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The selection panel for the *2016 Geelong contemporary art prize* includes guest judge, **Victoria Lynn** (Director, TarraWarra Museum of Art) along with **Jason Smith** (Director, Geelong Gallery) and **Lisa Sullivan** (Curator, Geelong Gallery).

Geelong Gallery wishes to thank the Dimmick Charitable Trust for generously sponsoring this signature event, which assists with the development of the Gallery's collection while fostering Australian artists and contemporary painting practice in general.

## Background

The *2016 Geelong contemporary art prize* continues a long tradition of prize exhibitions staged by the Geelong Gallery. From the late-1930s, the Gallery has awarded acquisitive prizes variously for paintings, watercolours and prints, sponsored by a variety of individuals and corporate supporters.

In the mid-1990s, the Geelong Art Gallery Foundation established a contemporary painting prize—the *Geelong contemporary art prize*—with the aim of showcasing the work of contemporary Australian practitioners and enriching the Gallery's permanent collection of contemporary Australian art through the acquisition of a winning work.

From 2004–10 the prize was restyled as the *Fletcher Jones art prize* in acknowledgement of the sponsorship of Fletcher Jones. In 2012, with the generous support of the Dimmick Charitable Trust, the award returned to the title of *Geelong contemporary art prize*.

Over the past 12 years, works by Rob McHaffie (2014), Paul Ryan (2012), Tim McMonagle (2010), Nadine Christensen (2008), Sam Leach (2006) and Juan Ford (2004) have been acquired through this nationally significant painting prize.

## Important dates

The recipient of the *2016 Geelong contemporary art prize* will be announced on the evening of Friday 9 September (by invitation) and the exhibition of shortlisted works will be on display at Geelong Gallery from Saturday 10 September to Sunday 13 November 2016. Geelong Gallery is open daily from 10am–5pm. Admission is free.

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