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Dawn and Philip Gamblen have taken a holistic approach to this Percent for Art Commission by designing a series of contemporary artworks that instill a feeling of dynamism and sense of place to this Housing project. The building's former use as nurses' quarters inspired the artists to use Fremantle Hospital's motto *Vive Valeque* ("live and be well") as the overall theme for this commission. The title 'Coasting' refers to the port city's laid back, free-wheeling lifestyle that enjoys brilliant ocean sunsets, soft sandy beaches and deep blue seas. The artists have taken these ideas and designed a series of works around the ebb and flow of coastal life - focusing on the movement of water, sun, sand, bicycles and people to help create an instantly recognizable and iconic identity.

The artists have created a site specific entry statement in the form of two freestanding shade structures for the area outside the café. The canopies are constructed from geometric panels reminiscent of tree like canopies. Each individual panel is a reflection of the vision for the Department of Housing, to support residents' individuality, independence and diversity yet

understand the benefit of community well being. These structures not only offer shade and shelter but also give a sense of enclosure and protection. The inclusion of up-lighting ensures that the canopies will provide an inviting and welcoming communal space for residents during evening hours.

The other sculptural component consists of a series of three partially submerged community bike racks, which relate to the ocean-like shade structures. They are located near the café canopies to encourage interaction while also adding an element of humor to the site.

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