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Media Alert

Prestigious Women's Art Prize travels to Tasmania's North-West

The work of contemporary female artists will be celebrated in a touring exhibition opening at the Makers' Space, inside Burnie's Makers' Workshop this **Thursday, 18 April**.

The prestigious Women's Art Prize Tasmania 2019 features the work of 25 professional and emerging artists from around the State.

Supported by the University of Tasmania, the recently relaunched art prize aims to inspire and encourage the development of local, female artistic talent. It also promotes awareness of culture, visual arts and women and gender issues.

This year's major \$15,000 prize has been awarded to North-West artist Anne Morrison from Forth, for her digital print on composite aluminium, 'The Crossing'.

Anne is an occasional lecturer with the University's School of Creative Arts and Media.

University Arts and Public Programs Coordinator Joanna Gair said she was delighted to see an art prize exclusively for women artists re-established in Tasmania.

"The University of Tasmania is proud to bring this exhibition to the region," Ms Gair said.

"Our guest speaker Janette Burke, who manages the University's Collections, will share her interpretations of the work at the opening event.

"We'll also hear from the winning artist Anne Morrison and witness the presentation of the People's Choice Award. It's going to be an event to remember, with plenty to inspire."

The Women's Art Prize will continue in the Makers' Space Gallery until 2 June.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

What: Women's Art Prize Tasmania 2019 – Burnie opening event;

When: Thursday, 18 April, 5 pm;

Where: Makers' Space Gallery, Makers' Workshop, 2 – 4 Bass Highway, Burnie;

Who: Janette Burke, University of Tasmania Librarian; Anne Morrison, winner of the 2019 Women's Arts Prize Tasmania, and Lou Clark, who will present the 2019 Bell Bay Aluminium People's Choice Award.

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