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Artist Wins National Award Through Territory Wildlife Park Program

A local artist involved in the Territory Wildlife Park's Artists-in-the-Park program has won a national art award for her realistic drawing of a pair of dingoes at the Park.

Program coordinator Jasmine Jan said Janelle Fisher's pastel drawing, *Made for each other*, which features dingoes Ernie and Socks, recently received the best drawing award of the Mortimore Art Prize, which celebrates realism in art.

"As part of our Artists-in-the-Park program, Ms Fisher has spent the past few months observing, photographing and drawing our dingoes, and we are thrilled that the resulting work has earned her a national art award," said Ms Jan.

"All of our artists have produced amazing works during their time at the Park and we are very happy with the way this pilot program has unfolded."

Ms Fisher was one of four local artists chosen to take part in the Artists-in-the-Park program from July to October 2011.

During those months, Ms Fisher, Jacinda Brown, Gerald Grady and Alison Worsnop were given the opportunity to explore the Park's animal and plant collection, interact with staff and visitors and gather inspiration for their work.

Ms Jan said the program aimed to give local artists a platform to raise their profiles while giving Park visitors a chance to watch the artists at work.

"We also want to create awareness amongst the arts community that the Territory Wildlife Park is a fantastic resource and a source of inspiration for artists to create new works," said Ms Jan.

The works created during the Artists-in-the-Park program will be on display and available for purchase in the Cafe and Main Station area at the Park throughout October.

Ms Fisher's award-winning drawing will feature in various Mortimore Art Prize exhibitions across the country until June 2012.

For more information on the Artists-in-the-Park program, go to www.territorywildlifepark.com.au.

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Image – Janelle Fisher's *Made for each other* drawing, pastel pencil, 70 x 90 cm, 2011.

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