

Newcastle Club Foundation Art Prize Dinner

Date: Friday, 13th September Time: 6.30pm for 7pm Cost: \$115 per person Dress: Coat & Tie

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Now in its 4th year, the Newcastle Club Foundation Art Prize was designed in 2016 to encourage Hunter artists to create works of excellence around a specific theme showcasing the local region. Artists have again been invited to enter their works to compete for the \$10,000 acquisitive painting prize, with the winning artwork to be permanently displayed in the Clubhouse.

The 10 finalists for the 2019 prize will be announced at the launch exhibition on September 6th at Newcastle ArtSpace. The 10 finalist pieces will be displayed in the Club from Monday 9th September and the winner will be announced at the annual Foundation Art Prize Dinner. Members will once again be able to participate and vote for your chosen artwork for the Member choice award, from the 10 finalists on display.

This year's theme is Cornucopia:

"When first settled by Europeans, Newcastle and the Hunter was recognised for its abundance of flora and fauna. Images of the area by convict artists Joseph Lycett and Richard Browne as well as the Scott sisters of Ash Island, are full of the diversity of animal, plant and insect life. With this in mind, this year's art prize, entitled Cornucopia, invites contemporary artists to interpret the Newcastle and Hunter that once existed, or currently exists around them, and present the natural abundance that we enjoy. The works could include botanical illustration, studies of local fauna and still life –or a combination of all."

The previous year's dinners have been a huge success and Members are encouraged to attend and bring guests to this exciting creative event, hosted by the Newcastle Club Foundation. Full details of the Art Prize and conditions of entry are available by contacting <u>communications@newcastleclub.com.au</u>