



Dennis Wilson

When I arrived at Dennis and Cheryl Wilson's property for the first time seeing all the signs in the driveway I thought 'this is couple that like to keep busy' running a bed and breakfast, baking and selling fresh French bread rolls as well as repairing machinery in his spare time.

Dennis Wilson is a man who likes to collect discarded old signs, leaf springs, clutch plates, farm machinery, really anything made of metal that can be cut, ground and bent, so he can then repurposes these items by turning them into awarding winning outdoor Sculptures.

Dennis has won two main 'Sculpture by the Bay' contests in Dunsborough,

"One was the Recycling Prize, and the following year I won the Environmental Prize."

"I have also won the Pemberton Pemberley Sculptures in the Vines Art Prize which was an acquisition prize." Dennis was proud to say.

Dennis has also won Dunsborough's 'Dianne Laurence Excellence Award jointly with Daniel Fisher in 2017 and 2018.

The Sculptures are made from Wine Barrel hoops welded onto a leaf spring which gives structure, and then overlapped to make a feathered effect. The overlapping hoop metal is sometimes ground to a saw tooth on one end for effect.

"Mostly I have the Sculptures Powder coated, though some I leave just as they are, where the straps have been ground or welded over time the rusting makes a wonderful patina."

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