

Transforming your home with recycled materials

Not only is Nathan Budworth the much-loved handyman at Kintyre Living, he is a highly talented artist who uses recycled materials to create unique and visually eye-catching sculptures plus, believe it or not, replica swords.

Nathan started crafting steel and other metals in 2014 and since then has developed everything from large ornaments for gardens to useful items for business, including hand crafted pizza cutters.

His work is an integral part of the landscape and interiors at Kintyre Living in Dubbo which gives a special rustic appeal to the environment. "I have always had an interest in metal work," Nathan said.

"I get great satisfaction from finding old steel on farms and people's garages that provide inspiration for my creations. It is amazing to see these taking pride of place in locations like Kintyre, where residents, their families and visitors can appreciate the craft that is a disappearing art in Australia."

It's true, one person's trash is another's treasure, which can be

seen with the incredible sculptures scattered around the gardens and community spaces in the Village Clubhouse and Kintyre Lodge Aged Care Facility.

The creations are one of a kind and bring spaces to life with the visual interest they create and the appreciation of the hours of craftsmanship that goes into each piece.

"One of the most favourite things I have ever been asked to create is a full outdoor setting which included, two glass topped tables, two Eskies and a Webber barbecue I built for a bloke, all out of old beer kegs he had. "It took me weeks to find the right materials and hours to hand make it. I hope it takes pride of place in their home," he said.

"My favourite piece within the village has to be the fountain, Shaz and I built." Shaz, is Nathan's partner Sharon Roff.

Nathan is one of the many talented artists in the Dubbo region who can not only fix a leaking tap but can turn rusted iron into something that takes pride of place in people's collections.

