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Still time to enter *The 44th Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards*

There is still time for artists across the nation to submit their entries into Queensland's much-anticipated art competition, *The 44th Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards 2019*.

Hosted by the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Gallery & Museum was calling for submissions in four sections: *Easel Paintings*, *Works on Paper*, *Three Dimensional & Fibre Works* and *Digital Works*, to vie for 22 awards.

"Sponsored by Rio Tinto and Queensland Alumina Limited, one talented artist will walk away with the coveted overall prize of \$15,000," Councillor Burnett said.

"In addition, a prize pool of \$25,000 will be presented across the other 21 awards."

Cr Burnett said these included three levels of awards in each section of entry, as well as the *Pieter Groen-int-Woud Memorial Young Emerging Artist Award*, *The Local Murri Artist Award*, the *Gail Sellers Local Artist Award*, *The Installers Choice Award* and *The QAL People's Choice Awards*. Eighteen winners will be announced during the Official Launch & Awards Presentation, from 6pm Saturday, 19 October 2019, including the winner of *The Inaugural Pamela Whitlock Memorial Acquisitive Award*.

"The work awarded the *Pamela Whitlock Memorial Acquisitive Award* will be acquired by Council and will join our art collection, to ensure the wider community may enjoy the artwork for years to come," Cr Burnett said.

"Community members can cast their votes after the awards presentation until Thursday, 28 November 2019."

Submissions are to be delivered to the Gallery & Museum, corner of Goondoon and Bramston Streets, Gladstone, between 10am-5pm, Thursday 10, Friday 11 and Saturday 12 October 2019. The entry fee is \$15 per submission with a maximum of two entries per artist accepted. Entry forms are available at the Gallery & Museum, as well as Council offices and libraries or online at www.gragm.qld.gov.au

Council advises the Gallery & Museum will be closed from Monday, 14 October until Friday, 18 October 2019, for the exhibition installation, re opening 10am, Saturday, 19 October 2019.

For all enquiries, contact the Gallery & Museum on (07) 4976 6766 or email gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au