



# South Gippsland shows off

THE Venus Bay art show at the local Surf Lifesaving Club attracted plenty of visitors during Melbourne Cup Weekend, while in Meeniyan, more art stole the limelight.

Sandy Point sculptor Andrew Kasper was surprised to hear yesterday that he had won best exhibit at the 37th Meeniyan Art and Craft Exhibition. The exhibition judge Josephine Allen, awarded the \$200 prize donated by South Gippsland Shire Councillor Bob Newton for his large steel sculpture *Harmony*.

Andrew could not be present on Friday opening night and organisers had not yet informed him of his win, but he said he was "very happy". "It's fantastic. I can't believe it," he said.

Other results were painting awards \$100 each Tina Jacobson; Jan Stuit; Joanne Hendrie; Patric Murphy. Photog-

raphy awards \$100 Berna Armsreiter, \$50 Roy Fisher; Peter Richards; Peter Boyes; Anne Pinkstone.

Craft or any medium awards, \$100 Chris Beehag; \$50 Paul Hearnshaw; Rhonda Hunt; Jaqueline Rangott; Anne Roussac-Hoyne.

Youth Encouragement, age 13-18, awards \$50 each went to Genevieve Scholte; Ryan Hendrie and Jasper Denison. Gallery space in the Access Gallery at Meeniyan Art Gallery was won by Natasha Zukovskis.

Highly commended were Heather Scott, Evelyn Patterson, Jenene Evans, Florence Stone, Fiona Wellard, Adam Simurina and Tony Jarvis.



**Human form:** Venus Bay artist Trevor Smith likes to get creative with the human form, such as here with *Riding the Waves* during the show at the Surf Lifesaving Club.



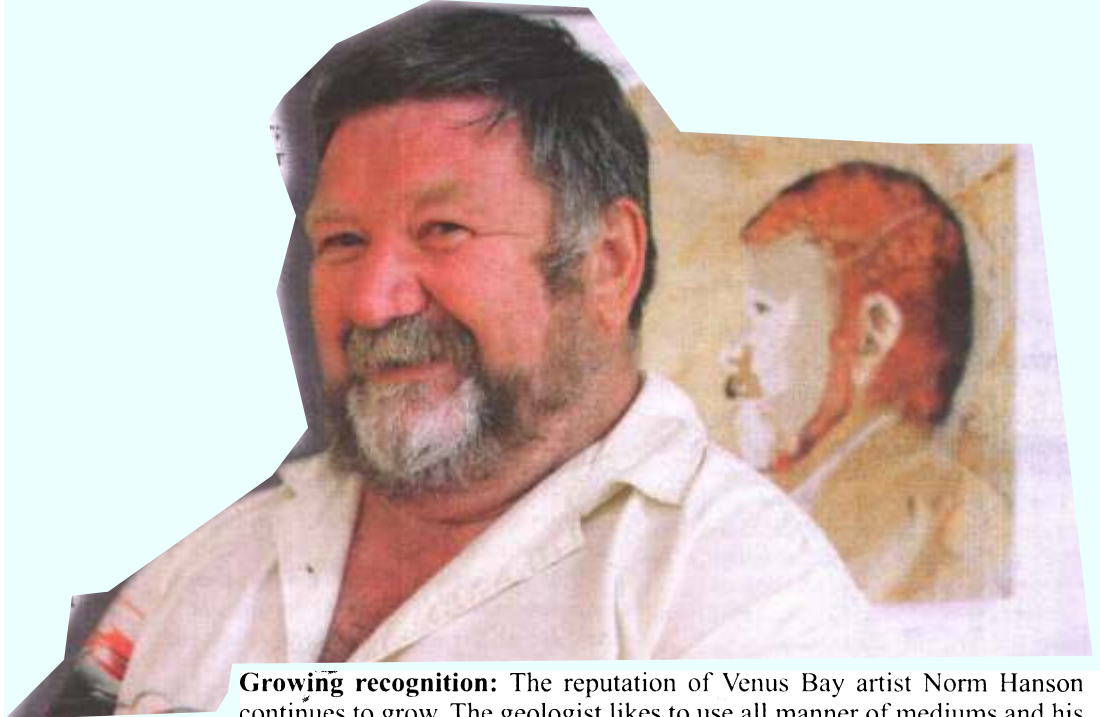
**Part auto:** Pound Creek artist Paul Hearnshaw made his *Torn man* from auto parts, chain and hydraulics. He also won an award for his emu, made from chain, called *Freedom*.



**Winning sculpture:** Cr Bob Newton (left) provided the prize money for the best exhibit awarded to Andrew Kasper for his steel sculpture *Harmony* by judge Josephine Allen (right).



**Three winners:** The Youth Encouragement awards went to (from left) Genieve Scholte, Jasper Dennison and Ryan Hendrie.



**Growing recognition:** The reputation of Venus Bay artist Norm Hanson continues to grow. The geologist likes to use all manner of mediums and his works vary from landscape photography and intricate montage to monolithic cave-style self portraits.