Consell de Formentera president Alejandra Ferrer met today with sculptor Enrique Saavedra to make official the bequeathment of a sculpture titled "*Aura Pura*". The recycled metal sculpture will become public property and placed in the garden of Formentera's dependent care facility, the Centre de Dia.

Ferrer heralded Saavedra's commemoration of his uncle, Jordi (or Jorge) "Puchi Puchi" Chicheri, who spent the final 40 years of his life on the island. Remembered as the owner of Formentera's first herbalist, he passed away in 2008 and his remains are at rest in the Sant Francesc municipal cemetery.

The sculpture represents a grove of pine trees near Cala Saona, the area Saavedra's uncle called home. The artist says he sees the name of the piece, Aura Pura (which means "Pure Aura" in English), as a fitting encapsulation of his uncle's spirit. Recycled tube posts serve as tree trunks, while clouds floating overhead are leaves—also crafted from recycled stainless steel.

Saavedra knew from the start he wanted to pay tribute to his uncle, and traces the idea of the gift to the fact that Saavedra himself discovered the island thanks to Puchi Puchi. "I'll always come back", he promised.

Formentera's culture chief, Susana Labrador, was also on hand as the donation was made official.

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