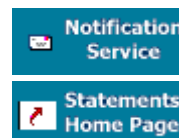


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Armadale indigenous art exhibition winner announced

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Armadale's rich indigenous history has been highlighted following the third annual Moorjditch Mar-daa art award.

Organised by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA), the award is open to indigenous artists from the Armadale region and across Australia.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister and Armadale MLA Alannah MacTiernan said the exhibition highlighted the incredible artistic talent of the Nyungar community.

"This event has gone from strength to strength in the last three years and is fast gaining a reputation not only as Western Australia's premier indigenous art award, but as one of Australia's most prestigious," Ms MacTiernan said.

"The standard of this year's entries was extremely high and showcases the incredible diversity of works produced by indigenous artists.

"This year the judges have selected Nyumitja Laidlaw's untitled piece as the winner of the \$5,000 prize.

"The ARA also provided this year an additional prize of \$500 for the best piece by a local Armadale area artist, which has been won by Janice Lyndon."

Moorjditch Mar-daa is Nyongar for great painting and the event is held as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

This year 90 entries were received from the Perth and South-West area and as far afield as the Northern Territory and Queensland as well as the Warburton, Pilbara, Gascoyne and South- West regions of WA.

Entries included traditional Aboriginal dot paintings, landscape paintings, glass works, grass woven sculptures and wall hangings.

The exhibition is open from July 7 to 15 at the former St Francis Xavier Church on the intersection of Third Road and the South West Highway in Armadale from 11am to 4pm daily.

Exhibition pieces are available for purchase with no commission charged.

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