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The Chairperson, Mapua and Districts Community Association

Dear Madam Chair

Ruby Coast Initiative Trust - Seaton Valley Gateway Sculpture

I write to you on behalf of the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust. You might be aware that we have been developing our plans for a third Gateway Sculpture, to be placed at the top of Seaton Valley Road, Mapua. The third sculpture will complement the earlier two gateway sculptures already placed on Mapua Drive and Aporo Road. This new sculpture has been designed by local artist, Russel Papworth of Forest Fusion; it has been granted resource consent and is now in its final development stage, where we are currently negotiating with Brightwater Engineering Limited to fabricate and install the sculpture.



Russel Papworth produced the maquette, pictured here. From this you will see we have tried to combine elements (fish and birds) from both the Mapua and Aporo sculptures. The finished sculpture is approximately 6 metres high and 3.5 metres wide.

If we succeed in persuading funders to support our venture, we could well be looking at completing the Sculpture before the end of this year. As with the other two sculptures we will be gifting the sculpture to TDC. We believe that the Sculpture will enhance the Ruby Coast both for residents and visitors.

We now seek a letter of support from MDCA for our funding application to the Rata Foundation. We believe your support would be helpful, if not pivotal, in our funding application.

With kind regards

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Chair, Ruby Coast Initiative Trust

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