

## **Finalists for Tasmanian Art Award tidal.22 announced**

The biennial tidal.22: City of Devonport National Art Award has attracted 141 high-quality entries for its 10<sup>th</sup> instalment since the competition started in 2004.

Convention and Arts Centre Director Geoff Dobson said the \$20,000 major acquisitive award, sponsored by Devonport City Council and the Devonport Regional Gallery Friends Committee, is open to artists who reside or have a strong connection with Tasmania.

Mr Dobson said the Peoples' Choice Award will be announced at the close of the exhibition and the artist will receive \$1,000, courtesy of One Agency Collins Real Estate.

A total of 49 works by 46 artists were preselected for the finalists' exhibition, chosen by judges Raymond Arnold, Artist, Ashley Bird, Senior Curator Visual Art and Design, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery and Michelle Boyde, Artistic Director, Design Tasmania.

"*Tidal* aims to encourage contemporary practice with strength of concept, innovation, and execution of two-and three-dimensional artwork," Mr Dobson said.

"The theme is open to a range of interpretation regarding tides and living by the water, be it personal, environmental, political or of cultural nature."

Mr Dobson said the preselection was very competitive and he congratulated the following artists: Joshua Andree, Craig Ashton, Liam Ross Baker, Alexander Beech, Lorraine Biggs, Nikala Bourke, Elizabeth Braid, Lucinda Bresnehan, Dave, Carswell, Dane Chisholm, Joel Crosswell, Sevé De Angelis, Richard Dunlop, Helen Edwards, Gabrielle Falconer, Lisa Garland, Jane Giblin, Elaine Green, Zoe Grey, Patrick Grieve, Neil Haddon, Belinda Hall, Robyn Harman, Rosie Hastie, Kit Hiller, Georgia Ingall, Lorelee Jade, Sally James, George Kennedy, Amber Koroluk-Stephenson, Colin Langridge, Jan Larcombe, Sara Maher, Penny Mason, Nataša Milenović, Chris Morgan, Anne Morrison, Sarah Rhodes, Trish Richers, Troy Ruffels, Hope Smith, Melissa Smith, David Stephenson, Julie Todd, Evelyn Vyhnaal And Alex Wanders.

**The winning artist will be announced at the *tidal.22: City of Devonport National Art Award* finalist's exhibition opening at the Devonport Regional Gallery on Friday, 9 December. The exhibition will be on display until Saturday, 28 January 2023.**



Caption: The winning work of *tidal.20 Kelp Elegy*, by Janine Combes, admired by then Ellina Evans, Curator Devonport Regional Gallery and Eve Williams, Creative Learning and Public Programs Officer.

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