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Award-winning artistic to speak at *Art Awards: Artist Talks*

Six Award-winning Gladstone and Rockhampton artists will provide insight into their work and artistic practice during FREE *Art Awards: Artist Talks* at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum on Saturday, 10 November 2018.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said this is a great opportunity for members of the community to meet the artists and hear a personal account about their works currently on display.

"*Artist Talks* are popular sessions which provide interesting contextual information from the artists themselves," Cr Burnett said.

"I'd encourage all members of the community to support the amazing work at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum has put into this."

Gallery & Museum Manager/Curator Jo Duke said this event will provide a greater connection between audience and artist.

"These *Talks* enable the community to connect with the artists and gain a greater appreciation of the influences behind their works," she said.

"I have no doubt each artist will present a fascinating discussion about their work and processes."

The FREE *Artist Talks* are held in conjunction with 'The 43rd Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards 2018', currently on display at the Gallery & Museum until 9 December 2018.

Saturday's speakers include:

Jasmine Prasser: Winner of Section 4: Digital Works, The Crow Street Creative Award, for her work 'Twelve'.

Erin Dunne: Winner of Section 2: Works on Paper, The Creative Gladstone Region Inc. Award, for her work 'Sprinkler Poems'.

Allen Craigie: Winner of The Local Murri Artist Award, Sponsored by Elizabeth & Leo Zussino, for his work 'Community'.

Kristel Kelly: Winner of The Installers Choice Award, Sponsored by Lauren Tkacik, for her work 'The wall in 'my' room' – via video presentation.

Claudia Wehrli: Winner of Section 3: Three Dimensional & Fibre Works, The Newprint HRG Award, for her work 'Safe as long as you stay put'.

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Ainslie McMahon: Winner of The Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Award, for her work 'Drought in the Lucky Country'.

Everyone is welcome to come along from 10:30am to the *Art Awards: Artist Talks*.

Questions from the audience encouraged.

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum is located on the corner of Goonoon and Bramston Streets, Gladstone.