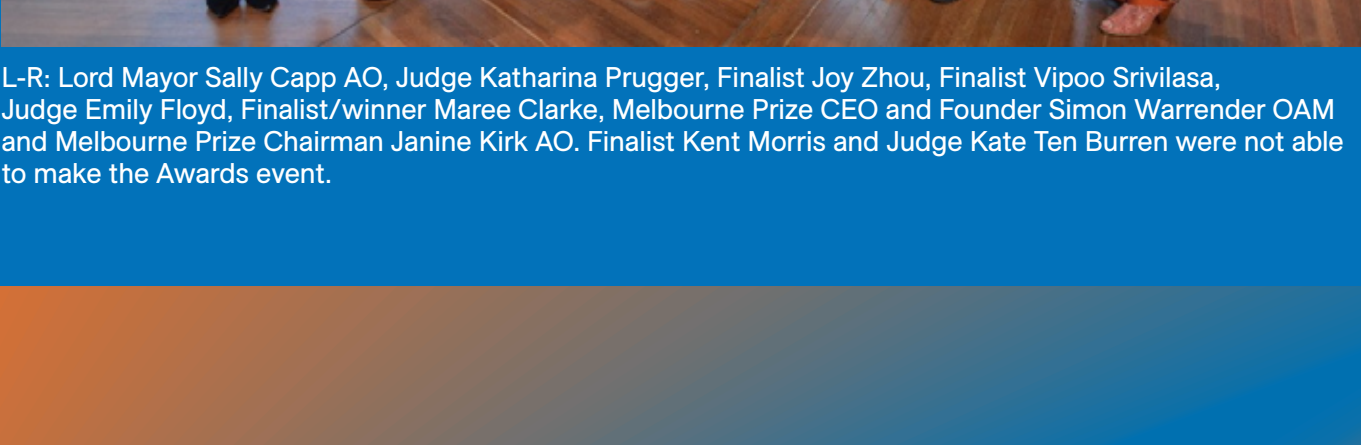
Guests arrive at The Edge for the Awards.



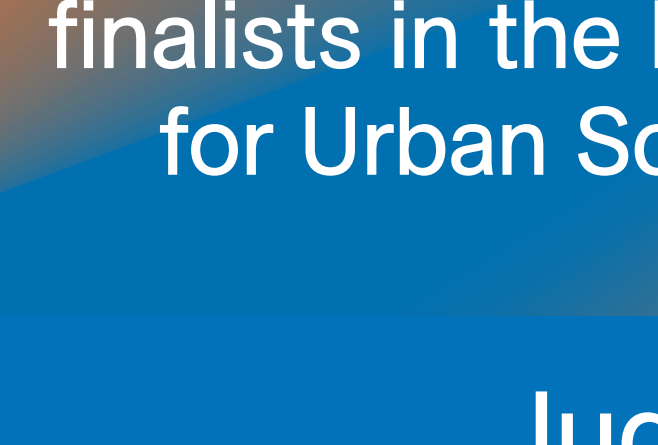
Kutcha Edwards, cultural advisor to the annual Melbourne Prize, provides the Acknowledgement of Country at The Edge.



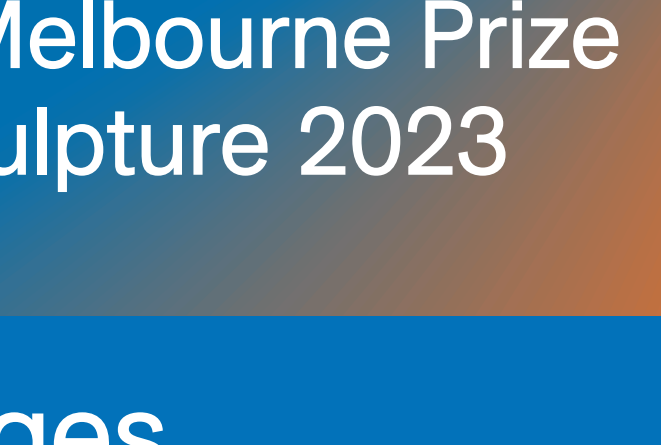
L-R: Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO and Melbourne Prize Trust Director, Clive Scott AM at the Awards.



