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## News Item

# Take a seat in Viaduct Harbour's outdoor living room

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An eye-catching promenade and temporary outdoor installation on Auckland's waterfront, designed by Boffa Miskell, encourages visitors to use a new pedestrian route that now connects downtown Auckland directly with the heart of the Wynyard Quarter, the former port area being redeveloped by Waterfront Auckland.

Waterfront Auckland commissioned Boffa Miskell to design the temporary, five-year route-marking installation to emphasise the new pedestrian/cycle route that now crosses a former car parking area.

Broad bands of boldly coloured surfacing mark out the new route, which leads from Quay Street around the eastern side of the Viaduct Basin onto Te Wero Island. From there, the recently completed Wynyard Crossing pedestrian/cycle drawbridge provides direct access to the Karanga Plaza, an important public open space in the new development, adjoining the newly opened Viaduct Events Centre.



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At the threshold to the Wynyard Crossing, Boffa Miskell has designed an outdoor 'living room', where brightly coloured resin armchairs are placed invitingly on an area of artificial lawn to encourage visitors to linger, mingle and enjoy the view.

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“We decided to signal the functional change from car parking and emphasise the priority now given to pedestrian movement by applying expanded and embellished ‘pedestrian crossing’ motifs to the existing asphalt surfacing,” Boffa Miskell landscape architect John Potter explains. “New road marking technology, in this case Ballatini-Strada resin surfacing, enabled us to use vibrant colours to transform the existing asphalt surface.”

“We also wanted to encourage people to linger and enjoy the area in its own right by introducing some quirky, fun elements, such as the outdoor living room and the distance markers placed for children to measure their jumping abilities.”

Other features include movable tree planters and several soon-to-be placed shipping containers that will provide adjoining indoor, though still public, shelter – all suitable for re-use when the installation needs to be relocated to cater for temporary events on site.

### **Find out more: Auckland waterfront redevelopment**

<http://www.waterfrontauckland.co.nz>

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