

PICTURE YOURSELF IN THE OLIVE COTTON AWARD

Gallery seeking photographic portraits

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Entries are open for the prestigious Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture, held biennially at Tweed Regional Gallery.

The Award offers prizes totalling \$24,250 and aims to show new portraits by professional and emerging artists.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman said the major Award of \$20,000 is generously funded by the family of the late Olive Cotton, one of Australia's leading twentieth-century photographers.

"The Friends of Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre Inc. also sponsor Directors' Choice awards to the value of \$4,000.

"These prizes are acquisitive, making the Olive Cotton Award an important collecting stream for Tweed Regional Gallery's collection of Australian portraits," Ms Muddiman said.

"The Gallery also runs a People's Choice Award for the duration of the exhibition, where the exhibitor with the most votes receives \$250."

The 2017 Award judge is Dr Shaune Lakin, the Senior Curator of Photography at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Dr Lakin was previously Gallery Director at Monash Gallery of Art, Australia's only public gallery dedicated to collecting Australian photography. Prior to joining Monash Gallery of Art, he was Senior Curator of Photography at the Australian War Memorial, and wrote the first major history of Australian conflict photography. He completed a PhD in photographic history at the University of Melbourne in 2002 and has written widely on the history of Australian and International photography and curated many exhibitions.

Entries for the Olive Cotton Award close on Friday 12 May at 5pm and the exhibition of entries will be on display from 21 July to 8 October 2017.

Entry forms are available at the Gallery, by phoning (02) 6670 2790 or online at <http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/PrizesAndAwards/OliveCotton> Entries can be submitted by email and payment completed online via PayPal.

Image caption:

The Winner of the 2015 Olive Cotton Award: Natalie Grono *Pandemonium's Shadow* 2015 pigment inkjet print

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The Gallery and Café is open from Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm.