

## From the Collection - Chain Saw Sculpture

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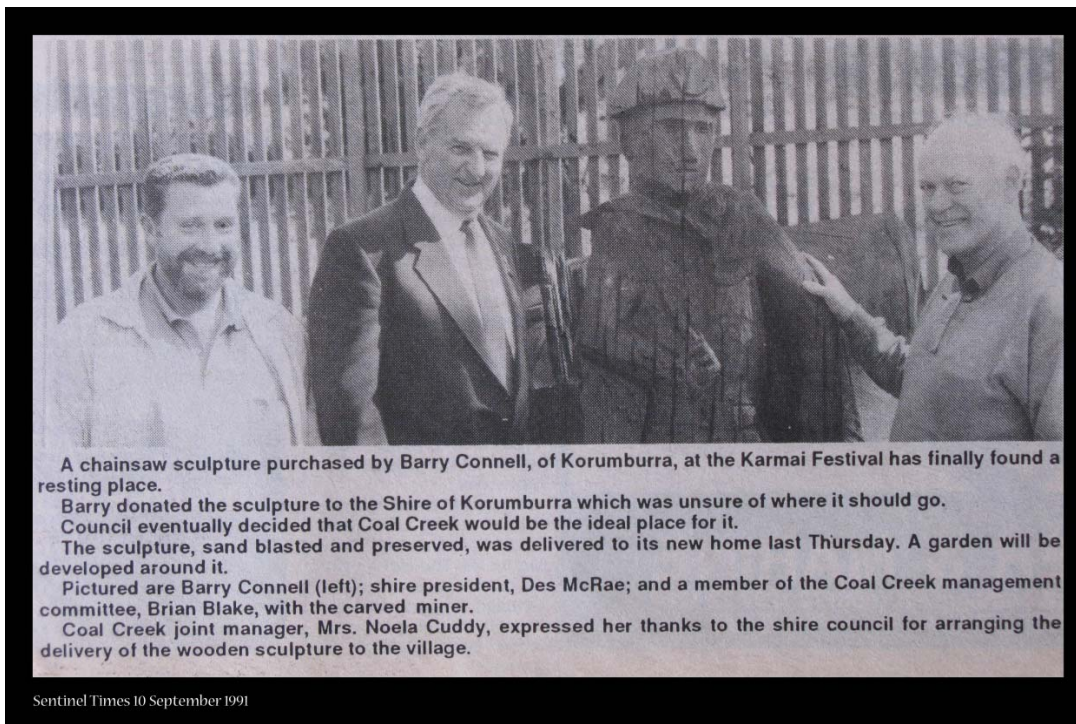


Located in the top garden, outside the auditorium, you may have noticed our weathered miner standing there and wondered how he came to be in Coal Creek. Eighteen years in the one spot has been pretty kind to our lonely miner as his stands vigil over the park.

I came across the following newspaper article while looking through our collection of scrap books and thought it would be nice to do an item on the sculpture.

The chain saw sculpture was donated to the Shire of Korumburra by Barry Connell in 1991 after he had purchased it at the Karmai Festival. It was later agreed to locate the sculpture at Coal Creek.

Unfortunately the chain saw artist responsible was not mentioned in the article. If anyone can be of assistance in uncovering this information I would appreciate your help.



A chainsaw sculpture purchased by Barry Connell, of Korumburra, at the Karmai Festival has finally found a resting place.

Barry donated the sculpture to the Shire of Korumburra which was unsure of where it should go.

Council eventually decided that Coal Creek would be the ideal place for it.

The sculpture, sand blasted and preserved, was delivered to its new home last Thursday. A garden will be developed around it.

Pictured are Barry Connell (left); shire president, Des McRae; and a member of the Coal Creek management committee, Brian Blake, with the carved miner.

Coal Creek joint manager, Mrs. Noela Cuddy, expressed her thanks to the shire council for arranging the delivery of the wooden sculpture to the village.