

# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## **Gallery puts on exterior show for 'Healing' exhibition**

Art enthusiasts and anyone passing by CS Gallery in Caroline Springs will be able to view a new exhibition installed on the exterior of the building this week.

Titled 'Healing' the work by Aboriginal artist Mandi Barton, a Yorta Yorta woman who lives in Melbourne's west, was commissioned by Melton City Council to address health and wellbeing messages related to the COVID-19 crisis and the impact on Indigenous connections, narratives and identities.

With experience in storytelling and connecting communities through art, Barton created large scale digital pieces that cover the themes of culture, clan, country, community, and connection. The works incorporate images taken at the local Wurundjeri country at Kororoit Creek in Burnside.

The exhibition represents people socialising together in video calls; those who are supporting the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of others; the need for food, health and accommodation; cultural connection, and more.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Lara Carli said the exhibition signified connections and changes we could all relate to.

"Although the past few months have been challenging for many people, I'm grateful that we can look through the lens of a talented local artist and understand more about the Aboriginal healing process," Cr Carli said.

"These pieces tell a story about healing through connections to family, culture and land.

"To have a beautiful exhibition that pedestrians can safely enjoy on their regular walk is really special at a time when such experiences are so limited."

Healing can be viewed on the exterior windows of CS Gallery, Caroline Springs Boulevard, until November.

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