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'Selfless Acts' on show at International Women's Day Art Prize

"Rich" ... "visually exciting" ... "impressive!" These are comments of some of the more than 250 first nighters who attended the opening of 'Selfless Acts', the City of Ryde International Women's Day Art Prize and Exhibition, at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank.

Of the 105 exhibits, the judges said the works had captured examples of the unique multi-faceted nature of women and were impressed by the strong conceptual responses to the theme "Selfless Acts" as well as the diversity of techniques and mediums.

2014 International Women's Day Art Prize Winners

Open Category Prize: \$1,000 Artists who identify as a professional or a practicing full-time artist aged 18+.

Winner: Rhonda Pryor - *The Weeping Letter*
Highly Commended: Bingbing Chen - *A Lady's Vest*
Highly Commended: Tianli Zu - *Nüwa is Pregnant II*
Highly Commended: Suzanne Davey - *A Thousand Steps*

Community Category Prize: \$1,000 Community members who do not (yet) identify as a professional artist aged 18+. This category encourages those who study art, practice art as a hobby, or as part of a community group.

Winner: Selina Springett - *Domesticity 1.0*
Highly Commended: Natasha Jackson - *Backyard Blogging*
Highly Commended: Elisabeth Thomas - *Food on the Table*

Youth Category Prize: \$500 Community members who identify as student, hobby artist or professional artist aged 16-25.

Winner: Tiarn Moscaritolo - *Beautification*
Highly Commended: Erin O'Neill - *Doubtful Elation*
Highly Commended: Joanna Shuen - *What Shall I Wear Today*

People's Choice Award (Prize: \$250 to be announced at the close of the exhibition)

Curator of the exhibition, Casandra Hard Lawrie, said: "This exhibition has captured the imagination of the community. It brings together the works of professional and full-time artists, students and hobbyists and the result is one of outstanding quality, variety and vitality.

"The Council's commitment to opening up opportunities for artists to exhibit their works locally should be commended."

The International Women's Day Art competition celebrates the achievements women and of artists who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde.

International Women's Day Art Exhibition runs until Saturday 22 March. See Street Gallery, Meadowbank. Tuesday – Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/iwdart

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