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Fresh perspectives sought for WA youth art award

Students across Western Australia are invited to let their imaginations run wild for the 2014 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists.

Creative minds aged five to eighteen years old are encouraged to submit a two-dimensional artwork, which can include a drawing, painting, digital or mixed media piece, for this much celebrated award.

Award patron Shaun Tan hopes this year's entrants will take inspiration from their own individual experiences, as well as the experiences of those around them.

"Each entrant has their own unique experience that somehow finds its way into this strange and endlessly captivating activity of wanting to make pictures of things, whether as a casual hobby or a future career."

He explained: "As a child and teenager, much of my inspiration came from the experiments and discoveries of my peers in little community exhibitions around the northern suburbs and I hope this award might serve a similar purpose."

The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists, which is coordinated by the City of Subiaco, aims to encourage imagination and innovation among young people. City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson said the award provides a great opportunity for young artists to develop their skills in visual arts.

"Each year we receive a significant number of outstanding entries for this award, which is now in its twelfth year. It is evident we have a lot of young artistic talent here in Western Australia."

She continued: "The judges will be looking for pieces that stand out for their originality, concept, technique or choice of materials used. I encourage young people to view this competition as a chance to explore and develop their creative abilities and as an opportunity to challenge themselves."

Entries are now open and will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 2 May. Finalists will be announced in June and those who live outside Perth metropolitan area will receive travel and accommodation assistance to attend the award ceremony.

Submission details and entry forms are available from the Subiaco Library, 237 Rokeby Road, Subiaco or online at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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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 the suburbs of 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**