



A U S T R A L I A N C I V I C T R U S T  
2019 People's Choice

## Nomination for Regional Award

### Cowell Silo Art



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This work by Austin 'Nitsua' Moncrieff shows Cameleer Lionel Deer, his camel Diamantina and a Port Lincoln parrot. Mr Moncrieff met Mr Deer in 2017 and decided to put him in his work. "I was inspired by his unique character, larrikinism, sense of humour and even his creative spark - I knew he was the perfect subject for this platform" he said. Lionel Deer was known throughout the Cowell community. He has brought his camels to the Cowell Christmas Pageant for more than 30 years.

The art tells the story of this local legend and his beloved camel and also represents the strength and resilience of the community who were at that time experiencing the most severe drought in over 20 years. Featuring also a Port Lincoln Parrot and a nearby farmhouse ruin, the project has brought the town together and the residents hope it will revitalise it and encourage more tourists.

Franklin Harbour Community Development Group provided support through community fundraising and obtaining a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. Group member Stacey Franklin said they "couldn't be happier" with the final project. "We've had an overwhelmingly positive response from the community" she said.

Crowies Paints of Port Lincoln provided a generous donation of paint and free hire of an electronic paint gun and Cleve Hardware Pty Ltd. Meridian Energy Mt Miller and Viterra also contributed.