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“We approached the designs for artworks with the aim of expressing the district’s rural foundations and responding to the strong architectural aesthetic based on the forms of workshops and garden sheds. As the audience for this work comprises primarily high school students we were keen to imbue the designs with a sense of youthful energy, freshness and movement.

Changes to land and its use, was our thematic starting point. We were particularly drawn to the ‘marks’ made and left as a result of settlement, more specifically farming, and market gardening. Our intention was to build on the patterns of these common shared experiences that we initially explored through taking photographs of the area.

In addition to the strong graphic lines created by rows of planting in market gardens, we discovered that circles and

parts of circles kept reappearing in our photographs - a windmill head and its shadows; circular water tanks with their rippled surfaces; wood shavings on the shed floor; punch holes on the drill bench; trail bike tracks on the land; and wheels discarded in paddocks.

As we worked with all of these source materials in parallel, the patterns for the two sets of integrated artworks, the concrete tilt up walls and the metal fences and gate panels, became layered, abstract, bold, intriguing, intense and fluid.

In summary, the artworks are an integral part of the buildings and the overall landscape, contributing in a meaningful way to the identity of this school - reinforcing a sense of connection to the land, to the place Baldivis, and to the exuberance of youth.”

Anne Neil and Gary Aitken

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