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## An Artist A Barista Local Traders and YPRL Help Fight Cancer

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Nillumbik artist Sue Bayre thought The Cancer Council's fundraising Biggest Morning Tea might need a tea cup, so she donated her beautiful pastel *Three for Tea* to help raise money for the charity. A contemporary realist painter, Bayre is known as "the tea cup lady" because she paints so many tea cups. "I don't drink tea," she says, "but I think they are incredibly beautiful objects."

Bayre's painting will be auctioned via silent auction at the library hosted Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for The Cancer Council at Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Eltham branch on Thursday 28 May between 10.30am and 12.00noon.

The painting will be on display in the library prior to the day. An award-winning painter, Bayre has also contributed artwork to the unusual 'Let Me Paint You a Story' exhibition on display in the Eltham Library foyer during Library and Information Week.

Barista Mark Stewart will also be helping raise money for The Cancer Council at the Biggest Morning Tea by teaching library visitors how to make a good coffee. Local traders will be providing morning tea.

Anyone partaking in the Biggest Morning Tea is asked to make a gold coin donation for The Cancer Council appeal. The funds raised from Australia's Biggest Morning Tea help The Cancer Council to continue their work in cancer research, prevention, education and support services. Last year Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raised \$10 million. This year the Cancer Council is aiming to raise \$11 million.

***Library and Information Week (25 May – 31 May) is celebrated every year to highlight the vital role and value of libraries. This year's theme – Libraries: Your Passport to Discovery – highlights the discovery element and celebrates libraries as the place to access, communicate, connect, educate, entertain and inform.***

### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

**Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for pre-event photography.**

A photograph of artist Sue Bayre with her artwork Three for Tea and a cup of coffee at Eltham Library

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