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## MANDALAY'S TRAVELLING ART AWARD

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When students from Beveridge Primary School embarked on the first annual 'Mandalay Art Award', a sculptural art project sponsored by the master-planned development earlier this year, they probably didn't expect their mini-sculpture creations would be showcased across the Shire of Mitchell.

Now on display at the Wallan Library, the artworks by the talented Beveridge students will travel a little further yet with the Whittlesea Art Show still to come.

The sculptures have already been on show at the Mandalay Sales Centre with hundreds of people admiring the works, which were created over a six week period with the help of well-known local artist, Paul Robinson.

The students designed, created and painted the ceramic pieces using their very own historic town of Beveridge as inspiration, with the school receiving a donation from the residential community to congratulate their efforts.

The Mitchell Shire Council will now play host to the five ceramic pieces, displaying the artworks in the Wallan Library until the Whittlesea Art Show in November, where the proud students will enter the artworks, before finally taking their pieces home to show off to family and friends.

Mitchell Shire Council Mayor, Cr Bill Melbourne, attended the project's launch some months ago, and said he is delighted that he and other Wallan Library customers will now be able to enjoy the imaginative artworks while they are on display.

"I am proud of the Beveridge Primary School Students. These works clearly demonstrate the student's pride and historical understanding of the Beveridge community."

"The students have indeed celebrated their community by creating these wonderful ceramic art pieces," Mayor Melbourne said.

Mayor Bill Melbourne said he encourages south ward residents to visit the Wallan Library to view the Beveridge Primary School student's art works.

The program was created as part of Mandalay's larger urban design principles, pledging to support the local community for the life of the development in many forms, including sport, education, youth and community groups.

The developer has identified community support as imperative to creating not only quality facilities for future residents who will live within Mandalay, but also supporting the larger Beveridge community.

Mandalay spokesperson, Crystall Mousios, said the Mandalay Art Award represented some of the developer's core urban design values.

“ The striking sculpture by James Parrott is one of many urban art forms earmarked for Mandalay, we envision the community will thrive with various art installations because ultimately we want to foster much more than just an estate, but an interactive neighbourhood.

“ Promoting creative interaction with the local Beveridge Community is an important part of the Mandalay philosophy and vision,” Ms Mousios said.

She continued to say that over time, Mandalay will become home to upwards of 6000 new residents, creating a need for community support.

“ Mandalay will be attracting thousands of new residents within the region, so it is also our responsibility to make sure that the community network is equipped to welcome the influx of people.

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