



TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE

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Final artworks a striking illustration of Ocean Mia's heritage

The recent completion of the latest, stunning piece of public artwork at Ocean Mia has encapsulated the cultural and natural heritage of the area in a distinctive way.

Talented Western Australian artist Judith Forrest was commissioned to craft and install her unique vision for the prestigious City Beach community.

Her artwork, *The Water Watchers* – which is now installed on Marjalan Avenue in Ocean Mia – is designed to be immediately recognisable both as a sculptural piece and a functioning water fountain.

Town of Cambridge Chief Executive Jason Buckley said the community tap is symbolic of the historical 'village pump' – a social, centrally placed water source.

"Public art is a great way of encouraging a connection between the community and the place in which they live," he said. "The Town of Cambridge is really pleased to have been able to combine symbolic meaning and practical function with this project."

"This artwork not only reflects an important historic value of the area but also provides a place for the community to wash off the family dog after a visit to the beach, or simply have a drink of water while out enjoying a walk," added Mr Buckley.

Judith's stainless steel sculptures, which sit on a plinth, represent those who will drink from the tap and signal their mutual concern for the thoughtful use of water.

The sculptures are based on a human, a dog and a bird and they all contain elements suggestive of faucets in their form. The "*Water Watchers*" watch the water outlets and check the usage, serving as a gentle humorous reminder to us all of the basic value of this resource.

The heritage of the Ocean Mia site has already been recognised with a number of other pieces of public art, which pay tribute to the previous use of the old City Beach Bowling Club and Scout Hall.

These artworks include overhead lighting and strategically placed bowling balls in Ocean Mia's parkland and children's play equipment that has been structured in the shape of a scout fire.

For more information about Ocean Mia on The Boulevard, please contact DTZ representative Mal Roberts on 9325 5880 or mobile 0417 488 644 or visit www.oceanmia.com.au

PHOTOS:

Three different artworks onsite at Ocean Mia.

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