

### **Statement of Heritage Value: Coles Mural**

*The Coles Mural is painted on the walls of the Coles Supermarket in Alice Springs, facing Railway Terrace. It is a large mural almost seven metres high, and covering an area of over 400 square metres. The southernmost section is historical in theme, whilst the northern section of wall has a contemporary theme and features local characters of the day, as well as a large representation of the Northern Territory Flag.*

*Mr Jonah Jones, the first Director at the Araluen Art Centre, first suggested the mural as a community project. Artists Bob and Kaye Kessing were commissioned to undertake the project. Extensive community consultation took place before the design was finalised.*

*Approximately 200 people helped to paint the walls. G J Coles & Co Ltd supported the project, and local companies also provided assistance. The mural was completed over a ten week period from September to November 1981, and was officially opened by Chief Minister Paul Everingham on 27 November 1981.*

*This mural is unique in the Northern Territory for its scale, quality, longevity, and for the extent of community involvement in its creation. It has become a striking local landmark in Alice Springs and is highly valued by the community.*