

Completion of the Korumburra Mural

A new mural located on the external wall of 42 Commercial Street in Korumburra is now complete.

South Gippsland artist, Melanie Caple, was selected to paint the mural through a public voting process that took place late November 2023. The brief required artists to respond to a theme created by the Korumburra Secondary College which encouraged artists to incorporate the local community, landscape, flora and fauna into the work through fantastical and immersive imagery.

Melanie's mural ties in closely to Korumburra's ecological landscape, depicting native bird species such as the double-barred finch, flame robin, silver-eye, golden whistler and red-browed finch, and local mountain ash leaves alongside floral species that have been prominent in local gardens since 1884 like ginkgo and gladioli.

The mural is an element of South Gippsland Shire Council's Railway Precincts Development Project which involves an upgrade of the Leongatha and Korumburra railway sites to improve economic vitality, increase visitation and support the promotion of regional arts.

The mural is funded as part of the \$6 million Great Southern Rail Trail Railway Precincts Project (Leongatha and Korumburra), which received a total of \$3 million through the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and \$2 million through the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund.

Quote attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Clare Williams:

"I am blown away by the artistic skill demonstrated in this mural. Melanie has well and truly transformed this space and the soft glow in-the-dark paint feature is sure to captivate the viewer time and time again.

I would like to thank all of the entrants who each came up with wonderful mural concepts and thank Melanie on the completion of this inspiring mural."

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