

The bronze age

Webber reveals secrets of a time-tested art form

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THE secrets to Diana (Di) Webber's bronze sculptures have been exposed for all to see at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

You see it's not just Di's finished bronzes on display, but the entire process.

The waxes and plasters used to construct the final sculptures have been included in the exhibition, an idea the artist has credited to Gallery director Jude McBean.

Di said Ms McBean wanted to give people a chance to see the complex process behind making bronze sculptures.

First the Angourie artist makes a sketch of her idea and then makes a model of it in clay.

She then covers the clay model in glad wrap and lays another half inch layer of rolled out clay over it.

Next Di makes a two or three piece mould that fits over the clay, removes the outer layer of clay and then pours latex or wax into the cavity between the clay model and the mould.

Di said she could then peel the latex off the clay model and use that as the final mould in which to cast the bronze.

It's that elaborate multi-layered process of making bronze sculp-

tures that Di said kept her coming back for more.

"Although I'd love to paint more I've got the itch for sculpture all the time," she said.

The bronzes on display have been pulled together from Di's work in the late '70s through to the '80s including a portrait of one of her six sons, Monty Webber, the Captain of the *HMAS Sydney*, a little girl called Emily and the birth of Venus.

Every sculpture has a story behind it and across all of Di's work, there was an element of her pieces wanting to fly away or leave the surface.

Di said it may have something to do with the way she saw things in her mind from above, like a bird's eye view.

"They're all trying to get away or fly," Di said.

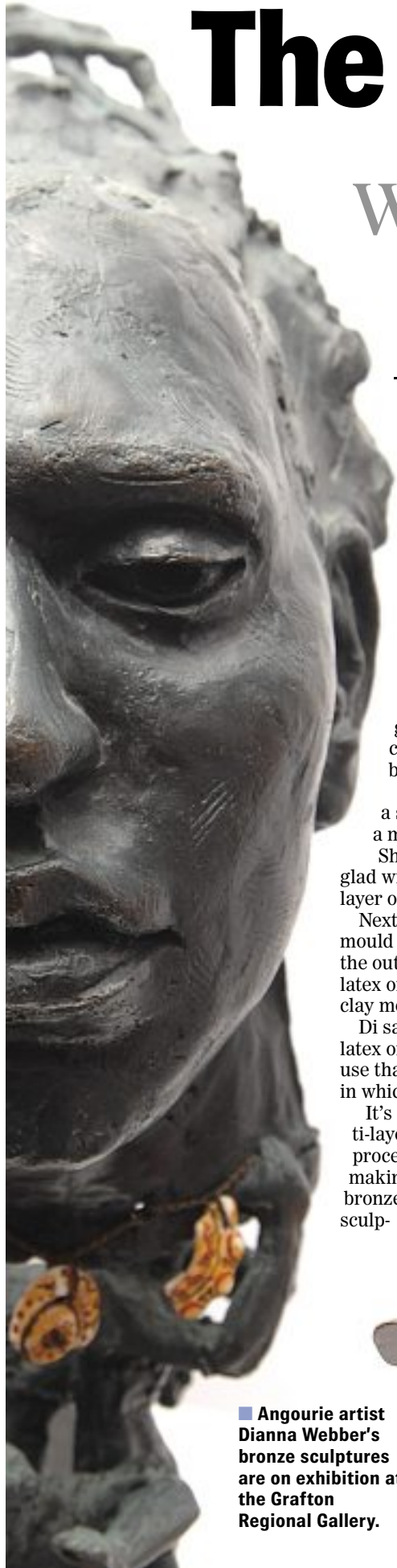
"Even the next exhibition they want to be light and airy."

Never one to lose momentum, Di has almost completed her next series of sculptures made from wood and they, too, were floating and reaching for the sky.

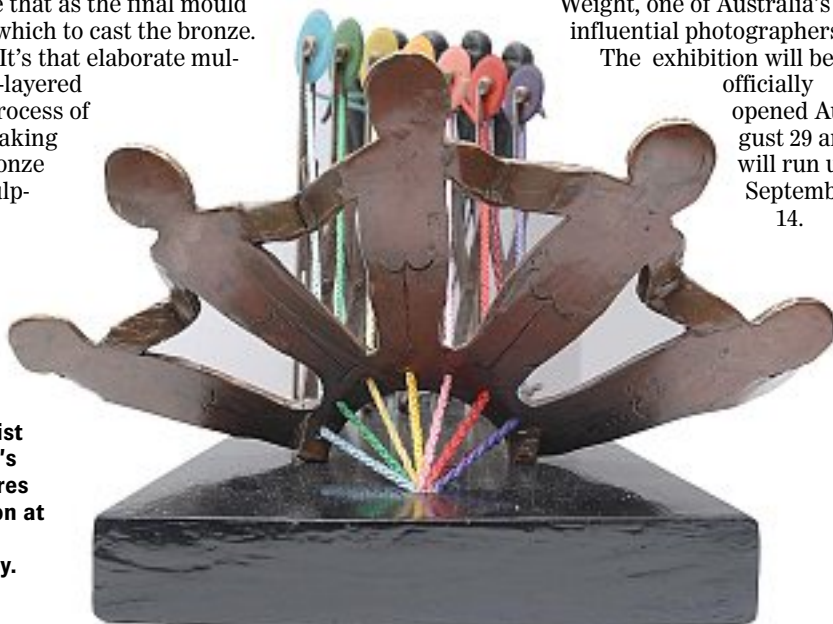
Diana Webber: Bronzes can be found upstairs in the Loft Gallery at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

You can also see some of the photos taken by her brother, Greg Weight, one of Australia's influential photographers.

The exhibition will be officially opened August 29 and will run until September 14.



■ Angourie artist Dianna Webber's bronze sculptures are on exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery.



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