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## **Vote for your choice of the Archibald at Grafton**

VISITORS to the Archibald exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery still have the chance to pick up a \$500 cash prize from ANZ by voting for their favourite portrait.

The winner will be drawn from those who voted for the portrait that receives the most votes at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

The winner of the People's Choice Award is to be announced at 11am Sunday, March 18, the last day the Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour is on display in Grafton.

The Archibald Prize 2017, toured by the Art Gallery of New South Wales, is a ticketed exhibition. The tickets are seasonal so people can come and experience Australia's foremost portraiture prize as many times as they like. Tickets are \$10 a head, \$5 for Friends of the Gallery and ANZ customers and \$2 for school students. Pre-schoolers are free.

Free guided tours of the Archibald Prize 2017 Regional Tour are being held from 11am each Saturday. Book in through Eventbrite to take in a tour by one of the gallery's volunteer guides. A season ticket to the Archibald covers the cost of the tour.

The Grafton Regional Gallery is open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday and 10am-2pm on Sundays. While the Archibald is on the gallery will be open to 7pm on Fridays. The new gallery café, Entrees, is open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday and 10am-2pm on Sundays and 6-9pm Fridays and Saturdays.

Anh Do took out the ANZ People's Choice award with his portrait of Indigenous actor Jack Charles Painter, comedian and author, when the 2017 Archibald Prize was held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The Archibald Prize People's Choice was first awarded in 1988 and is now supported by presenting partner ANZ.

Anh Do first heard of Charles in a newspaper article that introduced him as "esteemed actor, former heroin addict and jailbird, member of the stolen generation, gay man and latter-day Indigenous activist", and later went on to interview him and paint him in the latest season of his popular ABC TV show Anh's Brush with Fame. Now a legendary figure and role model to many, Charles Painter had his tumultuous life story vibrantly depicted in the winning ANZ People's Choice portrait. The ANZ People's Choice win follows Do's 2014 Archibald finalist portrait of his father, Tam Do.

The Archibald Prize 2017 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.



IMAGE: AGNSW People's Choice Award 2017, Archibald Prize 2017 finalist An Do, *JC*, © the artist, Photo: AGNSW

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