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Gomboc designs for patients

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A SCULPTURE by internationally renowned artist Ron Gomboc will feature in the new wing of a purpose built sensory garden and dementia wing at RiverSea Hostel in Mosman Park.

The 18 bed dementia wing is divided in two by the sensory garden and joined by a glass walkway.

The enclosed garden area is peaceful and relaxing with a water feature, vegetable garden, aromatic flowers and herbs.

Mr Gomboc's sculpture, which is aptly named 'Nurturing', will be on permanent display in the garden.

He said his sculpture encapsulated the idea of people being looked after and of the life cycle coming full circle.

"You are nurtured and looked after as a child, and then in the same way as the elderly."

"I've been doing a lot of work related to nurturing relationships, the idea of two being in balance with or one looking after the other, and I've made a number of designs reflecting this relationship.

"The movement goes from one component one's looking over the other one and that's the flow of nurturing."

The new dementia



Middle Swan artist Ron Gomboc's latest work will feature in a sensory garden, designed to help stimulate dementia patient's memories.

wing and garden was officially opened by Premier Colin Barnett last week.

The project was a joint venture between

Curtin Aged Persons Home and The Bethanie Group.