

A Place of Courage, a Place of Healing... Clancy Warner

In creating this space of reflection it was important that every aspect of this sculpture provides an element of healing. Although the lines carved into these granite boulders represent water, which is for healing, they also represent the scars. Scars are the left overs, the remnants and reminders of various things that have happened throughout our lives. Some are good reminders, some are bad. Some are physical, some are internal.

There are various definitions of scars, among them are...

“A mark left on something following damage of some kind.”

“A lasting effect of grief, fear, or other emotion left on a person's character by an unpleasant experience.”

“A scar is the body's natural way of healing...”

By adding the bronze into the carvings the scars are forever changed. Bronze is known to turn sorrow into relief and to promote the realisation of dreams. Bronze spiritually, psychologically and emotionally fortifies a sense of justice, friendship and love towards all beings. Bronze helps us put feelings into words and encourages enthusiasm, tolerance and trust.

The Granite boulders themselves are a balancing stone, their metaphysical properties are to defeat negativity, banish skepticism and encourage the viewer to see the big picture. The pavers are Limestone, and Limestone is an assisting stone used to enhance healing properties, encourages purification, reminds us of our innocence, grounds and centres us and entices positive thoughts.

“Place of Courage” is a public art project which seeks to commemorate the traumatic impact of family and domestic violence on individuals, families and communities, raising awareness and furthering the dialogue for understanding and change. For me it is a place for people to heal.