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Wall to Wall, one of Australia's premier murals festivals will bring artists from across the country and overseas to create five diverse murals in the Central Business District from Thursday 11 April 2024, culminating in a FREE and family-friendly Street Party in Sixth Street on Sunday 14 April 2024.

Watch the artists at work as they bring the walls to life:

- SMUG (Scotland) at Murray Bridge Regional Gallery
- DREZ (Vic) at Edwards Square Soundshell
- Sofles (Qld) at Murraylands Skills Centre (Bridgeport Hotel carpark)
- Justine McAllister (Vic) at Salvation Army Thrift Shop (Fourth Street)
- Stephanie Cartledge (NSW) at MBHS Independent Learning Centre (ILC)

The festival program is as follows - all activities are free, bookings are essential:

Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 April 2024

PAINT-BY-NUMBERS | MBHS Independent Learning Centre (ILC)
Artist Stephanie Cartledge invites passers-by to participate in her mural Current
Connections that highlights underwater river life to celebrate local flora and fauna.

Friday 12 April 2024, 5-6pm

PROGRAM LAUNCH | Murray Bridge Regional Gallery

As we launch the festival program and map, this is a great opportunity to hear from our project partners, Juddy Roller, about the artists and their practices.

Saturday 14 + Sunday 15 April 2024

GUIDED TOURS | Murray Bridge CBD

Guided tours will offer deeper insights into the artists' practices, motivations and experiences of painting large-scale artworks in the public domain. Alternatively, take a self-guided tour with the festival program and map.

Sunday 14 April 2024, 12-5pm

FESTIVAL STREET PARTY | Murray Bridge Arts Precinct, Sixth Street
To celebrate our town's new murals, the Street Party will feature a range of activities

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suitable for all-ages, including aerosol art workshops, pop-up chalk walls and the Giant Regatta Workshop & Parade with vibrant artist collective The Bait Fridge making costumes and boating scenes from recycled materials.

Everyone can enjoy live music programmed with The Station, including young local rising stars Katie Aspel, Exit Plan, Sam Hissey, DJ and Hip-Hop performers, as well as the nationally celebrated The Bait Fridge Band.

Murray Bridge Regional Gallery Director Fulvia Mantelli said, "Wall to Wall Murray Bridge is a special opportunity for Murray Bridge to join a stellar list of towns making their mark as mural tourism destinations."

"Mural festivals and good quality street art also generates inclusivity and wonder in communities.

Our project partner Juddy Roller has secured a great selection of leading mural artists. All within walking distance of each other, a mix of colourful abstract and figurative murals will offer new ways to interact with our public spaces," she said.

The artists will focus on themes identified throughout the Silo Art Project's Community Engagement process. The opportunity to deliver the Wall to Wall festival in Murray Bridge was born from the Silo Art project, which was unable to be realised due to circumstances beyond Council's control.

Wall to Wall Murray Bridge is presented by The Rural City of Murray Bridge, <u>Murray Bridge Regional Gallery</u>, <u>The Station</u> in partnership with <u>Juddy Roller</u> and with the support of the <u>Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund</u> – An Australian Government initiative.

For the full program and more details on Wall to Wall Murray Bridge visit the <u>Murray</u> <u>Bridge Regional Gallery website</u>.

From Monday 15 April 2024, school holiday programming across most RCMB community facilities will build on the creativity and themes that stem from the Wall to Wall. For more details, please visit the <u>School Holiday Calendar</u>.

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