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## **Waikerie Silos Art Mural project leaps to life**

**Nature Foundation SA is excited to announce that the Waikerie silos are one step closer to becoming a beautiful reflection of our River Murray, after signing a grant with the South Australian government.**

The Waikerie community has shown strong support for the concept of the project by voting for the Silos Art Mural and the project is now officially to be funded by a grant through Fund My Neighbourhood and the Government of South Australia.

Local woman, Liz Frankel, who initially nominated the silo art mural project last year, and partnered with Nature Foundation SA as sponsors of the project, said that it is a “huge win for our community and an exciting opportunity.”

The project aims to unite the local community, instill a sense of civic pride and attract both interstate and international tourists to the town, in addition to educating people about riverine health.

Nature Foundation SA has now established a Waikerie Silo Art Mural Working Group (WSAMWG) to help advise and guide the Silo Art Mural project to fruition.

Liz is currently liaising with the Working Group to formalise an agreement with Viterra, who have kindly agreed in-principle to having their silos at Waikerie on Ian Oliver Drive painted for the mural.

The next step will be a call for Expressions of Interest to identify an artist to create a stunning mural on the theme “Healthy River, Healthy Community”, highlighting the importance of a vital, sustainable river system for the environment, economy and society.

Liz thanked local people for their interest in the project and patience whilst the paperwork has been completed. “The beginning of the project has been about planning, signing the agreement with the state government and liaising with Viterra, so lots of work has been going on behind the scenes. The next stage, of selecting an artist and having the work done, should progress quite quickly and it is our goal to hold an official opening of the painted silos by early next year” she explained.

Stay up to date on the project by ‘liking’ the Waikerie Silos Art Mural Facebook page and following Nature Foundation SA on Instagram and Facebook.

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