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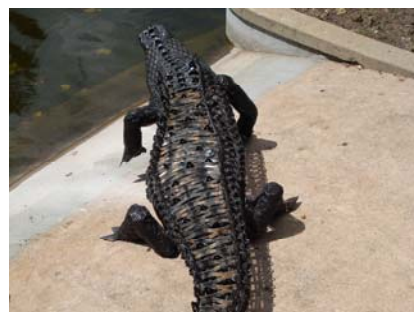
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Darwin City Council Relocates Snappy Artwork

Darwin City Council officers today relocated a Crocodile from the Civic Centre to the Jingili Water Gardens. According to Customer Services Team Leader, Sam Kopondinos, this reptile was easier to handle than most. "Fortunately for us, this crocodile was no man eater," he said. The life size metal artwork of a 'crocodylus porosus' affectingly dubbed "Cecil" was a familiar member of the Customer Service team at the Civic Centre. "He certainly turned some heads and startled a few people," Mr Kopondinos said. "**11 Mile**" the official title of the artwork was sculptured by artist Peter Wyatt and Janet Hanak. It was purchased by DCC in 2005 as part of its Public Art Acquisition Program and is an example of recycling and reuse of waste material.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer said that Cecil will have a new home on public display in a more appropriate setting. "We've decided to move Cecil to the Water Gardens to ensure that he is utilised in the manner that he was intended. After all, it is a piece of public art and therefore should be placed where the community can best enjoy him," Mr Sawyer said. Mr Sawyer said he believed that the artwork would be seen as an added attraction to what is already a popular destination for the local community. "I imagine Cecil will feature in a few wedding photos over the coming years.

The Crocodile artwork has been treated with rust inhibitor and will undergo a regular maintenance schedule as a part of its transition to the wild.



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