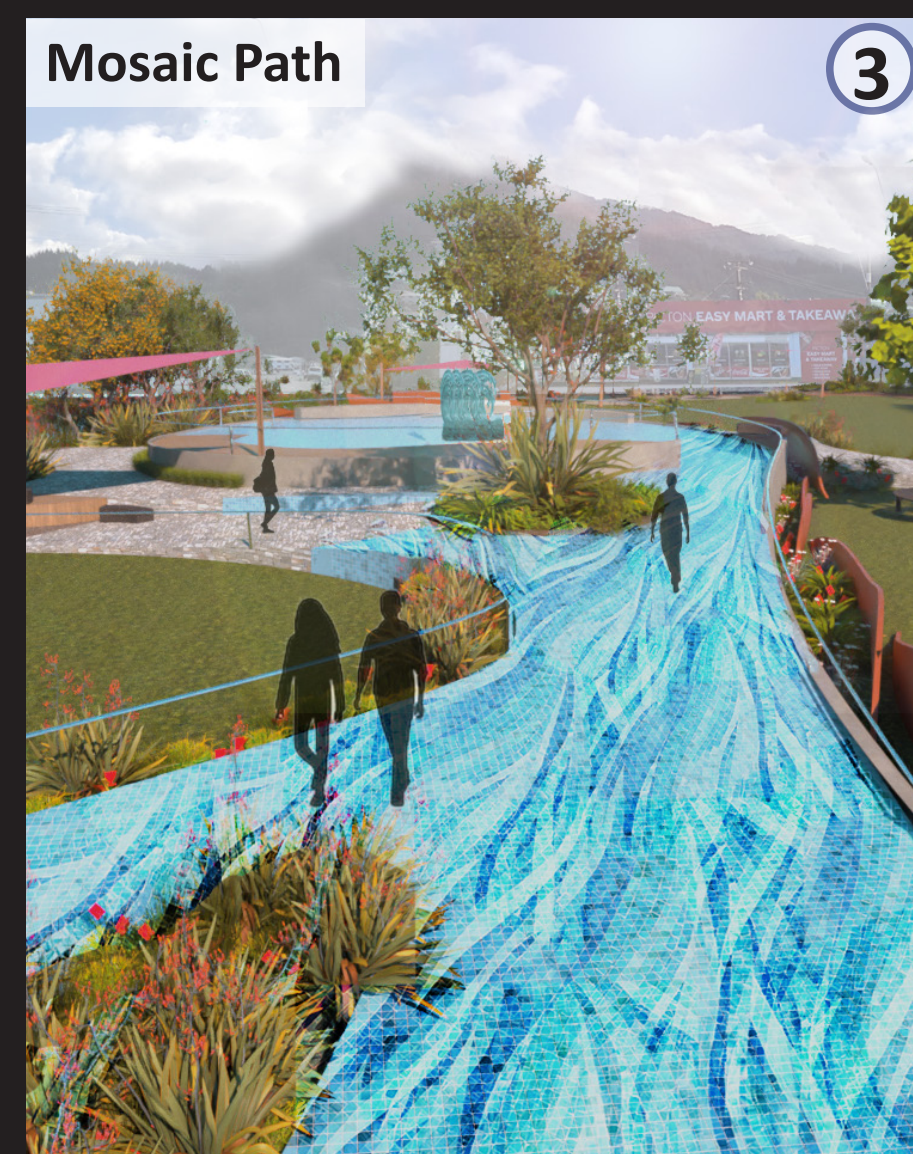




Whale Wall

WHALE WALL

The story of Tohorā told by engraved illustrations along a wall of corten steel in the shape of waves to represent the entry of Waitohi. Design will be informed by Te Atiawa.



Mosaic Path

STORY WALL

The beautiful illustrations from the Whale Wall told through stories or poems created by the community. The text will be engraved into the wall.



Concrete Story Wall

The Tohorā Thread

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This design aims to strengthen Nelson Square's connection to the foreshore, promote tourism in Waitohi (Picton), and maintain a welcoming space for the community.

