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NEW ARTWORK FOR THE TRIANGLES

The Triangles will receive a new piece of artwork that will continue to support cycle tourism in Tallangatta and celebrate the 2018 Great Victorian Bike Ride overnight stay.

Thanks to funding from the Stronger Regional Communities Program, concepts were sought for a functional piece of art that would continue to support cycle tourism in Tallangatta.

The final decision on the artwork to be installed was left to a public vote. After over 230 votes were counted, the announcement was made on Tuesday evening as part of the Two Wheels Street Festival which welcomed Great Victorian Bike Ride visitors to Tallangatta.

The winner is North East Victorian artist Simon Pankhurst for his design "Wheels in Motion". Mr Pankhurst said this week that the project appealed to him from the outset. "When I first heard about this project my first thoughts were memories of my many visits passing through Tallangatta over the years, and the lovely park that almost seems to move through the town. Working as an Artist Blacksmith, where functional objects are built incorporating sculptural elements, I thought it would be great to see a series of bicycle racks that were evocative of this movement and motion."

His concept involves twelve free standing spiral shaped elements that also function as bike stands. The spirals can be installed en masse or interspersed throughout The Triangles. Mr Pankhurst said he uses spirals often in his work. "It's a shape that make us think of movement, motion, growth, life. In this case, spirals like bicycle wheels merrily trundling along their way through The Triangles," he said.

The completed artwork is expected to be unveiled in The Triangles in March 2019.

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