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GOULBURN ART AWARD 2026 AT GOULBURN REGIONAL ART GALLERY OPENS FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026

The Goulburn Art Award 2026 will officially open next Friday 19 June 2026 at 6pm at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.

The Goulburn Art Award has been running since 1992 and represents the talent and diversity of artists working within the region. The Award is open to artists living within a 120km radius of Goulburn working in any medium, and the Gallery welcomes submissions from artists at all stages of their careers. There is a total prize pool of \$15,000 on offer across all prize categories.

This year the Gallery received a record number of entries, reflecting an extraordinary outpouring of creativity from artists across the region and an incredible diversity of media. The calibre and breadth of submissions speak to the vitality of arts practice in regional NSW. 65 works have been selected as finalists and are on display.

The Goulburn Art Award 2026 will be judged by Rachel Kent, CEO, Bundanon. As an experienced arts leader, art historian, and curator, Rachel has extensive experience working with international museums and cultural institutions. Prior to her appointment at Bundanon, she served as Chief Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) Australia, presenting major exhibitions in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the USA, and Canada. She is the author of multiple award-winning artist monographs and serves as an international juror for art awards in Asia and Europe. Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is honoured to have Rachel Kent bringing her expertise and distinction to this year's Award.

Concurrently, the Gallery will exhibit the Young Artist Award 2026. Again, in this category the Gallery received a record number of entries from young people aged 5-18 years across the region.

The winners will be announced on opening night, 6pm Friday 19 June 2026, and the exhibition of finalists will run from 19 June through to Saturday 18 July 2026.

"The Goulburn Art Award is a brilliant insight into the vibrant and diverse arts practices across the region. This year we received a record number of entries a genuinely exciting outpouring of creativity from artists at every stage of their careers. The culminating exhibition of finalists is a compelling display spanning a vast range of scale, media, and ideas." – Yvette Dal Pozzo, Director, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.

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Image: Installation view Goulburn Art Award 2024 featuring Yvette Tziallas, *Guide To Grow A Kidney*; Dan Venables, *Focal*; Luke Chiswell, *Holding a big Yellow Box*; Julia Higgs, *Perception of a Feeling*; Derek O'Connor, *Funeral Procession, Only the Sun*; Poppy Perry, *Tapestry of the Southern Highlands to the Coast*; Dionisia Salas, *to swim inside*; Julie Bradley, *Lullaby*; Valentina Albert, *Ascension* and Kirsten Farrell, *Parrot punch up*, courtesy the artists. Photograph: Silversalt Photography.