

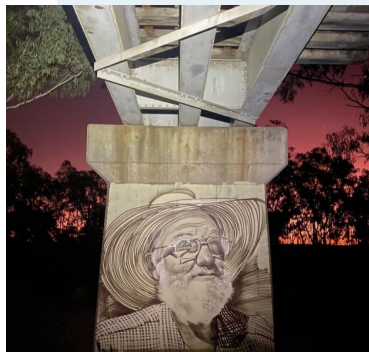


Rogues Gallery

The Gallery features portraits of locals painted under the Rail Bridge over the Moonie River by Drapl (Travis Vinson) and The Zookeeper (Joel Fergie) as a gift to the

Thallon Community. These incredible artists regularly return to Thallon and add to the gallery on each trip.

- Painted in October 2019 at the height of the devastating drought to lift community spirits was the portrait of Collie, a lifelong local and talented wood worker. The artists got to know Collie when they painted the silos in 2017 and described him as “a gentle lovely person with an infectious smile that just had to be painted.”
- In March 2021 Collie was joined by his best mate Pom, who is a talented photographer and whose birds feature on the Watering Hole Silo Mural.
- Leanne and Stuart were added to the Gallery in March 2023. While they no longer live in Thallon, they own the local Hotel with a group of friends and Leanne has worked with the Thallon Progress Association to co-ordinate many local Tourism Projects.
- In May 2023 Bill, one of Thallon’s biggest rogues and fiercest supporters was added to the Gallery. Bill is a local farmer who was born and raised in Thallon.



- Liz is the most recent member of the Thallon Community to join the Gallery. She is a dedicated volunteer in many Community Groups and headed up the all female Thallon Fire Brigade in the 1990s.

Directions

To protect the Riverine Environment we encourage visitors to walk or cycle to the Rogues Gallery. You can access it either via the sand track at the bottom of Pine Street that runs next to the Rail Line, or park your vehicle at the Bridge turn out area left, off the Noondoo/Thallon Road and walk along the River. See copy of the Thallon Tourist Map for further details.

Indigenous Scar Trees

- When you are visiting the Rogues Gallery keep an eye out for the Scar trees which are a precious link to Thallon’s Indigenous history and culture.



“Watering Hole Art Trail” Connecting the magnificent Watering Hole Silos Mural & The Moonie River.



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McGeever Recreation Grounds Sculptures and Signage

Providing an attractive and engaging welcome to Thallon

- Train Sculpture made from gas cylinders by local Artist Glen Cherry celebrating Thallon's Rail History
- Gomeri Fishermen referencing Thallon's Indigenous History manufactured by Goondiwindi Engineering
- Check out the Story Boards that provide information on Thallon's Indigenous and Early European Settlement , McGeever Family history as well as the background behind "The Watering Hole" Heritage Art Trail Sculptures.



Blacksmith and Baker Sculptures Hill Street

- These are the first 2 Sculptures in "The Watering Hole" - Heritage Art Trail. They reference locals from Thallon's early pioneering history and were produced by award winning artist Dion Cross who is based in Chinchilla. The sculptures stand adjacent to the sites of the early bakery and blacksmith forge. For more detail check out a copy of Thallon's "Old Town" History Booklet available at the Information Station.



Railway Street Sculptures

These sculptures were funded by FRRR they complete Stage 1 of "The Watering Hole— Heritage Art Trail" They were also produced by Dion Cross.

- The Fettleers are a nod to Thallon's rail history and the hard graft involved in maintaining the line.
- The School Teacher and Student are located near by the original Bullamon Provisional tent school and is modelled on the first head teacher of Thallon State School— Gertrude Baker.

