

## TURTLEWAY ARTSCAPE 5 Year plan proposal to Gladstone Regional Council (GRC)

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Dear Kim Marxsen,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit our proposed 5-year plan to the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum and the RADF Committee for approval.

### Introduction:

Turtleway Artscape is a Community Collaboration project to develop a quality public art trail along Turtleway at Boyne Island and Tannum Sands. The project was developed by the community, and funded by the community, for the community. A strong community partnership between several community organizations, Boyne Smelters Ltd and Gladstone Regional Council has been developed and a funding commitment made by the partners over several years will continue to develop the trail.

With a strong emphasis on using local artists, local jobs are created via an “Expression of Interest” process for each art piece.

Turtleway Artscape’s purpose is to enhance the Turtleway linear park with art pieces at signature places along the walk/ cycleway, showcasing its people, flora, and fauna and engaging the wider community in art and its value to the community.

It has created interest and pride among residents and tourists/visitors and has taken art to the greater populace.

### Proposed Projects:

#### 1. BOYNE SMELTERS WALKWAY (Wyndham Park to BSL building)

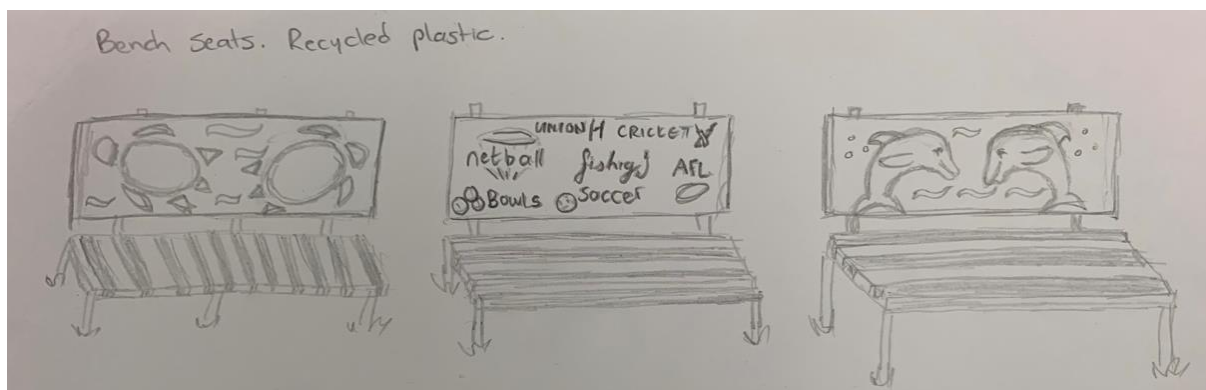
- Proposed public art to be installed along the pathway from Wyndham Park to BSL to celebrate the significant achievement by BSL in the community as they celebrate their 40th year of operation. This project will invite local artists to design sculptures and installations based on the achievements and history of the Smelters over the past 40 years. This project aims to include Indigenous Art as well as Environmental initiatives of BSL.
- BSL would love to see interactive artwork such as “Wings of aluminum” where the public could scan a QR code to get details of the artwork and the history of the Smelter.

- The expression of interest will invite artists to incorporate some of the following in their design:
  1. Interactivity
  2. Something that identifies the area
  3. Tells the story of BSL and its connection with marine and community
  4. Disability access

\*Photos of possible locations are attached in the BSL Wyndham Park Walkway\_2023 PDF file.

