



# John Barilaro MP

## Minister for Small Business Minister for Regional Tourism

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## **SPECTACULAR SCULPTURES TO ADORN THE WOLLOMBI VALLEY**

Minister for Regional Tourism John Barilaro is encouraging people to discover the spectacular outdoor sculptures that will adorn the Wollombi Valley Wine Trail as part of the annual *Sculpture in the Vineyards* exhibition in the Wollombi Valley.

“Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, *Sculpture in the Vineyards* features more than 100 works from emerging and established artists and sees vineyards, cellar doors and Wollombi Village transformed into vibrant galleries,” Mr Barilaro said.

“The exhibition is a free, month-long celebration of art, food and wine, which in 2013 attracted more than 2,600 visitors from outside the region, delivering significant economic benefit for the community.

“The NSW Government is proud to support this event through our Regional Flagship Events Program, which aims to boost visitor numbers and encourage economic growth in our regional communities,” he said.

“Highlights of the 2014 exhibition include the Ngurra Bu Aboriginal twilight cultural tours, which visit the ‘map site’ at Finchley in Yengo National Park, a significant rock engraving site used for thousands of years in traditional lore and ceremony.

“Wollombi is a town rich in colonial and Aboriginal heritage and a fantastic base to explore the Hunter Valley.

“Located just two hours from Sydney, the historic town of Wollombi is a fantastic location for a weekend getaway, with cafes, wineries and guesthouses surrounded by National Parks.

“*Sculpture in the Vineyards* is a spectacular celebration and I encourage everyone to support this wonderful event,” he said.

*Sculpture in the Vineyards* is open daily from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm until Saturday 29 November.

For more information [visitnsw.com/events/sculpture-in-the-vineyards](http://visitnsw.com/events/sculpture-in-the-vineyards)