

ABBOTSFORD



Artist Thornton Walker with one of his CLIMARTE posters.

Picture: DAVID SMITH

Talent heats up for cause

AN ABBOTSFORD artist is hoping his painting will make observers pause and think about the impacts of climate change.

Thornton Walker is one of 11 artists taking part in this month's CLIMARTE Poster Project, which aims to engage the community on climate change action.

The project will see 500 A0-sized posters displayed across the city, including Melbourne Town Hall, Forum Theatre and Flinders St Station.

Mr Walker's painting, displayed at the Circus Oz building in Collingwood, is

of his daughter when she was four years old, holding a balloon walking into a "hazy future".

Painted above his daughter, Polly, now 14, is a poem she wrote when she was at preschool a decade ago.

The poem states: "Seed flower growing into a sunflower - people are waiting."

Mr Walker said the poster was appropriate for the issues younger generations would confront.

He said he hoped people would do a "double-take" and think about the impacts of climate change.

"It is an interesting visual

about this innocence with people standing by and watching climate change happen," Mr Walker said.

"Issues of climate change aren't going to affect me that much but it will affect my daughter and her kids much, much more."

People are invited to take photos of the posters and share them through social media using the hashtag #climarteposter.

Posters will be on display throughout May, while an exhibition of the posters will be held at LAB-14 Gallery, Carlton Connect Initiative from May 5-28.