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Subject: **Murray Bridge Rotary Art Show**

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IT'S ANOTHER Record-breaking year for the *Murray Bridge Rotary Art Show*, presenting 226 entries by more than 93 artists ranging from first-time entrants to regular exhibitors and at least one who featured in the very first exhibition in 1987!

Jointly hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Mobilong & Murray Bridge for over 35 years, this popular annual community-driven event provides an opportunity for emerging, seasoned and hobbyist artists to exhibit, sell and be in the running to win a prize in the categories of 2D, 3D and photography.

Gallery Director Fulvia Mantelli said that mediums span from painting, drawings, digital photography, mixed media, mosaics, ceramics and glass, as well as assemblages to sculptures made by repurposing found materials.

"The very diverse works all tell personal and shared stories through rural and bush landscapes, urban scenes, river and sea scapes, portraits of people and animals, abstraction, still-life and familial scenes" she said.

This year's prize judge, Debbie Pryor, an artist, curator, writer, and producer, has steered programs at some of Australia's leading visual arts, craft and design institutions, creating innovative and accessible outcomes for artists and audiences. Debbie was invited to be the 2023 judge while she was the Artistic Programs Manager at Guildhouse, before recently becoming the CEO at The Australian Ceramics Association.

Ms Mantelli said: "With about 100 additional entries as compared to the past five and more years, Debbie's task was no small feat as she navigated the abundance of works filling all three gallery spaces."

## 2023 WINNERS

**3D: 1ST** Rosemary Walker, *Layer*, ceramic; **2ND** Jenny Georgi, *Van the man*, recycled metals; **3RD** Belinda Martin, *Life's a circus*, ceramic.

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**2D: 1ST / Jean Sims Art Prize** Sarah Roberts, *Beauty in bloom*, acrylic painting; **2ND** Lynette Anstey, *Rising river*, oil painting; **3RD** Brenda Holden, *Crimson Rosella*, acrylic painting.

**Andrew Hay Memorial Photography Prize: 1ST** Stephanie Evans, *Mum's country kitchen*; **2ND** Daniel Cazzolato, *Elephant layers*; **3RD** Cecily Graetz, *Misty Princess*.

**Best Compassionate Depiction of an Animal: Winner** Kim Plachy, *Wistful*, acrylic painting.

**People's Choice Award:** Winner will be announced Monday 24 April.

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