



# Darwin City Council

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## Eye of the Explorer artist's biography

Artist - Roland Koch Laurie

Known locally as Ro, Roland has resided in Darwin since 1995. In that time he has undertaken numerous public and private commissions, been an active member of local artist organisations Darwin Visual Artists Association and 24 HR Art and retained membership of architects professional organisations. His work has extended to working with primary and high school students in the development and construction of art work and he has delivered secondary and adult classes in contemporary mosaic.

Ro created trophies for the Power and Water Awards for Environmental Excellence in 2005 and the NT Indigenous Music Awards 2005 (Music NT) and undertaken numerous public art projects including;

- Parap History Tiles (Colroy Building, Parap Village)
- Parap Water Pipes (Stuart Highway, Stuart Park)
- Ian Fairweather Walk (walkway from Mindil Beach to Museum and Art Gallery NT)
- Travellers Walk (Harry Chan Avenue to Stokes Hill)

Community based art projects have included:

- 'Soundworks' sound sculpture for Carpentaria Disability Services
- 'Filly' mosaic and touch wall project with 6 – 12 yrs students - Alawa Primary School
- 'Drop & ripple' project by Total Recreation for Darwin City Council
- Artists in Residence for the development of entries for Grand Parade, Festival of Darwin with Parap, Millner and Alawa Primary Schools and Sanderson High School
- Power and Water Corporation commission to project manage the restoration and development of new water themed artwork for water pipes with six inner city primary schools

### AWARDS

1999: People's Choice Award RAI Tropical Architecture for Studio RO design

EDUCATION: 1970-1977

Degree in Architecture B. Arch University of Melbourne, graduated 1977 majoring in Fine Arts

Date & Place of Birth: 1952, Melbourne, Australia

For further information about Ro's work visit the Studio Ro website: [www.studioro.com.au](http://www.studioro.com.au) or email: [roland@studioro.com.au](mailto:roland@studioro.com.au)