

MAEVE ALLEN



Artist

Conservationist

Visionist

Maeve is asking the Mapua and Districts Community Association to support and promote her project.

About Maeve Allen,

Maeve is a local artist, residing in Ruby Bay. She mainly works in Italian glass mosaic but also enjoys using dichroic & hand made art glass. Her impressionist sculptures are modernist yet thought provoking. For more details of the artist and her work, visit her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/maeveallenartist/>

The project.

Maeve has an underlying wish to help provide a better environment for future generations. As Maeve says *“we can’t undo all the things that we as previous generations have done to the earth’s climate, but we can provide inspiration and knowledge that will ensure the next generation’s doesn’t make the same mistakes we did.”*

Maeve has chosen the humble bee to represent her visions. The bee is integral to the life cycle of so many plant and animal species that by removing it, would cause irreparable damage to the earth and human wellbeing.

Initiatives to date.

Approx. 4 years ago, she was asked by the Motueka Arts Council to carry out a commission project the depicted “Arrivals and Departures” for Motueka. The project is now completed and located adjacent to the Motueka Power Boat Ramp.

Maeve has already spoken to Mapua School and had excellent feedback. She is awaiting the arrival of the new principal, before recommencing discussions. For the school, she has designed an outdoor teaching aid, comprising a hexangular, 2 metre high bee education room. The interior utilises teaching aids such as interpretations of the bee life cycle, how bees pollinate plants etc. plus white boards and projector image boards.

On the exterior are mesh panels where school students can watch bees arriving and departing the hive. A special door/room is specifically for the beekeeper to access the hive to harvest the honey, clean & maintain the hive.

Maeve has also spoken & gained endorsement from the Mapua Business Association about supporting her vision of Mapua being the inaugural village whereby teaching the younger generation to respect and be in unison with nature. She has developed an individual hanging art piece for each shop/outlet in Mapua. Together with this there are items that can be sold in the outlets. Such items are stylised beer coasters for alcohol outlets, stylised wooden serving/cheese boards (which may have the outlets logo) Pollinator hotels for native bees, pot plant holders etc.

What next.

Maeve has a vision to place a “band rotunda” type sculpture on Waterfront Park, see attached proposal for details.


She has already received advice from TDC staff and support from other users.

Maeve has additional inspiration’s to have a corten steel hexagon shaped 'Living Community Notice Board' complete with both community & retail advertising space installed on Waterfront Park. This not only identifies people/companies that provided substantial support, but also provides funds etc. See attached for details.

Maeve can only do so much herself, she is asking the MDCA for support of the project & artwork to be installed on Waterfront Park. The project will need a committee set up for funding purposes also.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that:

-  The MDCA fully supports Maeve in her quest to raise the awareness of her project titled 'Mapua Bee'n the Light'

- ✚ Maeve can promote the support offered by the Association.
- ✚ Where applicable, the Association provide help & assistance to Maeve.
- ✚ I am willing to be the point of contact between her and the Association.