

INFORMATION FACT SHEET

CELEBRATION OF THE AEOLIAN MIGRATION PUBLIC ART PROJECT



The City of Canada Bay Council is committed to integrating public art into town centres to enhance a sense of place and promote our distinct character and identity.

Project Information

The aim of the project is to work with the Aeolian Community to create a celebratory public art project known as Piazza Eolie located within Fred Kelly Reserve which will have the following art elements:

- Specifically designed seating
- A sculptural entry statement
- Graphic arts/design for a mural and banner flags

Background

The City of Canada Bay in partnership with the Aeolian Association has conducted several consultations and is engaging with the wider Aeolian Community to collect images and stories in order to produce an electronic archive and to inform the artworks. The artworks will be collectively known as Piazza Eolie and will form a showcase to celebrate the community's contribution to our City.

The Aeolian Community

Is one of Canada Bay's earliest Italian migrant settlers group, they arrived here in the early 1900 as refugees from the volcanic eruption that took place at the time. The Aeolian Islands are a volcanic archipelago (made up of 8 Islands) in the Tyrrhenian Sea north of Sicily, off the coast of Italy and named after the demigod of the winds Aeolus.

Research

Consultation and research was undertaken in August 2012 at our Ferragosto event, at the Great North Road Committee, the Aeolian Association Annual General Meeting and an online survey directed to Five Dock businesses and shoppers. Over 250 people responded in various ways.

Most people surveyed about the site used Fred Kelly Place as a thoroughfare, for eating in or meeting with friends. The playground also attracts many users to the site.

Key findings were that the most popular elements for art installations are improved seating, plantings, landscaping and a sculptural entry piece. Types of art people wanted to see were mosaics, plantings, banners and stone or concrete work.

Artist Work

Works to be produced will be:

- An artist designed outdoor seat
- A sculpture which replaces the current entry sign
- A mural about the communities migration story
- And street banner flags for Great North Road Five Dock which link with the art

Fred Kelly Place

Fred Kelly Place was established in 2003 as a small town centre space located on Great North Road. Fred Kelly was a war veteran who lived in Canada Bay. It is the only urban centre based public space and it is well used by shoppers, visitors and residents.

How do I find out more?

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