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STARS GET BIG HEADS

DIANA WEBBER is fascinated by big heads, especially famous ones.

The Sydney sculptress loves all forms of creativity but has a penchant for bronze — a medium rarely used in Australia because it is both expensive and time-consuming.

"Bronze sculpture is still a fairly unknown medium," says Diana. "So I figured no one was going to find out about it unless I did a bust of someone well known."

Personalities are often hard to pin down: While Diana found her chosen heads all very keen on the project, she

often relies on just one brief sitting, measurements and photographs.

"When I saw John Laws, for instance, he was on the phone to Malcolm Fraser so we just had time for a quick chat."

Diana's husband, John, is also an artist but there are domestic distractions. The Webbers have six sons and Diana often chooses to work from the kitchen of the rambling house in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

How does she find time to work on such painstaking projects?

"Well, there are lots of things I don't do," she says, "but it helps having a husband self-employed and home all day."