



HELMANN ACADEMY AND ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL LAUNCH CAREER DEFINING \$150,000 PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY

The Helpmann Academy has partnered with Alexandrina Council to present the Helpmann Academy Major Public Art Commission for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. Valued at \$150,000 through the generous support of the K & S Langley Fund, this career defining commission will support an emerging artist or small collective of artists to create a major public artwork as a part of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct upgrade.

The selected artist(s) will work with renowned makers from George Street Studios, developing their abilities and confidence in producing large-scale public artwork. The process will include mentorship and guidance in all aspects of public art development, making this a significant opportunity for an emerging creative to 'cut their teeth' on a major public art commission in the early stages of their practice.

Participants are encouraged to exercise artistic expression and innovation on the project while referencing the theme of "family/ family connectedness," – with Council welcoming creatives from a range of artistic mediums to apply.

Alexandrina Council, Mayor Keith Parkes said, "Council is very supportive of the artwork's theme being reflective of life in Goolwa and the deep connection felt by generations of families who reside or have visited our beautiful River Port town.

We are thrilled and thankful for the generosity of funding; and look forward to partnering with the Helpmann Academy to strengthen our long standing commitment and focus on arts and culture in our region, and the incredible value of the industry to our community and region. This is a wonderful opportunity for our creative community to deliver a public art piece representative of our united, thriving community and promises to be another exciting element of the Goolwa Wharf Precinct revitalisation."

Helpmann Academy Chief Executive Officer, Jane MacFarlane, said, "This is an invaluable opportunity for South Australia's emerging creatives to produce a work that will become a part of Goolwa's cultural identity. It is also an unparalleled chance to extend their practical knowledge and skills, while building a profile in the public art realm."

The Helpmann Academy is now accepting expressions of interest from eligible artists/artist teams. For more information visit:
<https://www.helpmannacademy.com.au/commissions/goolwa-wharf-major-public-art-commission/>

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The only organisation of its kind in Australia, the Helpmann Academy empowers South Australia's most promising emerging creatives to realise their visions and build sustainable practices. Helpmann provides professional development opportunities

including grants, awards, fellowships, mentorships, masterclasses, advisory services and international artist residencies, all tailored specifically for South Australia's higher education students, tertiary graduates and emerging artists.

The Helpmann Academy is a unique collaborative partnership, unifying the skills and resources of the state's universities. Since 1994, the Helpmann Academy has been empowering emerging creatives, promoting South Australia as a centre for excellence in creative education, and contributing to the artistic community of the state.

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