

# RASart Exhibition of Excellence 2018

## Media Statement

The *RASart Exhibition of Excellence*, which opened on Saturday 9 June, runs through to Saturday 21 July 2018 at the Redcliffe Art Gallery, Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe.

The *RASart Exhibition of Excellence* is the premier exhibition of the Redcliffe Art Society which has been held for more than 50 years. Now at the Redcliffe Art Gallery, the Society has been exhibiting this juried annual exhibition which is open to all members of the Redcliffe Art Society.

Around 130 people visited the official opening on 9 June 2018 and delighted in the wonderful display of 50 artworks, including watercolour, oil, mixed media, in a range of categories, and many by award winning artists. The winner of First Prize Overall is invited to exhibit in the annual Fifteen Artists Exhibition at the Redcliffe Art Gallery.

This year's First Prize Overall winner was Winnie Luk, with the award proudly sponsored by the Redcliffe Art Society. The judge for this year's *RASart Exhibition of Excellence* was Graham W. Smith. Graham is an award-winning artist and Master Pastellist.

Commenting on Winnie Luk's mixed media abstract '*Kaleidoscope*', Graham said '*Many believe it's easy to do a successful abstract but combining colours and shapes in a dynamic way to create an air of uncertainty is what makes this work successful.*'

The painting also won the Abstract/Contemporary category.

The award qualifies Winnie to be in the Fifteen Artists' Exhibition at the Redcliffe Art Gallery which will be open from 25 August until 13 October 2018. This exhibition is presented every year by the Moreton Bay Regional Council.

There are three overall winners and the Second Prize Overall, donated by MBRC's Cr Koliana Winchester and Cr James Houghton, was awarded to John A. Robinson for his painting, '*Ridge at Scotts Point.*' Graham commented that '*This work shows the confidence of an experienced artist.*' John's work is exhibited in many collections throughout the region.

Third Prize Overall, donated by Toy's Muffler & Mechanical, was awarded to Valerie Pettingill. Her work '*Beauty at Dusk*', drew Graham's comments as '*An outstanding watercolour.*'

Sponsors make it all possible and the Redcliffe Art Society values all sponsors of the *RASart Exhibition of Excellence* as without their support, the exhibition would not be the success it has been over the past 50 years.

Other sponsors of specific categories and special awards are Arthouse Northside, Luke Howarth MP, Yvette D'Ath MP, Eva Hekel, Gwynneth Boyce, Terry White Chemists (Bernie Shaw Memorial Award), the Whiting Family Memorial Award, the Sandra Hines Memorial Award and the Mayor's Choice Award.

Traditionally, a painting is raffled during the exhibition with proceeds going to the Redcliffe Art Society. This year the Redcliffe Art Society donated a watercolour from the late Sandra Hines collection titled '*What a Peach*'. Raffle tickets are available from the Redcliffe Art Gallery for the duration of the exhibition.