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# Inge King "Forward Surge" - The Arts Centre



B6393 Forward Surge Arts Centre

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## Location

100 St Kilda Road,, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006 - Property No B6393

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

National

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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"Forward Surge" is an imposing work of art on a monumental scale. The four black waves surging towards the City create a rhythmic horizontal flow, which counteracts the strong verticality of the buildings surrounding the work. Thus the sculpture links together built forms on a level which still relates to human size. As a result it creates a strong sense of place in the cultural heart of the city of Melbourne, making it one of the favourite spots for a range of relaxed social activities by members of the general public. In addition, "Forward Surge" evokes familiar local associations, by reminding its viewers of the proximity of the sea. The dynamic interaction that the work provokes, makes it one of the most successful examples of truly public contemporary art in Australia.

"Forward Surge" was commissioned as the artist, Inge King, reached the full maturity of her creative powers and is a key work of that period.

Classified: 18/11/1992

Hermes Number 65661

Property Number

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