



Kangaroo Island's Kingscote Farmers and Artisan Markets are set to launch 'The Backyard Project' in early 2022.

Launching in early 2022 by the *Kingscote Farmers and Artisan Markets Inc. (KFAM)*, with funding support from *BizRebuild* and the *Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal*, **'The Backyard Project'** is set to create a unique pop-up space in Kangaroo Island's Kingscote Wharf precinct utilising five customised 40ft shipping containers. From day markets, to twilight markets and pop-up events in-between, this new 'sheltered' Market Square will become a semi-permanent space where local businesses can manifest and grow within the containers' stall spaces, and deliver the Island an asset which allows the community to come together after the devastation of the 2019/20 bushfires and Covid – 19.

Developed to activate and invigorate the Kingscote Wharf area where the Markets relocated to at the end of 2020, with thanks to *Bickford's Group* for allowing the Markets temporary use of their land, **'The Backyard Project'** will deliver multiple community and economic benefits to Kangaroo Island, and ensure the *Kingscote Farmers and Artisan Markets* continues to develop as a tourism attraction while allowing local producers and creators to have a semi-permanent base to grow and flourish near the heart of the Island's main town.

Of the Five shipping containers, one will house the KFAM run bar, showcasing local beverages, a community table for sharing and redistributing excess produce from local gardens and the "all-important" storage space, while the market square's four other modified containers will each consist of four 2.9m x 2.9m rentable stall spaces which have been designed specifically with 'removable' dividing walls to facilitate flexibility of the containers and to allow the local businesses to grow and take on more stall spaces as they grows and develop over time.

The Kingscote Farmers and Artisan Market Committee is now formally seeking Expressions of Interest from local businesses interested in leasing 1 or more stallholder spaces for their business/es in **'The Backyard Project'**.

For all project enquires and stallholder space Expressions of Interest:

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