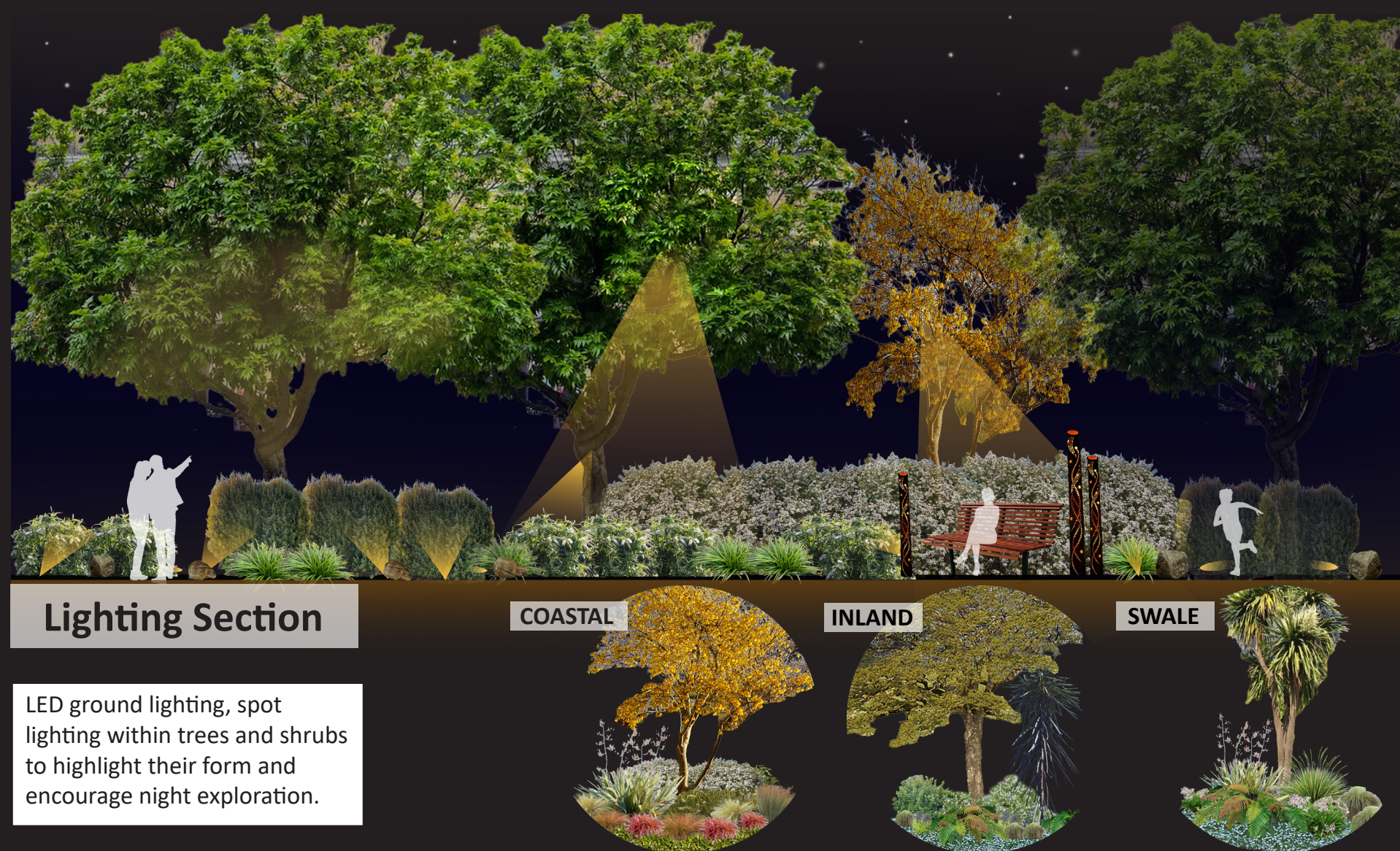
Our concept is inspired by the Tohorā (southern right whale), a historic native visitor of the Marlborough Sounds. To Māori, the Tohorā represented navigation, exploration, and guidance across the ocean, much like the ferries that arrive in Waitohi today. Encounters with the Tohorā were rare and meaningful. We aspired to make the experience of arriving in Waitohi memorable as well.

The theme of exploration is expressed throughout our proposal. The design creates new connections to local walking tracks, integrates wider ecosystems, and tells the story of Te Ātiawa's voyage to Waitohi. An eco-corridor connecting route encourages visitors to explore beyond the foreshore into Waitohi's lesser-known trails. Within Nelson Square, a walking track winds through representations of Waitohi's diverse ecosystems, fostering local pride and offering an educational journey.

A Corten steel wall, shaped like the body of a whale, features engraved storytelling of Te Ātiawa's journey, grounding the site in local heritage. Other elements invite discovery and play, from a natural playground that encourages exploration, to water-activated concrete text that further reveals parts of Te Ātiawa's story when it rains.



PLEASE, PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THE PROJECT AND DESIGNS



Inland Eco-Path



Coastal Eco-Path



Scotland Street Eco-Corridor



Way-finding Sculpture



Natural Playground