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**Kaikōura Marine Development Programme Wakatu Quay Update**

Kaikōura District Council is pleased the government funded Wakatu Quay project is continuing to make progress with the selection of a development partner to help work on the development.

The design and construction of the Wakatu Quay redevelopment is being funded through a \$9.88 million grant from the Provincial Growth Fund and the project is being managed by the government's regional economic growth unit, Kānoa - RDU.

Situated on a prime wharf location in Kaikōura, Wakatu Quay has some of the best views in the area and when completed, the project is envisioned to provide a place of interconnected hospitality, tourism and activity.

The prominent architectural firm Warren and Mahoney has designed a set of buildings to reflect a small 'village', with each referencing the nautical look of ships and boat hulls.

It will be accessible to all and celebrate the best the region has to offer.

The project includes extensive landscaping and plantings appropriate for the environment along with necessary upgrades to roading and carparks.

Kaikōura District Council and Kaikōura Marine Development Programme say the Wakatu Quay project will have a significant positive impact on the local and regional community both socially and economically.

Kaikōura District Council's infrastructure upgrade programme, commencing this autumn, will include water supply and utilities servicing Wakatu Quay.

Kaikōura Marine Development Programme and Kaikōura District Council are pleased to advise they have selected Cooper Developments to work together to progress the potential opportunities of the site and commercial aspects of the development. Kaikōura District mayor Craig Mackle is welcoming the selection of Cooper Developments. This investigation process will take place over the next three months.

"As a Council we are very excited about the next steps for the project and building a relationship with the Cooper team," Craig Mackle says.

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