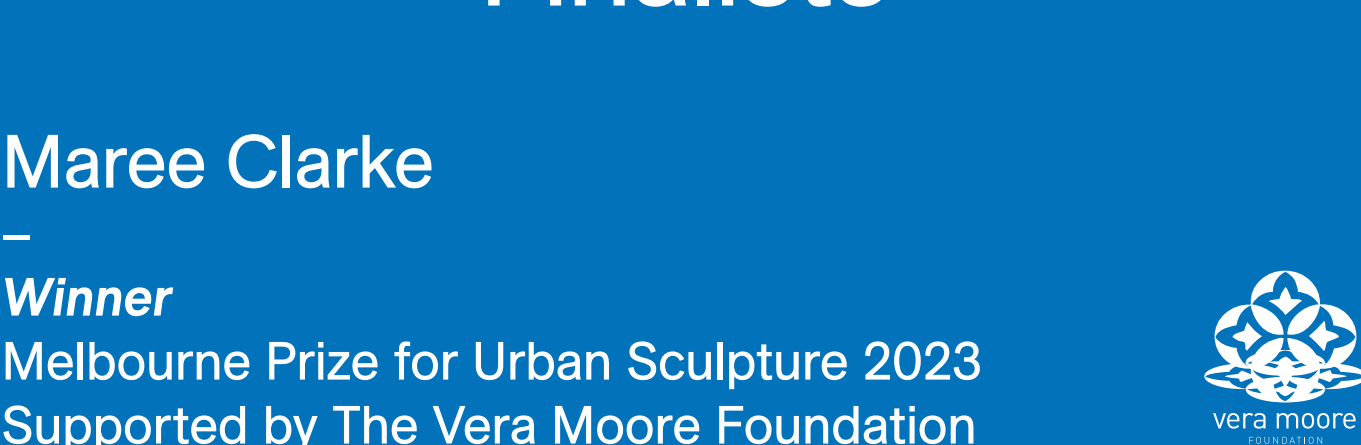
L-R: Judge's Emily Floyd and Katharina Prugger give an overview of the judging at the Fed Square Awards. Kate Ten Buuren was not able to attend the Awards.



Maree Clarke receives the Melbourne Prize 2023 from Roger Blythman, representing Major Patron, The Vera Moore Foundation.



Michael O'Leary, Deputy CEO and Project Director, addressing guests at the Edge.



L-R: Lord Mayor Sally Capp AO, Judge Katharina Prugger, Finalist Joy Zhou, Finalist Vipoo Srivilasa, Judge Emily Floyd, Finalist/winner Maree Clarke, Melbourne Prize Trust Director and Melbourne Prize Chairman Janine Kirk AO, Finalist Kent Morris and Judge Kate Ten Buuren were not able to make the Awards event.

Thank you to our judges and congratulations to the four finalists in the Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture 2023

Judges

Kate Ten Buuren

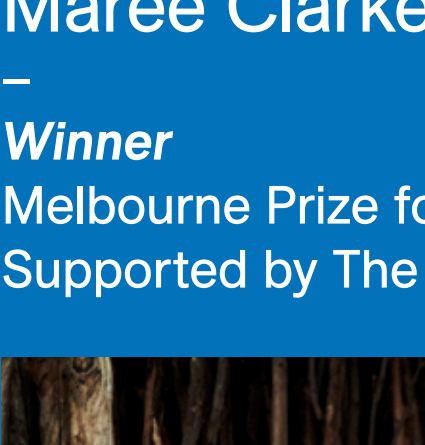
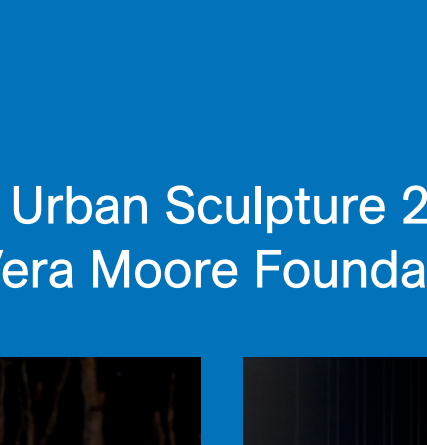


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Emily Floyd



Katharina Prugger



Finalists

Maree Clarke

Winner

Melbourne Prize for Urban Sculpture 2023

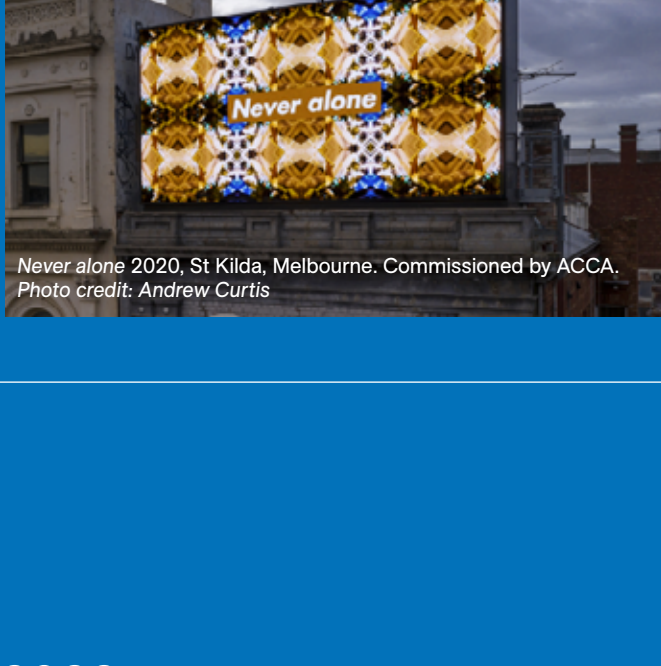
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Eni Traps NGV 2021-2022. Photo credit: Tom Ross



