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2021 Aboriginal Art Competition winners

Condobolin artist wins first place

CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes has announced the winners of its Aboriginal Art Competition for 2021.

“We were spoiled for choice this year with so many interesting paintings submitted. Many with very special stories and meanings from these amazing emerging artists,” CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes CEO, Anne-Marie Mioche said.

This year’s judges were Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, CEO Anne-Marie Mioche and 2019 winner and artist Raymond Thorpe.

“We (the judges) were all very impressed with the calibre and variety of paintings entered.”

“The winning painting is called Mirri (dragonfly) it is a very detailed painting by Condobolin artist Robert Sloane,” Ms Mioche said.

Equal second place was awarded to Maddison Hull with her painting Home and Jason Hudson with his painting Working Together, Connecting Country.

“It was a really difficult decision to between second and third place so we awarded two equal second prizes and both received \$1500 prizes,” Ms Mioche said.

We know there is so much talent in this area and it is really wonderful to see the work and celebrate the artists. This was CatholicCare Wilcannia-Forbes’ second Aboriginal Art competition and artists from throughout the diocese were invited to submit a contemporary or traditional painting on any subject.

Many of the paintings incorporated traditional and contemporary techniques and judge Raymond Thorpe said many entries were technically very good.

The winning artworks will now feature commercially in CatholicCare branding and promotional material.

FIRST PRIZE: Mirri (dragonfly) by Robert Sloane, Condobolin. EQUAL SECOND PRIZE: Working Together, Connecting Country by Jason Hudson from Narromine and Home by Maddison Hull from Parkes.

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(caption – 2021 Aboriginal Art competition judges Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, CCWF CEO Anne-Marie Mioche and artist Raymond Thorpe with the winning painting Mirri by Robert Sloane of Condobolin.)

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