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New public art soundscape for Cardinia Life

Mayor Cr Kate Lempriere, Chair of the Lakeside Pakenham Public Art Program has announced that the award winning artists Sonia Leber and David Chesworth, in collaboration with Simeon Nelson, have been awarded the commission for the third artwork of the program, to be located at Cardinia Life, Toomuc Reserve.

“This commission continues the joint venture between Cardinia Shire Council and Delfin Lend Lease to deliver a series of public art projects to be enjoyed by residents and visitors of Cardinia Shire,” said Mayor Cr Kate Lempriere.

The design is a unique combination of visual art and sound that aims to be a place-making signature artwork for Cardinia. It will be encountered by the local community at the threshold entrance of the recreation and aquatic centre Cardinia Life, enhancing the architectural acoustics of the wave-like roof structure.

"Community members who participated in the community consultation on the program expressed a desire to embrace new and original concepts. The general consensus was to use lighting, movement and sound to interact with the local environment and engage the imagination of the public. This proposal fulfils this aspiration", said Mayor Cr Lempriere.

Water in the natural environment as well as human use of this resource forms the basis of this artwork. There are a number of local waterways and natural resources that are important to the environmental wellbeing and ambience of the area, such as Toomuc Creek that passes through the Toomuc Reserve.

"Water is a precious resource and we hope that the soundscape will increase people's awareness of the importance of water in our everyday lives and environment", said Mayor Cr Kate Lempriere.

“Water in the natural environment and the way we use this resource is an issue that is important to all for us,” said Mayor Cr Kate Lempriere.

Council and Delfin Lend Lease will both contributing \$15,000 to the project.

“Delfin is making a significant contribution to the wider community by funding half the cost of this project, which is outside the Lakeside Pakenham precinct, said Mayor Cr Kate Lempriere.

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Notes to editors

1. Leber and Chesworth in collaboration with Nelson, recently completed a major permanent public sound installation along William Barak Bridge to mark the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. In 2000 Leber and Chesworth also completed a permanent soundscape commissioned by Sydney Olympic Park for the Olympics Games. Leber, Chesworth and Nelson have also completed many other public commissions as well as being recipients of national and international awards.