



## Local life interpreted in new art at Lakeside Joondalup

**Perth, 17 June 2016:** Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City's newest piece of public art in Station Square is doing exactly what art is supposed to do – spark a conversation – with the installation recently overseen by the artist Donna Marcus and architect Fred Cehak.

*Sponge* by Australian artist Marcus is a cast aluminum spherical piece approximately three metres in diameter that sits to the east side of Station Square. Convex and concave colander shapes within the design allow internal lighting and misting.

Marcus, whose work has been exhibited widely including at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney and the Museum of Art and Design in New York, said that the work drew on Joondalup's local landmarks and landscape.

"I've taken many inspirations from the local context including Lakeside Joondalup's soft tent-like roofs and hard surfaces, the wild and beautiful coastline and the orange ball sea sponge that is native to Western Australia as well as the geometry of golf balls and reference to this local recreation pursuit," she said.

"I hope that with its direct physical connection to sea sponges and golf balls, *Sponge*, will be a playful and yet familiar addition to this local landscape and frequented public site."

Lakeside Joondalup Centre Manager, Gemma Hannigan said Lendlease's brief to Marcus had been to create a piece of art that could be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

"We're delighted with the end result. We think adults will appreciate Donna's design aesthetic that is inspired by organic and mechanical items, while children will enjoy the form, bright colour, surface and interaction with the water mist."

Following the opening of Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City's \$320 million redevelopment in 2014, Lakeside Joondalup is Western Australia's largest shopping centre offering a two-level Myer department store, three discount department stores (Kmart, Big W and Target) four supermarkets (ALDI, Woolworths, Coles and IGA) a selection of mini majors and over 300 specialty stores.

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