

Media Release

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Time to start planning for prestigious art awards ahead of submission period

Artists and creatives are being encouraged to begin brainstorming their entry ideas for the 47th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards ahead of the submission period in early October.

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum (GRAGM) will call for entries from Tuesday 4 October until Saturday 8 October to allow entrants to deliver their work. Submission times are 10am-4pm (October 4-7) and 10am-1pm (8 October).

Entry sections include:

- Easel Works
- Works on Paper
- Three Dimensional and Fibre Works
- Digital Works.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards remain one of Queensland's most prestigious regional art events.

"Each year the quality of submissions increases and I'm expecting the same again this year," Councillor Burnett said.

"With a generous prize pool of more than \$40,000 on offer, now is the perfect time for artists and creatives to plan and create their work ahead of the call for entries taking place in early October."

Cr Burnett said Karina Devine, Director of Warwick Art Gallery for the past 16 years, will adjudicate the 47th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards.

"Karina has 25 years of experience as an art educator and gallery manager working in regional Queensland and has university qualifications in Visual Arts, Education and Media Studies," Cr Burnett said.

"She is committed to contributing to the growth of regional communities by embracing the lifestyle of Queensland country towns and striving to achieve equity and sustainability for rural Queensland through the arts.

"I have no doubt Karina will be impressed with the artistic talent on display at the 47th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards and I know myself and the GRAGM team are looking forward to her arrival in Gladstone."

Visit gragm.qld.gov.au/art-awards for Conditions of Entry and further information about The 47th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards.

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Key Dates 2022

- **Calling for submissions** – 10am-4pm, Tuesday to Friday, 4-7 October 2022 and 10am-1pm, Saturday, 8 October 2022
- **Exhibition Opens** – 10am, Saturday 22 October 2022
- **Judge's Floor Talk** – 10.30am, Saturday 22 October 2022
- **Judge's Illustrated Lecture** – 1pm, Saturday 22 October 2022
- **Official Opening and Awards Presentation** – 6.30pm, Saturday 22 October 2022
- **QAL People's Choice Awards Voting** – opens 10am, Monday, 24 October 2022
- **Art Awards Artist Talks** – to be announced
- **Exhibition Closes** – 2pm, Saturday, 28 January 2023
- **Collection of Works** – 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday, 30 January to 3 February 2023 & 10am-1pm, Saturday, 4 February 2023.

History of the Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards

Martin Hanson (1923-1976) was a popular and highly respected local businessman who was Member for Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Port Curtis 1963-1976, and patron to the Gladstone Artists Club.

As a tribute to his patronage, in conjunction with the Hanson family, the Gladstone Artists Club held the first Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards and Exhibition in 1976.

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum became the custodian of the Art Awards in 1993.

From 1976 until her passing in 1998, Mary Hanson, Martin Hanson's widow, officially opened the exhibition and presented the prizes in memory of her late husband.

Their daughter, Elizabeth Zussino, has continued their family's commitment through sponsorship of *The Local Murri Artist Award* with her husband, Gladstone stalwart Leo Zussino.

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