

“*Pacifica Australis* - Odyssey of Life”



The Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre received a donation of a sculpture titled ***Pacifica Australis*** from Christopher Diaz. It is of a giant Triton Sea Snail with an Orange legged hermit crab inside the shell and a necklace sea star on the back.

The Theme is the wonder and beauty of the Australian marine environment. The sculptors (Christopher Diaz) said: *they chose the Giant Triton as it is helping the Great Barrier Reef by eating the Crown of Thorns starfish. The other species demonstrate marine biodiversity and interrelationship of species.*



Background information:

Christopher Diaz is the artistic name of an award-winning, multidisciplinary duo-team of self-taught artists born in Europe and South America, recently based in Australia. They have extensive education in areas such as dentistry, diet and health. Before they met in Australia, Christopher Diaz, travelled the world for most of their life, visiting and living in the most remote places, including the Antarctic and Arctic for three years and the Amazon rainforest.

Both were long-term students of *The Michoutouchkine - Aloï Pilioko Foundation in Port Vila, Vanuatu.*

In search of closer contact with the unspoiled beaches and the sound of the Ocean, they decided to leave Sydney city life. They have moved to the Central Coast, NSW, where they live and work until now. They continuously strive to capture the essence of the world's beauty in large outdoor sculptural forms and wall art, mosaic art and painting. Their goal is to motivate people to reconnect with the natural beauty of the world.

