

# Media Release

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## ***The 49th Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards is sure to draw a crowd***

Artists and creatives of the region and beyond are encouraged to prepare their own unique masterpieces for entry into *The 49th Rio Tinto Yarwun & 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 272 entries submitted last year.

Thanks to the ongoing and generous support of local businesses as well as our major sponsors Rio Tinto Yarwun 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 time to add those finishing touches 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 1-4 October and from 10am until 1pm on Saturday 5 October," Councillor Burnett said.

"We continue to see an increase in entries each year drawing artists Australia wide, and I expect that trend to continue as we approach our milestone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

"The Awards night itself will be held on Saturday 19 October with public voting for the QAL People's Choice Awards opening on the same day".

### **ENTRY DETAILS**

**Calling for entries:** 10am-4pm, Tuesday to Friday 1- 4 October and 10am-1pm, Saturday, 5 October 2024.

**Exhibition on display:** 10am, Saturday 19 October 2024

**Judge's Floor Talk and Judge's Illustrated Lecture:** from 10.30am, Saturday 19 October 2024

**Official Opening & Awards Presentation:** 6pm, Saturday 19 October 2024

**QAL People's Choice Awards voting:** 10am, Saturday 19 October 2024

**Collection of Works:** 27 January to 1 February 2025

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