



Painting brightens up lodge

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GLENMORGAN artist Carol McCormack found a new way to brighten up the lives of those undergoing cancer treatments and living at the Toowoomba Olive McMahon Lodge – she painted a 55m long frieze to hang in the corridor.

Ms McCormack said she, like everyone else, knew friends and family who had needed cancer treatment and knew finding accommodation could be hard when you lived away from the big cities.

She said when she heard about the lodge, she had wanted to support it.

“I wanted to give something back,” she said.

“I almost thought I had bitten off more than I could chew, but I just kept adding a few more trees, a few more birds and a few more people.”

Olive McMahon Lodge’s supervisor, Jasmine Gallagher, said originally Ms McCormack was going to donate many individual paintings but after visiting the

lodge she had decided to do one long painting.

“It’s just amazing, the residents love it,” she said.

“It’s quite a conversation starter. Every time they walk past it, they find something new they haven’t seen before.”

The painting, featuring a variety of outback scenes, comprises separate panels.

Ms McCormack’s exhibition, *Crossing the Divide*, is showing at the MADE Creative Space gallery until May 27.



PRETTY PAINTING: Lodge supervisor Jasmine Gallagher (left) and Joan Billingsley look at the painting donated to the lodge.

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