

## ***Lennox Village Vision Seeking Creatives for Sculptural Art in Ross Park***

Ballina Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from professional artists for the design and fabrication of public art for the new play space in Ross Park, Lennox Head.

The concept plan for Ross Park was adopted by Council in 2020 as part of the Lennox Village Vision project. The community engagement process identified Ross Park to be “*the connected and communal heart of Lennox – a place for nature play for all ages*”. The new park design includes a small play space with all-ability carousel, nest swing, small fort/slide and nature supported play elements.

The artwork can draw inspiration from the marine park and provide opportunities for children to interact with the art and learn about the marine environment. Artists are encouraged to consider sculptural elements in the form of mosaics, etching, timber carvings, or other treatments specific to the artist’s expertise.

“The community said they wanted art to be ‘playful and interactive’, which makes the play space area of Ross Park the perfect location” said Ms Sheryn Da-Re, Ballina Shire Council Landscape Architect.

“The community also saw art as a way to illustrate connections to local indigenous and other cultural histories.”

The total budget for the commission is \$33,000 (excluding GST). Installation of the artwork and construction of the Ross Park play space are proposed to be completed by the end of 2021 as part of Stage 1 of the Lennox Village Centre upgrade.

Interested artists can download the Expression of Interest document and complete an online application at [ballina.nsw.gov.au/LennoxVillageVision](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/LennoxVillageVision)

**Expressions of Interest close:** Friday 5 March 2021.

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