

Tom Coley – Sculptor



Tom Coley's magnificent Peace sculpture is located in Katoomba's Peace Park just opposite the Blue Mountains City Council.

Tom was born in England and travelled to Tasmania where he lived for many years.

When he moved to the Blue Mountains, he lived in a caravan at Dillenger's Nursery in Wentworth Falls, where he practiced his craft.

He told friends that he used all of his money to buy the black stone for the Peace sculpture. The stone came from Newcastle.

Tom donated the sculpture to the Blue Mountains Council in 2009.

He died in December 2018 with no plaque having been attached to the plinth.

However, as a result of Cllr Sarah Redshaw's notice of motion in November 2023 which was supported by all councillors at the time, council eventually had a plaque attached to the plinth.

Some people have queried why the plaque does not acknowledge Tom as the sculptor. The reason is that in correspondence with the council, Tom requested that his name be omitted.

More information about Tom Coley's life can be found on Blue Mountains Peace Collective's [Facebook page](#).

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