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2022 Malka Aboriginal Art Prize Winner

120 people celebrated the 2022 Malka Aboriginal Art Prize Awards evening in Port Augusta on Thursday 23rd June.

A cocktail event allowed 49 artists from across the region to be recognised and showcased at the Yarta Purtli Art Gallery. Their works were brought together by Country Arts Officer Marika Davies and the Community Development team at the Port Augusta Cultural Centre.

The Malka Aboriginal Art prize is in its thirteenth year, in 2022 Malka secured a major sustainability partner – Bungala Solar Farm, Operated by Enel Green Power.

The exhibition was the brainchild of the late Marvin McKenzie Senior, who's vision was to have an annual Aboriginal Art Prize which ensured that the Aboriginal community would have a space to showcase their work.

'Malka' is a word used by several Aboriginal language groups within the Port Augusta region, meaning mark or painting.

"The 2022 exhibition had 49 entries from local and regional artists. There was much excitement around the \$20,000 grand prize this year. 14 artworks have already been sold and the People's Choice award is still open for public voting, which will be announced at Nunga Screen on the 7th July." Marika Davies the Yarta Purtli Arts Officer at Port Augusta City Council stated.

CEO of Port Augusta City Council John Banks said "The Malka Aboriginal Art Prize is well known across the region, and it is also a major stepping-stone for Aboriginal artists to become discovered and showcased. Previous artists have gone on to feature at exhibitions in South Australia and Nationally."

"This exhibition is a chance for young artists and older artists to be seen and to experience what it is like to have their artwork hanging in a regional art gallery. It also puts Port Augusta on the map as having a unique Aboriginal Arts space." Mayor Brett Benbow stated.

The 2022 Malka Art Prize Winner Kathryn Queama resides in APY Lands and is a member of the Ceduna Arts Centre.

Malka Art Prize 2022 Winners Announced:

- **\$1,000 Junior Award** – FINALISTS: Ngayan Donovan "Tree of Life", Ngintaka Donovan "Mullet Run", Ngarlaa Donovan "Cannibal", Chrishani Warren "Kati Thanda" **WINNER: Ngayan Donovan "Tree of Life"**
- **\$2,500 Elder Award** - FINALISTS: Heather Shearer "Seven Sisters- Spirits on the Move", Verna Lawrie "Rockholes & Waterholes", Christine Tschuna "Old Dog Fence", Glenda Richards "Seven Sisters" **WINNER: Christine Tschuna "Old Dog Fence"**.

- **\$20,000 2022 Malka Aboriginal Art Prize – FINALISTS:** Heather Shearer “Seven Sisters on the Move”, Jaymisha Whaleboat “Nanna”, Christine Tschuna “Old Dog Fence”, Kathryn Queama “Two Women. **WINNER: Kathryn Queama “Two Women”.**

The Malka Aboriginal Art Prize exhibition will be open at the Yarta Purtli Art Gallery, 6 Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta until Saturday 23rd July 2022.



Winner Junior Award - Ngayan Donovan “Tree of Life” with Mayor Brett Benbow



Winner Elder Award - Christine Tschuna "Old Dog Fence" with Arts Officer Marika Davies



2022 Malka Aboriginal Art Prize Winner Kathryn Queama "Two Women".

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