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NAIDOC Week (1-8 July '11) Art Exhibition and “*Black Cockatoo*” Art Award

The Shoalhaven Celebration of NAIDOC Week Arts & Culture committee is calling for works by Aboriginal artists for the 2010 NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition and the associated ‘*Black Cockatoo*’ Art Award.

All local Indigenous artists are encouraged to enter works in the Exhibition which will be staged in the Nowra School of Arts building in Berry Street from the 1st – 10th July 2011. The Exhibition will open on Friday 1st July at 6.30pm when the winner of the ‘*Black Cockatoo*’ Art Award will be announced.

Shoalhaven City Mayor, Councillor Paul Green said the Shoalhaven’s NAIDOC Week Exhibition is a great opportunity to showcase our local talent. “The call is out there to all Aboriginal artists to get involved” Cllr Green said. “We have such a talented region; the creation of the “Black Cockatoo” Art awards, unique on the NSW South Coast is something to be proud of” Cllr Green said.

The development of the ‘Black Cockatoo’ Art Award is the result of a project being undertaken by the students enrolled in the Aboriginal Cultural Arts Program at Nowra TAFE. While more details of the Award will be publicised soon, it is open to all Aboriginal artists in the region, who should be encouraged to enter.

Overall the Exhibition and Award will run for 9 days, and will be open from 10am – 4pm weekdays and 11am – 3pm on the weekends. Most artworks will be for sale during the exhibition and many artists will be available to speak to in relation to their art and art practice.

Those wishing to enter the Art Award are asked to submit works with completed entry form for each individual artwork (forms available from the Arts Centre) to the Nowra School of Arts building between 10am – 1pm on Wednesday 29th June and Thursday 30th June.

Entry forms are also available by contacting Mr Warwick Keen on one of the numbers below.

It is each individual artist’s responsibility to ensure all works entered into the Exhibition and Art Award are exhibition ready, and suitable to be hung. Artists may submit more than one artwork, however equal hanging space will be given to all entering artists. Works deemed to be ‘culturally inappropriate’ may be rejected by the Exhibition selection committee.

For further information on the “*Black Cockatoo*” awards, you can contact Warwick Keen on (02) 44214057, M: 0403 642 087

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