## 2. PARK BENCHES

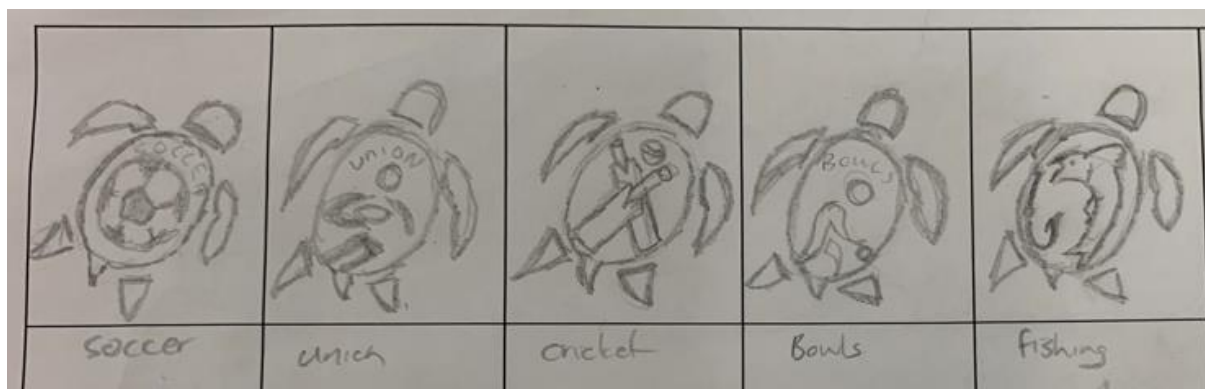
- Recycled plastic benches designed by local artists to be installed along the Turtleway walkway. This could be in the form of a competition for primary and high school students to design decorative artwork for the benches with a prize for the best design. There is an opportunity for teachers to incorporate this in the curriculum for Marine Biology, Art ect. The designs will be adapted to meet safety standards & will remain the property of Turtleway Artscape. Local companies could be approached to sponsor benches. As more funding becomes available more benches could be installed. A lectern with the story or history of the area could be erected with each bench.
- Current sites identified are:
  1. Site 1: The Millennium Esplanade near the caravan park overlooking Wild Cattle Creek as the tides go in and out. – This could be developed as a GRASP Reflection Space.
  2. Site 2: Tannum Sands boat ramp near Ibis Park (at the end of Tiller St) – overlooking the Boyne River and Boyne Island.
  3. Site 3: Boyne River mouth at Island Esplanade near Wyndham Park – overlooking the mouth of the river and Canoe Point on the opposite side of the river.
  4. Site 4: The boat ramp opposite MJ's on Boyne, c/o Malpas Street, Blue Water Drive, and the Boyne Island Outdoor Gym. The area has the potential of two park benches as well as a water bubbler feature and it has easy access from the walkway. This project could see the Boyne Island Environmental Centre's involvement as they actively use this area for educational purposes. Themes in this area include nature, exercise, sports, and recreation.
- The GRASP (Gladstone Region Awareness and Suicide Prevention) group expressed an interest in a "Reflection Space" in Boyne Tannum, and they are keen on helping with the design as well as donating money towards a park bench in partnership with the Tannum Crab Classic Committee. Wild Cattle Creek has been proposed for this bench, as it is a peaceful area and will also be the first bench installation by our group.
- GRC's approval and installation of the concrete blocks (bases) are needed.



\*Photos of possible locations are attached in the Park Benches\_2023 PDF file.

### 3. SPORTS WALKWAY ART PROJECT

- Artwork to be painted on the pathway along the Dennis Park Sports Fields. The different sporting activities in this area will be painted inside the outline of a turtle eg cricket, footy, golf, etc. This activity could include involvement from the Community, Sporting clubs, and schools. Children would be supervised by the Sports Clubs or teachers when doing the painting within the Turtle stencils.
- GRC permission would be needed together with safety issues and nonslip paint needs to be applied seeing it would be on the actual walkway. Maybe 2-3 meters between each sport to make it more effective.
- This project would celebrate the sports played in the area. Sporting clubs could sponsor and use their logos to advertise in an artistic way and artists can paint art on top of a draft stencil painted in white as a base. This will be a great project for the cooler winter months.
- GRC's approval is needed for this project.



\* Please see the Draft Stencil proposals and some ideas in the attached PDF file.

### 4. BOYNE LIONS CLUB PROJECT - LABYRINTH

- The Lions Club of Boyne Island recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year and in a partnership, the artwork has been planned for the Lions Park in Boyne Island. The artwork will feature many achievements over the years and a proposed labyrinth. Recently the Council planted trees in the park, and it could be incorporated into the design as well as provide shade in the future.
- The idea is to create easy disability access, with modern and indigenous art that reflects the cultures and activities in the Boyne Tannum region. A place where people can interact with nature, art, and community. A good space for everyone's self-care and mental health. The Lions Park already has an existing carpark area that is big enough for tourists and visitors to park their vehicles.
- The project can be done in various phases and has the potential to grow continuously. A project where we can get the community, local businesses, community clubs, schools, and the Gladstone RADF involved.

Lions Park ideal location for the following reasons:

1. Car park with plenty of parking space
2. Water bubbler
3. Toilet Facilities
4. Shade (trees planted by Council will grow and, in a few years, provide shade)
5. Flat surface
6. Near the river, peaceful enjoyment

A labyrinth installation is filled with opportunities as it is a canvas on which we can build layers of art and experiences. It can be a great space for mental health as a space for reflection, getting people outdoors and active, it can produce an ongoing engagement and it can be wide enough to allow wheelchair access to include people with physical disabilities. It can be constructed with a variety of materials and incorporate newly planted trees and nature. It could be decorated in many ways using plants, grass, or aboriginal art. As this may be the first Labyrinth in the Central Queensland area, it could provide an opportunity for tourism as people may come to our area to visit the Labyrinth. Ongoing engagement could be schools or groups that paint "kindness rocks" with kind and encouraging words and place them inside the labyrinth.

\* Please see the proposal in the attached Project Proposal Lions.PDF file.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,



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