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Keeping you up with the play in Central City

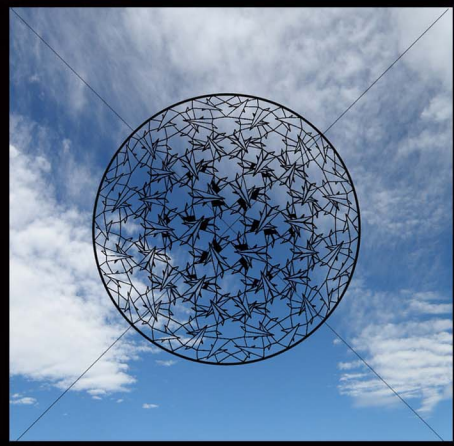
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CENTRAL CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Sky Lens

To be unveiled in Guthrey Plaza, City Mall



The artwork, titled Sky Lens, is a laser cut aluminium domed disk which measures six metres in diameter and is suspended in the air above the Guthrey Plaza in City Mall. The theme of the work is paper darts forming a matrix of interlocking shapes, morphing from triangles around the outside to rendered darts which appear to cast shadows on each other in the centre.

Lighting effects are a key component of the sculpture, with coloured lights illuminating it at night.

Artist Neil Dawson says: "I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with Isthmus Group, Ruamoko

Solutions and the Council on creating another sculpture to 'punctuate' the inner city. I look forward to seeing what kind of life it might generate for itself over time. Councillor Claudia Reid, of the Public Art Advisory Group, says the installation of Sky Lens is another step forward in the Council's public art programme.

Together the Council and the Public Art Advisory Group is creating an environment for a series of artworks that will invigorate, excite and enhance inner city spaces. These works demonstrate the importance of art in an urban environment and they also remind us of the city's proud heritage as an artistic leader in New Zealand.

"Neil Dawson is a Cantabrian who continues to place his distinctive mark on the world. Sky Lens is another example of his creativity and skill. It's a work of art which should make us all proud."

Due to some technical hitches the installation has been delayed until this Wednesday.



Paul Lonsdale
Central City Manager
Business Association

Another Successful Buzz

Central City Business Association held its second Buzz evening with almost 50 people attending. The Christmas Buzz was hosted by Brian Tinworth, General Manager of the Holiday Inn.

Buzz evenings are proving to be a great way for city people to get to know each other and are important if we are to build a strong community where city businesses work together in an effort to combat the ever-expanding suburban shopping centres. It is vital that city businesses support each other in an effort to satisfy the growing demands of shoppers.



Host Brian Tinworth - Holiday Inn



From the Left: Roz Paddy, Antony Gough, Margaret George, Gary & Vivienne Hanna, Shaun Stockman, Paul Lonsdale, Rod Hair, Const. Nigel Heslop, Sonya Henry, Philip Richards, Mike Dunlop, Ron Hooker & Andrija Sesum to name a few that attended this Buzz evening.

BENCH ART AND DESIGN COMPETITION

Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti School is inviting guest artists and students from primary, intermediate and secondary schools to participate in an exciting opportunity to decorate a park bench. Winning entries will be included in Christchurch events including Ellerslie

Flower Show and the Buskers Festival. Best in category benches will win fantastic prizes courtesy of the sponsors Resene Paints. The theme of the competition is 'The Garden City' and artists are encouraged to interpret this freely.



The Team from Unlimited School

