

Sculpture casts light on deadly issue



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Wellington's *Woman Of Words* sculpture has gone pink - one of numerous landmarks around the world to be lit up for breast cancer awareness.

The popular artwork joined other New Zealand landmarks including Auckland's Sky Tower and Civic Theatre, Christchurch Airport and New Plymouth's Clock Tower, many of which will remain pink until the end of the month.

Artist Virginia King's stainless-steel figure in Midland Park celebrates the life and work of Katherine Mansfield. It is laser-cut with quotations from the Kiwi author's journals and short stories.

During the day, the sculpture reflects the colour and movement its surroundings. At night, illuminated from within, the work becomes a lantern of silhouetted words, now with a pink glow.

There were also plans to light up the Bucket Fountain in Cuba Mall.

Sunday marked the first day of breast cancer awareness month.

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ chief executive Evangelia Henderson said she was grateful that the capital's landmarks could be added to the global effort to raise awareness of a disease that accounts for more than 600 deaths in New Zealand every year.

"They give such a wonderful visual reminder that every woman should be breast aware," she said of the campaign's lights.

Breast cancer is New Zealand's third most common form of cancer.

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