

MDCA MEMBERS INPUT TO TDC MAPUA WATERFRONT PLAN – FEB 2017

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TOPIC 6– MAPUA AQUARIUM MEMORIAL

Suggestions for how to best honour this taonga ,lost in fire. Community funds of \$1800 available

Topic 6 Aquarium Memorial

A small memorial in Waterfront Park

A mosaic set in the ground

Another aquarium please x 2

Link in fish theme to play area

A boat to climb on x 2

Let someone use a portion of the commercial area of Waterfront Park to build aquarium complex (private enterprise)

What will \$1800 buy – not much

Support no 6 in MDCA on line survey

The planned fish theme memorial down at the wharf is the best idea, and photos of the inside of the previous aquarium would be great in the wharf museum.

Report on Mapua Aquarium Community Feedback

A questionnaire was posted on Facebook and Neighbourly on January 2, 2017, asking for local residents' preferences on how to honour the Mapua Aquarium with the \$1815 in funds held by the MDCA. 7 options were listed and new ideas were solicited. The posts were viewed over 10,000 times and received over 150 responses. The 7 suggested options are listed below with the aggregate votes adjacent. Below this are some new suggestions and comments provided by readers.

1. A commemorative panel about the aquarium and local marine life, posted at the Wharf or on Shed 4, which now stands where the Aquarium once stood. **3 VOTES**

2. Have Richard de Hamel (who was the Aquarium manager) make create his famous fish models and display in the Wharf museum. **3 VOTES**

3. Donate funds to the new Gateway sculpture at Higgs Reserve. Estuary fish cutouts designed from Mapua school student concepts will grace the 9mtr tall recycled stainless steel sculpture. An educational interpretive panel will be included upon the sculpture. the sculpture will share a similar aim & purpose as the Aquarium: to increase the awareness of the sea & its creatures to the public at large. **0 VOTES**

4. A marine focused sculpture at the Wharf or in Waterfront Park. **3 VOTES**

5. A sculpture that incorporates a leaping fish and the old Aquarium boat; set within a dwarf flax rock garden with a local marine life interpretive panel set in one of the rocks. **19 VOTES**

6. Recreate the old boat with sail on a rock garden with the old bollards and rope rather than the new stainless steel look. Bring back a bit of rustic charm rather than flashing it all up. **50 VOTES**

7. A fountain or water theme. **7 VOTES**

Additional ideas:

Build a new Aquarium.

Put it at the new Boat Ramp.

A playground for kids by the wharf, as there isn't anything for the kids to do there.

I like #6 but make it so kids can climb and play on it.

Representative comments:

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FURTHER FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

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We think a mural in memory of the Mapua Aquarium would be awesome. The mural would feature all the species that were part of the aquarium at the time that it burnt.

The local schools and colleges can each paint a part with areas for the local Mapua community to paint as well.