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**2021 Gallipoli Art Prize – 33 Finalists Announced**

Winner to be announced Wednesday 14 April, 2021.

The finalists have been announced for the 16th annual Gallipoli Art Prize. The winner of the $20,000 art prize will be announced on Wednesday 14 April, in the lead up to Anzac Day. The works will be on exhibition at Merrylands RSL, Sydney from 15 April to 17 May and a virtual exhibition will be available through [www.gallipoliclub.com.au](http://www.gallipoliclub.com.au).

The Gallipoli Art Prize is a privately funded prize, auspiced by the Gallipoli Memorial Club in Sydney. It invites artists to respond openly to the broad themes of loyalty, respect, love of country, courage and comradeship as expressed in the Gallipoli Club's creed.

“We believe that within the community there exists an obligation for all to preserve the special qualities of loyalty, respect, love of country, courage and comradeship which were personified by the heroes of the Gallipoli Campaign and bequeathed to all humanity as a foundation for perpetual peace and universal freedom”. The Gallipoli Memorial Club Creed.

Among the 33 finalists is ‘Weeping Soldier’ by artist Guy Warren, a previous Archibald winner (1985) who will turn 100 years old on 16 April this year. As well as being an esteemed artist and educator, Guy Warren is a WWII veteran who served in Papua New Guinea and Australia from 1941-46.

Finalist Nyulla Safi (‘F4-Sang Froid’) also served in the Australian Army, joining in the late 1980s when very few women enlisted. In 1993 she was medically discharged because of severe posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and a bad back injury. She took up painting in 2019 and has painted every day since.

*“There was a significant increase in entries this year and more than half the entries are from artists who haven’t entered the Prize before,”* said John Robertson, President of the Gallipoli Memorial Club and one of the judges of the prize. *“I am always impressed by the diversity of the works and how individual artists choose to respond to the Gallipoli Memorial Club’s Creed.”*

*“We are very grateful to Merrylands RSL for hosting the exhibition,”* says John Robertson *“Next year we will be back in our old home at The Gallipoli Club in Circular Quay in Sydney. The historic sandstone building has had extensive renovation works done to preserve its heritage and will include a permanent gallery for the Gallipoli Art Prize. Being an acquisitive prize, the Gallipoli Memorial Club has acquired a significant collection of works over the last 16 years which we are very much looking forward to being able to exhibit.”*

Judging for this year’s Prize is conducted by Jane Watters, Barry Pearce, and John Robertson. Previous winners of the Gallipoli Art Prize include renowned artists Euan Macleod (2009), Idris Murphy (2014) and Jiawei Shen (2016). Alison Mackay won the Gallipoli Art Prize in 2020 with ‘Breathe’, depicting nine different gas masks, referencing her own experience of the black summer bushfires as well as the bravery of the Rural Fire Service.

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**2021 Gallipoli Art Prize Finalists**

Andrew Tomkins The Guns Fell Silent

Belinda Sims Blue Water Boy: Poppy was a Navy man.

Brigitte Dawson The Last Goodbye

Carmel Cosgrove Future Cobbers

Craig Handley Composite 2021

Dale Burke Found Photograph

Daniel He Wang Trail

Deidre Bean And you'll know him by the feathers in his hat

Elizabeth McCarthy From all the wounded, badly or otherwise hit- not a murmur or a groan

Fu Yan Proud of Medal

Geoff Harvey Forgotten Heroes

Guy Warren Weeping Soldier

Holly Mahoney Then and Now, ANZAC Spirit

John Butler … and now we lie in Flanders Fields

John Skillington my dearest Frederick, love Florence

Julianne Allcorn Poppies and Pine Cones

Kristin Hardiman Age shall not weary them

Lara Balog Sisters of War

Lisa Hughes Standing Guard - ANZAC Bridge

Lori Pensini The Hand Knitted Socks

Margaret Hadfield Duty Done

Matt Jones There is Nothing here but Potential

Michelle Hiscock The Menin Gate

Michelle Zuccolo Recalling My Grandfather

Nicole Kelly Softly Tread the Brave

Nyulla Safi F4-Sang Froid

Peter Smeeth Cry Havoc! and let slip the dogs of war.

Philip Meatchem A Different Dawn

Richard Bardsley-Smith Ingrained

Robert Hammill Remembering the Kuttabul

Ronelle Reid Remembrance

Sam Dabboussy Prelude 1915

Sue Macleod-Beere Sister Ella Tucker and HS Gascon

**Gallipoli Art Prize Previous Winners**
2006  Margaret Hadfield Ataturk’s legacy
2007  Lianne Gough  Glorus fallen
2008  Tom Carment  Max Carment, War Veteran (the last Portrait)
2009  Euan Macleod  Smoke/Pink landscape/Shovel
2010  Raymond Arnold   The dead march here today
2011  Hadyn Wilson  Sacrifice
2012  Geoff Harvey  Trench interment
2013  Peter Wegner  Dog with Gas Mask
2014  Idris Murphy  Gallipoli Evening 2013
2015  Sally Robinson Boy Soldiers
2016  Jiawei Shen  Yeah, Mate!

2017 Amanda Penrose Hart The Sphinx, Perpetual Peace

2018 Steve Lopes *Exposed Wood, Mont St Quentin*

2019 Martin King *War Pigeon Diaries*

2020 Alison Mackay *Breathe*

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