

Media Release

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Time to brush up ahead of *The 48th Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards*

Less than two months remain for artists and creatives to prepare their own unique masterpieces for entry in *The 48th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards*.

Held since 1976, the Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards remain one of regional Queensland's most prestigious art awards with more than 260 entries submitted last year.

Thanks to the ongoing and generous support of local businesses as well as our major sponsors Rio Tinto and Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL), the *Art Awards* offers a total prize pool of over \$40,000 with a first prize of \$15,000 awarded to the Overall Winner.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said now is the perfect time to start preparing ahead of the call for entries that will take place in early October.

"Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) will accept entries from 10am to 4pm between 3-6 October and from 10am until 1pm on Saturday 7 October," Councillor Burnett said.

"The Awards night itself will be held on Saturday 21 October with public voting for the QAL People's Choice Awards opening on the same day.

"We have seen a massive increase in entries in the past two years and it would be fantastic to better the 264 entries we received last year."

ENTRY DETAILS

Calling for entries: 10am-4pm, Tuesday 3 October to Friday 6 Oct and 10am-1pm, Saturday, 7 Oct

Exhibition on display: 21 October 2023 to 27 January 2024

Judge's Floor Talk: 10.30am, Saturday 21 October 2023

Judge's Illustrated Lecture: 1pm, Saturday 21 October 2023

Official Opening & Awards Presentation: 6pm, Saturday 21 October 2023

QAL People's Choice Awards voting: opens Saturday 21 October 2023

Art Awards Artist Talks: to be announced

Collection of Works: 10am-4pm, Monday 29 January to Friday 2 February 2024 & 10am-1pm, Saturday, 3 February 2024.

Visit www.gragm.qld.gov.au or call (07) 4976 6766 for more information.

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