



## Artist in Community in Leongatha

Newcastle muralist and community artist, Nina Katzmarski will begin working with the community from next week to brighten up the pocket park beside Memorial Hall, Leongatha.

Nina's place making activities will include a weekend painting bee for a giant mural on the side of the Bendigo Bank, puppet making workshops in the primary school and a treasure hunt throughout town.

The project is part of the Artist in Community Program that is tied to Creative Gippsland's Come And Play All Of May campaign which promotes the arts across all of Gippsland. Collaborative funding from Council, the Leongatha Business Association and the community has made the project possible.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts Development Officer Mary Sullivan was pleased to have such an inspiring project take place in South Gippsland.

"The Artist in Residency projects have always been quite extraordinary in their capacity to bring communities together in the name of art. This one is unique in that we will have an artist working with a space that is so visible and central to Leongatha. I can't wait to see what happens!"

The Leongatha Business Association's Project Coordinator Clare Williams was thrilled to host Nina as part of the project.

"We are really excited to welcome Nina into our community. The potential for that little space to be transformed into an inspiring place that people want to be a part of and to spend time is huge."

Those wishing to be part of Nina's project or help paint the mural are welcome to come along with all activities free. For more information on Nina's workshops and activities visit the Facebook events page <https://www.facebook.com/events/596551000837545/>

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