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## **NEW ARTWORK UNVEILED FOR EASTWOOD PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS**

New eye-catching artwork has been unveiled in the Eastwood pedestrian underpass as part of efforts by the City of Ryde to beautify public areas through the use of street art.

The urban artwork was designed by public art enterprise Muralisto and features a vast array of colours and imagery that are designed to brighten the underpass area and make it more welcoming to the public.

The concept design for the artwork was developed with input from the community via focus groups and site specific engagement. The Ryde Youth Council and the Arts Advisory Committee were also consulted.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the new urban artwork would be highly valued by the community.

"The vibrant colours and unique design of this artwork not only adds beauty and visual interest to an underpass that was previously dark and dull, but will also instil a sense of pride for this public space within the community," Cllr Laxale said.

"It will also act as a graffiti deterrent and reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in and around the pedestrian underpass."

With the completion of the artwork at the Eastwood pedestrian underpass, the City of Ryde will now consider the feasibility of introducing additional artworks at specific locations which could benefit from street art projects.

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