



## WALK/CYCLE IN THE CITY

# Te Ara Pikitia a Mudge Mudge Murals Trail



Grade  
**Easy**



Distance  
**13km**



Walking  
**4 hours**



Cycling  
**1 hour**



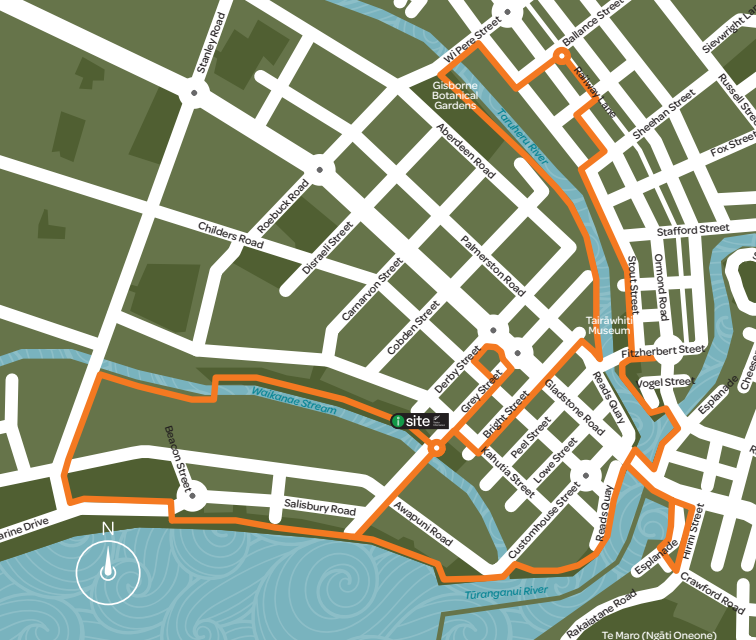
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Artist Graeme Mudge (1932-2014) was a familiar site on the streets of Gisborne for decades as he 'painted the town'. Not only were there pen and wash paintings of every building in town, but also, over 17 years, more than 20 murals illustrating scenes of industry, arts, recreation and development from the post-European settler era to contemporary settings. A keen walker, runner and cyclist, Mudge was renowned for his style, wit, energetic brushwork, fearless use of colour, and exuberant regionalism. He made his first public mural – the Watties mural – in 1994 under a Keep Gisborne Beautiful initiative to combat graffiti. First affixed to the Watties cannery wall in Customhouse St, the Watties mural was relocated to the Wa165 shed wall after the cannery closed in 1997.

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Start anywhere or park at the Ballance Street Village for:

- 1. 1997 superette mural**, Ormond Rd - Ballance St corner, close to the Mudge family home.
- 2. 2011 Bus Shelter**, Bright St, featuring Mudge's wife Lisette in window near back of bus, artist at rear.
- 3. 2000 Band Room**, Childers Rd.
- 4. 2002 War Memorial Theatre**, (inside) Bright St.
- 5. Cosmopolitan Club**, (inside) Grey St.
- 6. 2008 Gisborne's 1910 gaol**, Centennial Marine Drive.  
Gaol once housed 20 cells and had separate men's, women's and warden's quarters.
- 7. 1998 Ladies Surf Life Saving Club**, Oneroa Trail.
- 8. 1999 Time of Sails**, Awapuni Rd, and 1994 Watties mural, on outside wall of Wa165 shed.
- 9. 2001 Substation**, Oneroa Trail, featuring 1904 Gisborne Harbour Board building, Gisborne Borough Council, courthouse and 1900 Post and Telegraph building.
- 10. 1999 Weighbridge**, port, depicting former freezing works and fishing industries.
- 11. 1995 Gisborne Bowling Club**, Wainui Rd, historic 1884 scene, when club formed, and modern scene.
- 12. 2011 Forestry Industry**, lower Crawford Rd.
- 13. 2008 Farmers' Market**, carpark, Fitzherbert St.
- 14. 2001 Town Crier**, Lawson Field Theatre. Mural was digitised and erected beside the theatre in 2017 after the council building it was designed for was demolished.

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