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Sowing seeds of welcome

HAVING grown up surrounded by Kin Kin's "unique" rainforest belt, artist Simone Eisler has been chosen to give back to her favourite part of the world.

Yesterday Simone's art piece was being installed as a "welcome to town" statement that has fertile roots inspired by the local landscape.

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Celebrating Noosa since 1968



KIN Kin's welcoming town sculpture symbolises a green, artistic and friendly village. As Noosa Junction development is highlighted, perhaps a similar symbolic gesture could be given form at the entrance to the Junction. This area is, after all, the coastal gateway into Noosa Heads and a thoughtful sculpture at this point could carry many positive messages.

■ Laguna Real Estate Noosa Heads was honoured at Friday night's REIQ Awards for Excellence with the prestigious community service award. Over the years, this agency has gained numerous awards in various categories but this one is said to hold extra special meaning. Sunshine Coast Daily/Noosa News property editor Erle Levey, who attended the awards ceremony, commented that while significant dollar contributions have been made to charities, including RSPCA, cancer charities and the Red Cross, it was their community spirit translated into manpower from a small amount of people that had been recognised. One such example is their Telecross, a self-generated initiative that sees Laguna staff make daily calls to the elderly or housebound to check on their well-being. Congratulations Laguna.

– Gail Forrer



Noosa's emblem flower Borenia keyssii.

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ONLY NATURAL: Artist Simone Eisler says the roots of her tree-inspired art piece are digging down to represent Kin Kin's nurturing nature.

PHOTOS: PETER GARDINER

Sculpture to welcome Kin Kin visitors

By PETER GARDINER

BLINK and you still will not miss Kin Kin's new arty entrance statement, designed to capture the rural retreat's naturally creative vibe.

Noosa councillor Tony Wellington is delighted the public artwork, by Simone Eisler, helps "identify the town and remind visitors of the uniqueness of the place".

Yesterday morning the work, chosen by a judging panel from a number of contending artists, was being installed in Kin Kin's main street, along with associated landscaping using local stones and plant species.

This project was initiated by Cr Wellington when he was representing Division 12 on the Sunshine Coast Council.

"Kin Kin is going from

strength to strength," Cr Wellington said.

"The local community are so passionate about their patch. I wanted to provide Kin Kin with a dramatic piece of public art that would help to identify the town and remind visitors of the uniqueness of the place."

"Kin Kin's new restaurant and post office, historic pub, its charming weekend markets, local cottage industries and vibrant creative arts scene all make for a wonderful visitor destination. This public art project is a contribution to the invigoration of tourism in the Noosa hinterland."

Ms Eisler grew up in Kin Kin and said her welcoming entry statement was "the form of a symbolic tree that signifies growth and germination".

She said the name of the town intertwined within the branches of the tree, with

nurturing hands reaching from the base of the tree as roots.

"These are symbolic of the current community's strong environmental focus, with several businesses utilising the natural resources of Kin Kin for health and wellbeing," she said. "This sculpture seeks to reignite the significant botanical history of the town and also celebrate Kin Kin as a contemporary, unified and emerging community."

Ms Eisler said she also drew from her experiences growing up in Kin Kin and exploring the family property and local forests.

"These were the experiences which provided the catalyst for my practice as an artist. Kin Kin contains a rainforest belt that sets it apart from other country towns in the region."

Water level drops even with rain

DESPITE 16mm of rain last week, Lake Macdonald has fallen a further 1.8% according to Seqwater, dropping Noosa's local freshwater dam to 63.2%.

And to the north, Lake Borumba remains temporarily closed to all water-based recreation activities due to the presence of blue-green algae.

Frequent users of the lake would be aware it was temporarily closed to primary contact activities earlier this month, and although re-opened for a brief period on Saturday January 25, subsequent water testing indicated that the blue-green algae bloom had intensified, resulting in the closure of the lake to all water-based recreation.

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