Local artists influence the design

The NZ Transport Agency has commissioned local artists Trent Morgan and Dave Beazley to paint the new pedestrian and vehicle underpass connecting Rupert Clark Road and Walker Crescent.

**Trent Morgan**
Trent was born and raised in Whangarei and studied a Bachelor of Design at Unitec, Auckland, majoring in Visual Communication. Since graduating he has worked as a signwriter and more recently as a web designer, both of which have given him skills to help inform his personal work.

Over the last five years Trent has worked on a number of public and personal projects including art, design and experimenting with a range of media. He is fascinated by the world around him and creativity provides a great vehicle for exploring it.

**Dave Beazley**
Dave Beazley’s career began with a diploma in cabinetmaking from Whangarei Polytechnic in 2000. After being in the trade for two years Dave enrolled in the Bachelor of Design degree at Unitec in Auckland, graduating in 2006.

Dave enjoys painting characters that are attractive to the eye but also challenge people to revisit them again and see their more sinister detail. He brings some of his characters to life by transforming them into ‘life size’ soft sculptures being another form of practice which allows him to move between painting, sculpture and computer animation.

Dave has returned back to his hometown of Whangarei after traveling the world that included an artist residency in the south of France for eight months.