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NAIDOC Week and Black & Cockatoo Art Award

To celebrate NAIDOC Week 2010 Shoalhaven City's Art Gallery is seeking entries in the 2010 NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition and the inaugural Black Cockatoo Art Award.

The exhibition and Art award will be held in the Nowra School of Arts in Berry Street Nowra, from 2 to 11 July 2010.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

Shoalhaven City Arts Board has announced the inaugural Black Cockatoo Art Award to help foster creative arts in the city.

Shoalhaven City Arts Board Chairman Councillor Bohdan Brumerskyj said the awards are a small way to recognise the wonderful art that local Aboriginal people are creating in the city.

"The Arts Board recognises that there are many Aboriginal people in the community who are creating works, sharing their visions and a vision for the future," Cllr Brumerskyj said. "The Black Cockatoo awards will recognise their efforts as well as establish a yearly award where we can celebrate the great works being produced in the city.

"I encourage all artists in the city to enter their works."

The winner of the Black Cockatoo Art Award will be announced at the opening of the exhibition on Friday 2 July at 6.30pm.

Works for the NAIDOC Week exhibition and the Black Cockatoo Arts Award should be dropped off and submitted to the Nowra School of Arts building on Wednesday 31 June and Thursday 1 July between 10am and 3pm. A completed entry form must accompany each artwork. Entry forms are available from the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre in Berry St Nowra or by visiting Council's Internet site at <http://www.shoalhavenartscentre.com.au/index2.html>.

Entry forms are also available by contacting Mr Warwick Keen on (02) 4421 4057 or 0403 642 087.

All works that are being entered into the Exhibition and Art Award will have to be prepared and ready to be hung for the show. It is each individual artist's responsibility to ensure that their works are ready and suitable to be hung.

The Exhibition will be opened on Friday 2 June at 6.30pm.

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. This is the first Award of this significance to be promoted on the NSW South Coast.

Artists may submit more than one artwork. However equal hanging space will be given to all entering artists.

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