

New artwork bringing play to Preston

We've removed four dangerous and congested level crossings at Oakover Road, Bell Street, Cramer Street and Murray Road, and opened the new Bell and Preston stations.

The Playful Exchange, two playable sculptures by artist Sanné Mestrom, is the newest addition to the Preston Station precinct.

The two-part sculpture depicts semi-abstract figures reclining on the ground and reaching up and out.

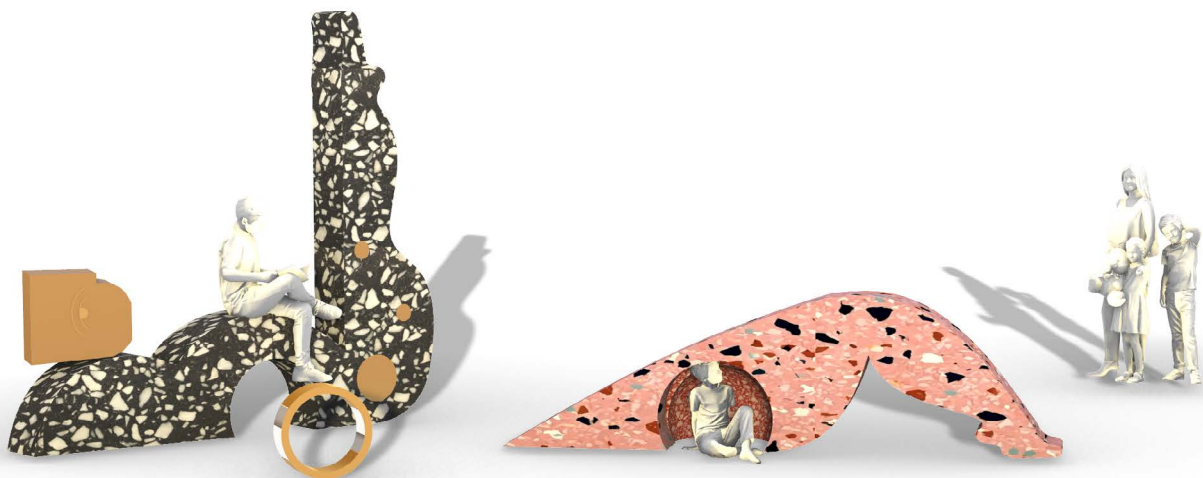
These climbable structures encourage the community to interact with, play on and make memories at Preston Station.

The sculptures will be positioned at either end of the station as both a meeting point for passengers and a space of play.

The sculptures are 3 metres high at the tallest point and are made bronze and curved concrete which is polished to a smooth finish.

The artwork will be installed in spring.

The Playful Exchange.
Artist impression,
subject to change.





The artist, Sanné Mestrom, left

Meet the Artist

Artist Sanné Mestrom was born in the Netherlands and before coming to Australia and studying Fine Arts at RMIT.

Her work focuses on creating child-friendly cities that incorporate spaces of play into urban design.

“I passionately believe that the concept of play is a fundamental

aspect of artistic practice and the creative process.” Sanné says about her artwork.

“However, I’ve observed that the realms of designing for play in urban spaces and incorporating play within contemporary art are not always easily reconciled. I’m deeply passionate about this fertile intersection and view

playable sculpture as a starting point for exploring innovative ways to reimagine the liveability of urban spaces.”

To see more of Sanné’s work, visit mestrom.org

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