



Paul Henderson

MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Minister opens Exit Art Exhibition

Employment, Education and Training Minister Paul Henderson opened the 13th annual Exit Art Exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT today.

The exhibition contains ceramics, line drawings, photography, short films and digital work by 45 of last year's Year 12 Visual Arts Students.

Minister Henderson said the Territory Government remained committed to celebrating excellence in all areas of education and he was particularly impressed with *The Nancy Neiland Pro Model / Faux Model Series* by former Darwin High School student Ruby Kelly, which he chose for the annual Minister's Choice Award.

"It is a terrific exhibition featuring many outstanding and thought-provoking works," Minister Henderson said.

"The standard of student work this year is outstanding and I was torn between a number of artworks before making my final decision."

"Our talented young artists have shown us how they interpret their surroundings and life, and those who have produced digital works have demonstrated their aptitude for adapting to contemporary technologies.

Seven NTCE students who achieved Merit Awards (20 out of 20) in their visual arts subjects last year were presented with Eni Merit Awards.

The recipients were: Helen Dwyer, Tiyan Baker, Curtis Brownjohn and Shaan Wu, (Darwin High School), Gaylene Pone and Rebecca Russ (Centralian Senior Secondary College) and Matthew Blankenspoor (Tennant Creek High School).

The People's Choice award, which encourages community involvement, is being held again. Visitors are encouraged to nominate their favourite piece of artwork with the winner receiving a \$100 cheque.

The exhibition is free and open to the public from 9 February to 22 April.

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