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## **Architects approved for Wakatu Quay development**

Leading New Zealand architectural practice Warren and Mahoney has been appointed the designers of the Kaikōura, Wakatu Quay development. The Kaikōura Marine Development Programme (KMDP) and the Kaikōura District Council approved the firm after extensive consideration and commercial analysis.

Christchurch-based Warren and Mahoney won out over nine other architect proposals. Their designs were developed by the team led by locally-connected architects Jonathan Coote and Joseph Hampton. “I have strong connections to Kaikōura and it’s wonderful to be helping to design such an exciting development,” Hampton said.

The new development will revamp the area once occupied by old commercial fishing buildings that suffered damage in the 2016 earthquake. Suggestions on the potential development from the local community were included in the concept design proposal.

“We are thrilled to have been selected by the Kaikoura District Council and excited to be contributing our team’s broad skillsets to delivering this important community-based multi-use project. It’s a privilege to have been selected to reimagine and reinvigorate the Quay and we acknowledge its unique position in the landscape and wider township context. We are really looking forward to working with the community and stakeholders to deliver an enduring outcome that can act as a beacon for its people and its visitors,” says Jonathan Coote.

Programme Lead Chris Sturgeon said, “The appointment of Warren and Mahoney is an exciting step forward for the project. The winning designs really bring the potential development to life. The concept from Warren and Mahoney mixes traditional and contemporary design while recognising the importance of the location and its history.”

Concept drawings are now underway. Once these are complete, KMDP will release the designs to the community in early August. Potential development may include a hospitality, tourism/activity operator, community gathering points, space to play/fish/walk and education facilities.

The Wakatu Quay development is funded by the Provincial Growth Fund, managed by Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit. The funding will enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs and boost social inclusion and participation. The development is being managed alongside the South Bay Marina Development by KMDP.

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