

A brief history of the

Hornsby Art Prize

The people of Hornsby Shire have always celebrated the visual arts in one way or another. Hornsby Art Society ran an acquisitive annual art award for many years with the support of Hornsby Shire Council.

In 2007, Council employed a cultural planner to focus the process of arts development in the Shire. Consultation with the local community identified art prizes as playing an important role in the development and engagement of local arts practitioners whilst showcasing creative talent to the wider, local community.

The Hornsby Art Prize was developed as an initiative of the 2008-2010 Hornsby Shire Council Cultural Plan. The first Hornsby Art Prize was delivered in 2009. The exhibition was initially held in the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre over 4 days.

In 2012, Council opened its award-winning arts facility, Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre which provided a base for both the Hornsby Art Society and Hornsby Art Prize.

The Hornsby Art Prize continues to be an annual art award and exhibition sponsored by Hornsby Shire Council and delivered in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society.

The Prize is open to artists from all over Australia and its goals are to;

- Identify and celebrate outstanding local artists
- Promote and encourage the local emerging artists in Hornsby Shire
- Position the work of Hornsby Shire artists within the wider context of the Australian contemporary art environment
- Encourage artists to aspire to excellence
- Increase awareness of culture and the Visual Arts within the region
- Recognise the contribution that the visual arts make towards a vibrant, healthy community

In 2019, there are five different entry categories; including Painting, Drawing, Print-making, 3D works and Digital Art—Stills. The major prize is worth \$10,000 cash and is sponsored by Hornsby Shire Council.

In the course of the development of the Hornsby Art Prize, two local prizes have been added and are now delivered as part of the overall suite of prizes. This has been done to provide local artists with recognition, support and encouragement in their own practice and to generate local creative content for the people of Hornsby. These are the Hornsby Shire Emerging Artist and the Wallarobba Outstanding Local Artist Awards.

For enquiries regarding the Hornsby Art Prize, please contact Hornsby Shire Council's Arts/Cultural Development Officer on 9847 6572.

2009

Obsessions' Playground
Kylie Bowles



2010

The Pink Rose
Ross Harvey



2011



My delight
Carla Hananiah

2012



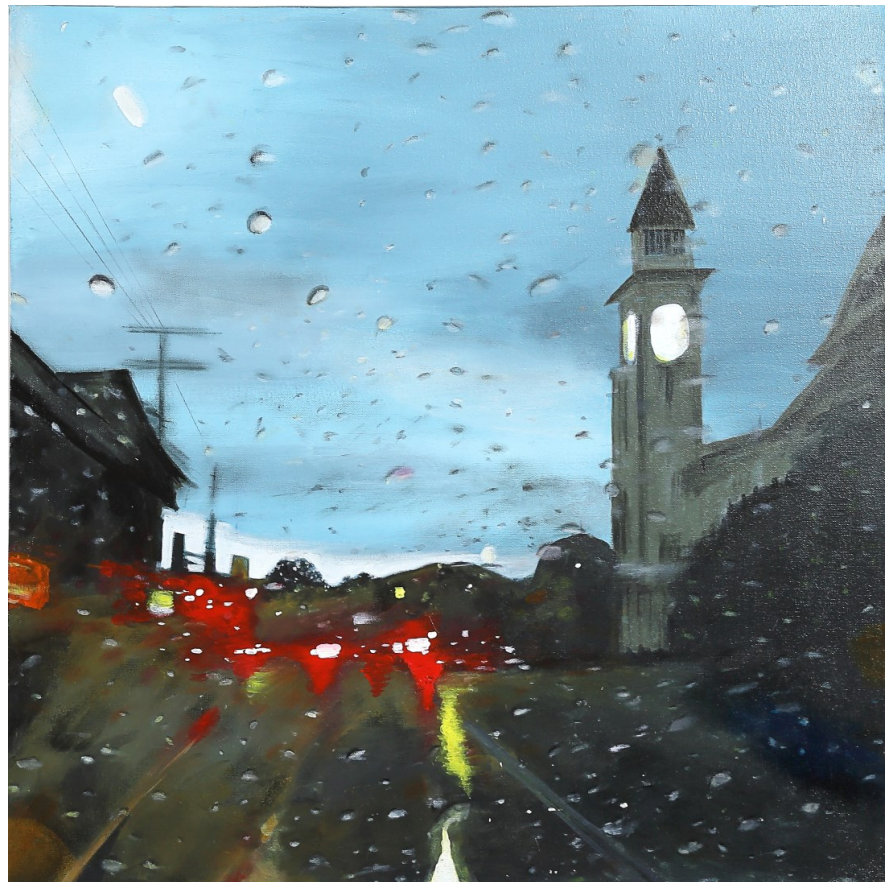
Glebe
Tannya Harricks

2013



Brushing Off The Dust
Joanna Gambotto

2014



Balmain
Ruby Jackson

2015



Untethered
Celia Morgan



2016

Gold plated
Janet Tavener

2017

Asquith postcards
Lyndall Beck



2018

Forgotten pond II
Clifford How