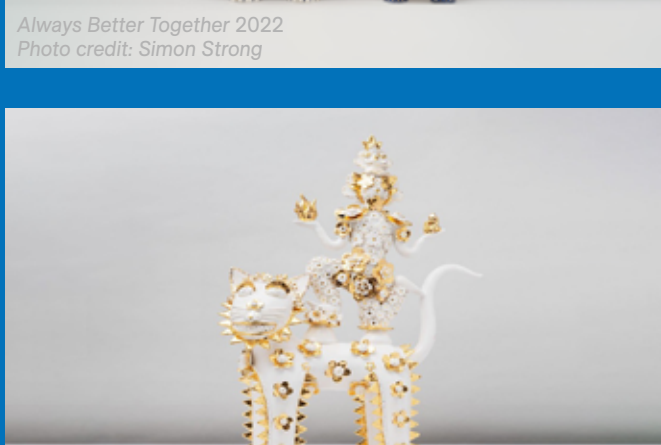
Bunbury Library and Family Centre, Queen Victoria Market Melbourne - 2023 opening. Photo credit courtesy of the library

Kent Morris

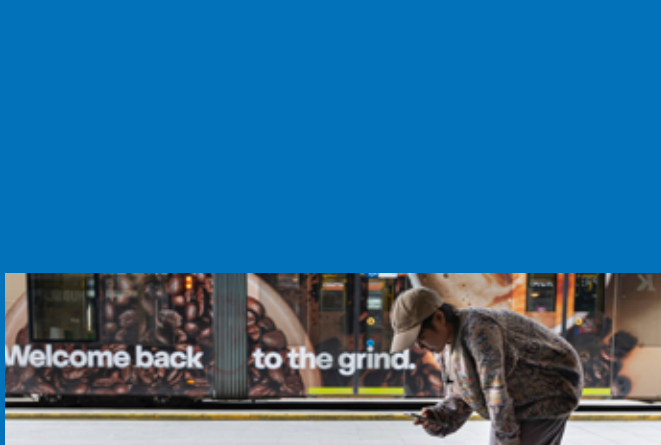
Finalist



Photo credit: Niall Rogers



Where We Walk 2023, Metro Tunnel Sticking Reserve. Photo credit: Murphy Wilkinson



Never Alone 2020, St Kilda, Melbourne, Commissioned by ACCA. Photo credit: Andrew Curtis

Vipoo Srivilasa

Finalist

Winner - Civic Choice Award 2023



Always Better Together 2022. Photo credit: Simon Strong



Creativity Duty 2022. Photo credit: Simon Strong

Joy Zhou

Finalist

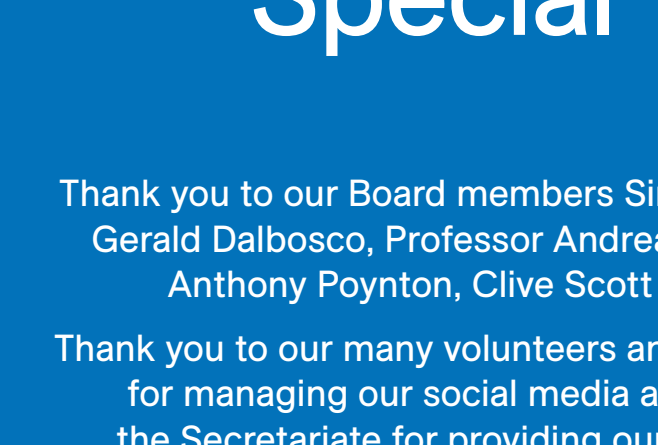
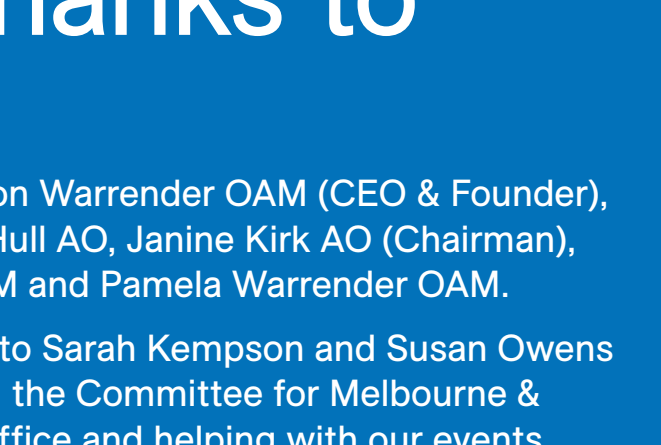


Photo credit: Murray Enders



A Creek Chair 2022. Photo credit: Devika Ellimoria



The D'Signa 2022. Photo credit: Joy Zhou

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A big thank you to our new Catering Partner, Barry Idles and 360Q. The Melbourne Prize Trust is proud to have the Victorian Government, through Creative Victoria and the City of Melbourne Awards - Arts Excellence Program, as Government Partners.

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