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## Young Archie winners to be announced

THE inspiring works of budding young Clarence Valley artists will go on display next Wednesday (Feb 7) at the Grafton Regional Gallery when the winners of the 2017 Young Archie competition are announced and the works go on exhibition.

Members of the public are invited to this free event, where complimentary afternoon tea and cold drinks will be available. (Please note, the Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour will not be open during the opening.) Bookings are preferred by contacting the gallery on 6642 3177.

As part of the Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour the Grafton Regional Gallery has taken part in the Young Archie competition. The competition invited budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 to submit a portrait of someone who is special to them, someone who is known to them and plays a significant role in their life. There were four age categories: 5-8 year-olds, 9-12 year-olds, 13-15 year-olds and 16-18 year-olds.

Wooli, Cowper and Nymboida public schools, Lismore and Maclean high schools, McAuley Catholic College, St Joseph's South Grafton, St Francis Xavier (Woolgoolga) and Pacific Valley Christian (Yamba) schools have presented an array of portraits. These combine with entries from the six workshops facilitated by local artist Lorina Dufty at Grafton Shoppingworld over the summer holidays. The competition closed on Australia Day with more than 40 portraits entered.

Clarence Valley artist and art educator Rhondella Hyde judged the competition. Rhondella selected a winner from each age category. The competition was sponsored by ANZ and a representative from ANZ will present the prizes to the winners.

Gallery director, Jude McBean, said the gallery was pleased to offer this creative competition to young artists and present the Young Archie alongside the Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour.

The Young Archie exhibition is on display until March 18, 2018, in the studio gallery. The regional tour is an Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition and presented in partnership with ANZ. The host of Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour, the Grafton Regional Gallery, is a cultural service of the Clarence Valley Council.

Bookings preferred, call 02 66423177 or email [gallery@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gallery@clarence.nsw.gov.au)



IMAGE: Oscar Stephenson, 13 years, Maclean High School *Uncle Zarney* 2017 Young Archie entry

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