

Young artists inspire all

The winners of the 2013 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists were announced at a presentation ceremony at Subiaco Library on Monday 16 September.

Renowned Australian children's author and illustrator Matt Ottley presented the awards on behalf of award patron Shaun Tan. Matt spoke about growing up in Papua New Guinea and the importance of children and young people pursuing their artistic dreams.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson reported: "A record-breaking 2500 entries were received, with 30 per cent from regional Western Australia. We were delighted that award winners from Bunbury, Capel, Margaret River, Greenbushes and Jigalong Remote Community could join us on the evening."

2013 marked the eleventh year of the award, which encourages creativity and provides five to eighteen year olds with an opportunity to develop their skills in visual arts.

Mayor Henderson said: "Our experienced judges were so impressed by the diversity and quality of the entries that they had to keep reminding themselves these artworks were created by young artists."

"We encourage you to visit the exhibition to see the top artworks in each of the five categories and vote for your favourite piece in the People's Choice Award."

The finalists' exhibition is open at Subiaco Library during normal opening hours until Sunday 13 October.

The city would like to thank award sponsors Janet Holmes à Court AC, Kool Kreative, Barking Gecko Theatre Company, Gallery 360, Faber-Castell and Planet Books.

Prize winners:

Lower primary category (years one and two)

- Sethumi Ilandarage, aged 6, Coinda Primary School (regional) – first prize
- Benjamin Ransley, age 7, Capel Primary School (regional) – second prize
- Amelie Jayasundera, age 7, Methodist Ladies' College – third prize
- Alara John, age 7, Presbyterian Ladies' College – highly commended

Middle primary category (years three and four)

- Jack Charrois, age 9, Freshwater Bay Primary School – first prize
- Declan McGoldrick, age 9, Mel Maria Catholic Primary – second prize
- Kye Barton, age 8, Greenbushes Primary School (regional) – third prize
- Ebony Ralph, age 9, Margaret River Primary School (regional) – highly commended

Upper primary category (years five and six)

- Tegan Jeffries, age 11, Jigalong Remote Community School (regional) – first prize
- Cameron Davis, age 11, St Marks Anglican Community School – second prize
- Freyja Edwards, age 11, FunTastic Design School – third prize
- Jade Brenmuhl, age 11, Hocking Primary School – highly commended

Lower secondary category (years seven, eight and nine)

- Kitman Yeung, age 13, Applecross Senior High School – first prize
- Amra Bellatalla, age 14, John Curtin College of the Arts – second prize
- Maya Allison, age 12, Iona Presentation College – third prize

Upper secondary category (years ten, eleven and twelve)

- Melanie Jackson, age 16, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – first prize
- Ophelia Roberts, age 17, Kalamunda Senior High School – second prize
- Aliesha McGrath, age 17, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – third prize
- Phoebe Gunson, age 17, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – highly commended

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Notes to Editor

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities to more than 19,000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

Shaun Tan is a celebrated artist and writer who grew up in Perth. He has received numerous awards for his unusual and thought-provoking illustrated books. In 2011, Shaun won an Academy Award for his animated short film *The Lost Thing*, and was honoured with the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award for his contribution to children's literature.

Two large Shaun Tan murals are on permanent display in Subiaco Library. *The Tea Party* is a flowing landscape featuring whimsical features, and *The Hundred Year Picnic* is based on a photograph of a Subiaco family circa 1925 found in the archives of Subiaco Museum.