

MEDIA RELEASE

BETH HAMMOND AWARDED THE MAJOR ART PRIZE FOR HER PIECE 'THIS CONTINUOUS LIFE'

The announcement and official opening of the Port Lincoln Art Prize was held at the Nautilus Arts Centre on Thursday 11 January 2018 with approximately 150 people in attendance. Beth Hammond was awarded the Major Prize of \$5000 for her art piece titled "This Continuous Life" with many of the other artists receiving merit awards for their exceptional work.

This year Eleanor Scicchitano from Country Arts SA had the pleasure judging this year's Art Prize with 73 entries received. A wide range of art mediums have been used including multiple sculptures.

The 10th Port Lincoln Art Prize winners are:

Open category

\$5,000 Major Award - Beth Hammond "*This Continuous Life*"

\$1,000 Highly Commended - Olivia White "*Fragmentary*"

\$500 Highly Commended Local Artist Award (EP entries only) - Susan Tingay "*Walking to Mount Sonder*"

Merit Awards (certificate) - Jessica Donovan "*Big Oil Bights*"

- Marek Herburt "*Winter Morning*"

- Verna Lawrie "*Jidirah the Whale & the Seven Sisters*"

- James Pedler "*Davo*"

Hangers Choice (Bottle of wine) - Lea Jericho "*Gardening Angel*"

Youth Category

\$100 Highly Commended Youth Award - Sponsored by Port Lincoln Arts Council

- Zion Sambo "*Warndoonoo Yaba*"

\$500 "West Coast Youth and Community Support & Rotary Port Lincoln Youth Award"

- Brendan Kell "*Conceptual Beauty*"

Youth Merit Award (certificates) - Nellie Jones *"Octopoda"*
- Charmain Richards *"Sea Beads"*
- Adelaide Horlin-Smith *"Monsters Ink"*

Mayor Bruce Green said, "We have such amazing talent in our community and I encourage you all to come down to the Nautilus Arts Centre and browse the art work on display".



Photo: Judge Eleanor Scicchitano (Country Arts SA) and Beth Hammond's sister Cathy Hammond accepting the award on her behalf. Photo credit: Mark Thomas – Missing Link Media.

The amazing arts works are on display and for purchase at the Nautilus Arts Centre until Saturday 17 February 2018. The Nautilus Arts Centre is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm and Saturday mornings 10am to 1pm.

The community are encouraged to cast their vote for the 'West Coast Youth and Community Support & Rotary Port Lincoln People's Choice Award of \$500 during the exhibition. The winner is to be announced at the conclusion of the exhibition.

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Stephen Rufus
Chief Executive Officer

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