

1. BEATTY STREET/ESTUARY ROAD CORNER: SCULPTURE

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The purpose of this report is recommend that the Council approve a request to place a limestone sculpture on a street reserve in Beatty Street, South New Brighton.

Carole Rendle, a resident of Beatty Street, has requested permission to place a sculpture on the corner of Beatty Street and Estuary Road. A simulated photograph of the sculpture in its proposed location is attached. The sculpture is currently located in Memorial Avenue at the Ilam Medical Centre. The sculpture has a rectangular base of 138cm x 68cm and a height of 148cm. It is apparently owned by the original sculptor, Tony O'Grady, who is related to Carole Rendle. At the request of Carole Rendle, the matter has been considered by the City Streets Unit and the Art in Public Places Working Party.

The City Streets Unit considers that traffic safety requirements can be met provided the structure is sited 3 metres from the kerb in Beatty Street. Should the proposed placement of the sculpture proceed, the Council will reserve the right to shift it if it is subjected to vandalism or other structural damages.

The Art in Public Places Working Party did not consider the proposed site to be suitable for such a work. The Working Party considered the sculpture to be more suitable for a more intimate private setting rather than a larger public space.

Carole Rendle also approached the South New Brighton Residents' Association about the proposal. The Association's committee felt the sculpture was inappropriate for the site.

The Board received a deputation on the proposal from Carole Rendle. The deputation is recorded under Part B, clause 4 of this report. The evidence provided by Carol Rendle indicated that most of those residents in the area immediately surrounding the proposed site support the sculpture.

The Board considered that the siting of the sculpture within the garden berm should take into account traffic visibility and safety issues, although a strict adherence to a 3 metre distance from the kerb may be unnecessary in this location. If the proposal is accepted, the Council's Traffic Engineers can be involved in the actual siting of the sculpture.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the siting of the sculpture at the corner of Beatty Street and Estuary Road, in consultation with the City Streets Manager.