

Destiny 'whale-comes' KZN Whale Coast visitors

The corner of Gray's Inn Road and Marine Drive at the Bluff is now home to Destiny the whale. The art piece installation was launched by Sodurba and its sponsors to help usher in this year's Welcoming of the Whales Festival.

Ward 66 councillor, JP Prinsloo, said that this is another point of attraction for the Bluff.

Helga du Preez from Sodurba Tourism Association said the South Durban Community Tourism Association launched the Welcoming of the Whales Festival in 2017, and Robin Opperman from Umcebo

Design had made a mascot for the festival.

"As we plan on having a bigger and better festival this year, we felt we needed a bigger and better whale! I approached sponsors including CMH Kempster South, Fabricon, Smartmatta, and Umcebo Design to help make this a reality, and Eden College got on board to help as well in collaboration with Robin and his team.

Brigitta Gaylard and Deidre Maree embraced the challenge in creating the new piece and the school's art pupils processed recycled bottle

tops collected by the community which were attached to Bonox fencing panels to create cladding for final use on the mammoth three-metre whale structure. Placement of the bottle cap are specific to the colour and patterns a whale embodies, creating more of an realistic sight. I am quite amazed at how the community came together to support this initiative," she said. Launching Destiny Island is phase one of three, the next phase will be landscaping the plot and then finally adding on a sign and storyboard.



Some of Bluff's helping hands behind the assembling and transporting of Destiny the whale a three-metre bottle cap recycled sculpture.

