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Media Release

Reconciliation mural at the Summit Sport and Recreation Park

Late last year Cornerstone College student and member of the Mount Barker Football Club, Jesse Filmer approached Council with an idea for a mural in the players' races at the Summit Sport and Recreation Park.

Jesse's idea was to have something very prominent in the region's newest sporting facility that incorporated the Summit in the design and conveyed the history and connection to country of the Peramangk people.

Students from Cornerstone College would work with an Artist and mentors to design and produce an interpretive mural to take pride of place at the park.

"Council has collaborated on a number of successful art projects that increase awareness of the living culture of the Peramangk Nation", Mayor Ann Ferguson said.

"Having students and young people involved in these projects ensures that current and future generations have a great understanding of Aboriginal people's connection to country and appreciation of the Traditional Custodians of the lands we work, live and play on."

The proposed artist to work with the students is David Booth who is a prominent local Aboriginal Artist and who's son is a member of the Mount Barker Football Club. David has been involved in a number of local art projects and is skilled in working with young people in the production of murals.

In 2021 David designed the indigenous guernseys worn by Mount Barker and Echunga Football Clubs senior teams for the indigenous round in August that year.

Mentors for the young people would include young Aboriginal people from the region, including footballers from the Mount Barker Football Club.

The completed mural will be commissioned and celebrated during Reconciliation Week which runs from 27 May to 3 June 2022.

A breakfast function to commission the mural will be held in the Reconciliation space at the Laratinga Wetlands prior to the commencement of a Hills Football League

Reconciliation Week match which guests can stay to enjoy at the nearby Summit Sport and Recreation Park.

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