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CALLING all young creatives aged 12-25 to enter visual artworks in any medium. It is FREE TO ENTER!

Murray Bridge's annual Youth Art Prize showcases diverse artistic talents of young people both locally and across the State. It offers a platform to creatively express their views and aims to empower young people to pursue their creative aspirations.

AGE CATEGORIES 12-14yrs | 15-17yrs | 18-20yrs | 21-25yrs

PRIZES: Overall Winner \$1,000 cash | PLUS in EACH of the age categories + People's Choice: Winner \$400 cash | 2nd Place \$100 art materials voucher + \$100 art books voucher | 3rd Place \$100 art materials voucher.

Entries Close: Thursday 16 September. **Exhibition Dates**: 25 Sep – 10 Oct.

Since its humble beginnings co-initiated by The Station over twelve years ago, the event is now held at Murray Bridge Regional Gallery raising the profile and scale by providing young artists a professional venue to display their works.

Team Leader Arts Development and Gallery Director Fulvia Mantelli said that this year, the prize pool has more than doubled, with more than triple the number of prize recipients, since the exhibition moved to the Gallery five years ago.

"This has been made possible with the support of our generous sponsors" she said, "which include **The Rotary Clubs of Murray Bridge and Mobilong**, proud supporters of this initiative since 2012, Wakefield Press, publishers of excellent Australian art books, and Art To Art, stockists of a huge range of quality art materials."

Adding to the prestige of the event, this year's prize judge is Andrew Purvis, Curator, Adelaide Central Gallery, as well as writer and artist.

Entry Forms on the Gallery's website <u>COMING SOON — Murray Bridge Regional Gallery</u> (murraybridgegallery.com.au) or by phoning Michelle Dohnt, Arts Officer 08 8539 1421.