

Whitianga Town Centre Art Work

TO Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM Andrew Scobie - Project Manager, Mercury Bay
DATE 15 August 2018
SUBJECT **Whitianga Town Centre Art Work**

1 Purpose of Report

For the Mercury Bay Community Board to approve the proposed artwork concepts and locations for the Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade.

2 Background

Council approved budget to progress the Whitianga Town Centre art work in line with the agreed navigational theme of the Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade. Design workshops and consultation has been completed with artists, iwi, stakeholders, Mercury Bay Art Escape and interested groups on what forms of art should be included within the Whitianga Town Centre Development. Three main aspects of art were proposed and agreed for further development.

3 Concept Designs

Historical Walk

This is a series of approximately 20 pairs of pavers installed within the pedestrian path from the Whitianga Wharf, through Taylors Mistake to the new Town Plaza. The pavers are a mix of texts and illustrations etched onto two pavers in a band of pavers installed in the path every 20 metres (**Attachment A**).

Navigational Themed Sculptures

Three sculptures are proposed to be positioned between the Town Plaza and the Whitianga Wharf. Two are carved rock pieces by Jocelyn Pratt (**Attachment B**) and the third is a Corten Steel piece by Chris Charteris (**Attachment C**). The larger piece from Jocelyn will be positioned next to Albert St in the Plaza and will visually align with the Corten Steel piece from Chris. The last of Jocelyn's art work will be located near the Whitianga Wharf

Carved timber Pou

The carved Pou will represent aspects of early Maori and Polynesian navigators and be positioned adjacent to the path through Taylors Mistake to provide a visual view shaft to the waterfront and to encourage pedestrian access from Albert Street to The Esplanade. Early navigators used wind, stars, current and bird migration to identify their position during ocean crossings and the art within these carvings will represent these methods. The design for each of the Pou are yet to be developed.

A plan is included to show the location of these items (**Attachment D**).

4 Implementation

The next phase of this project is to further develop each piece of art work and scope the costs of each piece including installation to be within the Council approved budget. Council will commission the artists to generate each art piece as part of the Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade project. Delivery and installation of each art piece is scheduled for completion before August 2019.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whitianga Town Centre Art Work' report dated 15 August 2018.
2. Approves the art designs and installation locations.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Historical Walk Paver Design*

Attachment B *Navigational Themed Sculpture Concept Design - Jocelyn Pratt*

Attachment C *Navigational Themed Sculpture Concept Design - Chris Charteris*

Attachment D *Plan with Art Locations*

Attachment A

[Attachment A - Whitianga Town Centre Historic Path Pavers](#)

Attachment B

[Attachment B - Whitianga Town Centre - Jocelyn Pratt Bay Anchor Concep...](#)

[Attachment C - Whitianga Town Centre - Chris Charteris Corten Art Conc...](#)

Attachment D

[Attachment D - Whitianga Town Centre Art Piece Locations](#)