

8. LINWOOD CANAL RESTORATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board about the integration of artwork into the Dyers Road culvert extension over Linwood Canal.

BACKGROUND

Transit New Zealand is carrying out intersection improvements at the Linwood Avenue/Dyers Road roundabout. The improvements include widening Dyers Road across the Linwood Canal and this will necessitate lengthening the existing concrete culvert.

The Parks and Waterways Unit is funding canal enhancement upstream of the culvert and made representations to Transit to integrate the culvert extension with the canal enhancement. The canal project appeared in the October Capital Projects Report and a plan will be available at the November meeting.

It was felt by the project team that a sculptural element could be added to the new culvert handrail to further soften the impact of the culvert extension.

SCULPTURE

The project team approached Jim Instone, a sculptor in metalwork, to provide ideas for sculpture reflecting the flora and fauna of the canal and estuary. Jim has put forward a very attractive model which will staff will display at the meeting.

The model is close to its final form but will alter a little to meet safety requirements, fixing details and artistic detailing.

ACCEPTANCE

Integrated artworks which form part of a project and are funded by the project are not required to be approved separately by a Council committee. The project team will be happy to receive the Board's comments and will discuss these with the sculptor. Arts Heritage and Culture and Parks Waterways and Gardens Committees will be advised of the artwork at subsequent meetings.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

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