

# Wellington Civic Trust



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Diverse projects recognized in Civic Trust awards**

The Oriental Bay Enhancement, and Seascape Mural and a sculptural 'wonderland' in Happy Valley Road took the honours in this year's Wellington Civic Trust awards.

The biennial awards recognize works that enhance and beautify Wellington.

Two Oriental Bay projects were awarded first equal in the Civic/Corporate category. The enhancement project involved a substantial reworking of the land and seascapes of Oriental Bay including the creation of three beach areas, a new pier and peninsula, changing rooms, a playground and new seating. It was a collaborative project between Architecture Workshop, Isthmus Group and Tonkin & Taylor and was managed and funded by the Wellington City Council.

The Oriental Bay Seascape Mural on a 90m long retaining wall was organized by Eric Holowacz, the Council's community arts co-ordinator. Wellington artist Ellen Coup conceptualized and painted the underwater and foreshore backdrop while four other artists – Manuela Adreani, Amy Brennan, Mica Still and Ben Walden – created marine animals on plywood which are attached to the wall. New illustrations by Jo Thapa, Julian Knapp, Aaron Frater and Hamish Pilbrow have also been added.

The Community section was won by environmentalist and stonemason Carl Clifford for "Carlucci Land" in Happy Valley Road. Carl Clifford has crafted a range of weird and wonderful sculptures from huge boulders and recycled scrap. They include a 'squashed samara' with a 20 tonne boulder sitting on it and a three-metre pterodactyl stretching its wings.

The Awards were presented by guest judge well-known radio and television personality, Maggie Barry and Trust Chair Di Buchan.

Di Buchan said the three award winners were selected from 17 hugely

diverse projects ranging from walking tracks to the refurbishment of an historic hotel.

"The Wellington Civic Trust Awards recognize the value of enhancing the natural and built environment of Wellington and aim to encourage projects which do just that," said Di Buchan.

"All these projects make a significant contribution to the beauty and vitality of Wellington and help to make it the unique city it is.

"Everyone involved in these works can be very proud of their achievements, as can all Wellingtonians."

The award winners received a plaque while each of the nominations (see list below) was recognized with a Civic Trust certificate.

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## **LIST OF NOMINATIONS**

### **Community/Volunteer section**

Carlucci Land (Carl Gifford), Happy Valley Road - WINNER  
Hungarian Memorial Garden, Cnr Molesworth & Hawkstone Streets  
Lifestream Sea Form sculpture, Hector Street, Seatoun  
Polish Children Commemorative Plaque, Frank Kitts Park  
Promenade artists – signal boxes (CBD)  
St Mary of the Angels Gardens, Boulcott Street  
Trelissick Park Korimako Track, Ngaio

### **Civic/Corporate section**

Oriental Bay Enhancement – WINNER  
Oriental Bay Seascape Mural – WINNER  
City Villas, Buller/Vivian Streets  
Coastal trail upgrade, Moa Point Road, Palmer Head  
Fran Wilde Walk, Westpac Stadium  
Hotel Wellington, 203-219 Cuba Street  
James Hector Memorial, Botanic Gardens  
Sculpture Trust "Zephyrometer", Cobham Drive  
Waititi Landing, Cnr Molesworth Street & Lambton Quay  
Wellington Rugby Training Centre, Rugby League Park, Newton

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