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Young creatives brighten Quambatook Caravan Park in Mallee Family Care flood recovery initiative

The artwork of eight young artists has been transformed into large-scale decals and displayed on buildings at the Quambatook Caravan Park as part of a flood recovery initiative in the region.

Mallee Family Care proudly announced winners of its Quambatook Youth Art Competition this week, which was a community celebration of resilience, talent, and regional pride.

Coordinated through Mallee Family Care's Flood Recovery program, the competition invited children aged 5 to 12 from Quambatook, Kerang and surrounding areas to reflect on what makes their region special—through painting, drawing, photography or digital art.

Mallee Family Care CEO Teresa Jayet said the competition formed part of the agency's broader flood recovery efforts, supporting families, farms and businesses still feeling the effects of the 2022 floods and severe storms of 2023–24.

"This competition provided a positive, creative outlet for young people in the region, many of whom have experienced these challenges firsthand," Ms Jayet said.

"We were delighted to receive more than 50 creative entries and that eight of those have been reproduced in large-scale format, creating a lasting outdoor gallery at the Quambatook Caravan Park, for locals and visitors to enjoy."

Children explored themes including local flora and fauna, climate and weather, mateship, family, agriculture, and working animals—each piece a heartfelt reminder of the strength and spirit of the Mallee.

A special celebration event was held at Quambatook Caravan Park on Tuesday 15th April to announce the winners and unveil the large-scale artworks.

All entrants received a free ticket to the Quambatook Tractor Pull, held on Easter Saturday. The three winning entries also received vouchers to spend at local businesses.

Congratulations to these talented artists whose work is now on display at the Quambatook Caravan Park permanently:

- Harriet (1st place)
- Demi (2nd place)
- Neave (3rd place)
- Luke
- Grace
- Millie
- Matilda
- Bodie

Tilly and Eli also received an Honourable Mention for their impressive photograph, which will be reproduced on tote bags and coffee mugs.



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“We wanted to create something uplifting for the children in community,” Ms Jayet said.

“After everything the region has faced with flooding and storms, this was about celebrating our young people, their connection to where they live, and the beauty that surrounds them—even in difficult times.”

Mallee Family Care extends its heartfelt thanks to the families, schools, businesses and community members who supported this project and continue to contribute to the region’s recovery.

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