



The Sculpture Park

at Waitakaruru Arboretum

Waikato's art-in-nature experience

OPPORTUNITY FOR ARTISTS

The park recently opened a new adventure called 'Find the Roosting Ruru'. 15 artists were willing to contribute their interpretation of ruru sculptures for a small commission with the aim of a long-term attraction that reinforces the relationship the park has with our native owl. (The park is located along the Waitakaruru Stream -- Waitakaruru is *te reo* for owl by the water). Project Ruru is an event that runs right through the winter school holidays, providing the opportunity for families to learn more about this bird.

When the Trust commissioned the ruru sculptures to be part of its new adventure, it provided the opportunity for artists to make sculptures that could be sold in its new shop here at the park: **The Rurus Nest**. Some of the artists are selling marquettes of their sculptures and others planned on making small-scale duplicates.



In the shop we are only selling NZ made goods. For example, the ruru t-shirts hanging in the photograph to the right are made here and \$5 for each purchase is donated to Wingspan, the National Bird of Prey Centre. Everything sold in the shop will be ethically sourced. We anticipate visitors will be buying presents or a little treat for themselves.

We have started off well with sales so are looking to source other artists who might be interested in producing one-off small sculptures or a series of work. Some artists have supplied prints and other saleable art.—all ruru-themed. The Trust sells on behalf of artists and charges 35% commission.

If you are interested, please put a proposal to the Trust by emailing Dorothy Wakeling at sculpturepark1@gmail.com or Sue Devonshire at info@sculpturepark.co.nz

Your proposal needs to contain:

- An illustration of the work you want to sell at the shop
- The dimensions of the work you propose to make
- An idea of the colour(s) and material(s) to be used
- The retail price (inclusive of the 35% commission)