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## MEDIA RELEASE: for immediate publication **2022 Esperance Art Awards**

The Cannery Arts Centre is pleased to announce a new instalment of an old favourite: the Esperance Art Awards (formerly the Esperance Biennial Art Awards).

The 2022 Esperance Art Awards, hosted by the Cannery Arts Centre with the support of the Shire of Esperance, are the major visual arts awards open to artists living in the South-East Region of WA (Esperance, North to Kalgoorlie, West to Ravensthorpe/Hopetoun and East to Balladonia/Beaumont).

It showcases and celebrates the works of emerging and established artists in an exhibition that this year will be judged by Julian Bowron; artist, curator and arts professional.

The Esperance Art Awards exhibition will open with an award ceremony on the 17th November where Julian will share insight into his selection processes, artists can network and all entered works can be seen.

The exhibition of all entered and winning works will then be open to the public from the 18th November 2022- 31st January 2023.

Jessica Ricciardo, the Cannery's Artistic Director, states, "the awards are a fabulous way for artists to gain constructive feedback about their practice while having their work displayed in a unique exhibition in Esperance's premier gallery space over peak season. For visitors, the exhibition offers a huge variety of works by the cream of regional artists, the opportunity to pick up some art with a local flavour or they can vote in the people's choice."

The Cannery thanks the local individuals, businesses and corporations for their support in fielding a wide range of categories.

In 2022 there are a total of 10 award categories, with all entered works receiving automatic entry to The Shire of Esperance Award of Excellence, valued at \$3,000.

- Southern Ports- Esperance \$1000 NON-ACQUISITIVE Marine theme: any medium
- Sculpture \$1,000 NON-ACQUISITIVE Sponsored by Mineral Resources. Open to sculptural, three-dimensional pieces, any medium



- Indigenous Art Award \$1000 NON- ACQUISITIVE Sponsored by Aurizon. Any subject, any medium
- Highly Commended \$500

Sponsored by Mr Peter James Rundle MLA Shadow Minister for Education & Training; Sports & Recreation; Racing Gaming and the Hon. Colin Stephen de Grussa MLC, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Ports and Veterans Affairs.

- Highly Commended \$500 Sponsored by Afgri
- Highly commended \$500
   Sponsored by Farm and General
- Youth Art Award (13-17 yrs) \$500 Sponsored by Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region, Housing and Forestry
- Eco Art Award \$500
   Theme: eco/ environment awareness
   Any medium (excluding photography)
   Sponsored by Consuming Eden and the Cannery Arts Centre
- People's Choice Award \$500
   As voted by gallery visitors and sponsored by Hon Shelley Payne MLC Member for the Agricultural Region

More information about awards can be found https://www.canneryartscentre.com.au/events1/esperance-art-awards--awards-night

For further information about the Esperance Art Awards or to organise a photo opportunity please contact Jessica Ricciardo, Cannery Arts Centre Artistic Director and Events Coordinator: jessica@canneryarts.com.au