

Mosaic Flood Marker Project

For a year now, Arts Council Toowoomba (ACT) members have wanted to use art to help our community recover and celebrate how we came together at during traumatic times. Local artists will produce individualised prefabricated mosaic panels to be attached to the exterior of buildings which were inundated in Toowoomba's floods.

In late October 2011, experienced Mosaic artist Bev Ridsdill-Kenny came to help local artists develop their mosaic skills. Not only did the workshop increase the community's capacity to produce mosaics, but it demonstrated how powerful it is to tell a story of the flood using this medium. Enthusiastic, capable ACT members are keen to be part of *Splashing back*, Toowoomba's Flood Marker Project in 2012.



With donations of tiles from Tile Warehouse, ... our artists created sample images including cars floating and piling up, a helping hand, a police car rescuing people, the rescue of a man clinging to a tree, people watching in amazement and a cat up a tree.

Each piece will have an interactive QR code (barcode which can be scanned on any smart phone) which will link to a website with images and sound to further enhance the storytelling aspect of the project. An interactive screen and printed brochure will provide audio files and more information for an art trail.

ACT committee members have contacted many businesses who are interested in their story being told in the medium of mosaic.

ACT wants to contact interested business owners who are also property owners who would be interested in having a mosaic to tell their story.