



Olive Cotton Award 2019

The Withey Gallery

Friday 12 July – Sunday 22 September 2019

The Olive Cotton Award is generously funded by the family of Olive Cotton, one of Australia's leading twentieth century photographers, and aims to show new portraits by professional and emerging artists. The 2019 Award will be the eleventh Award since the prize inception in 2005.

The Award, recognising excellence in photographic portraiture, is held biennially, with a major prize of \$20,000. The Friends of Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre Inc. sponsor Director's Choice awards to the value of \$4,000. All awards are acquisitive, making the Olive Cotton Award an important collecting stream for the Tweed Regional Gallery's collection of Australian portraits.

The 2019 Award judge is Marian Drew, Adjunct Associate Professor, Queensland College of Art. Marian is one of Australia's most influential and significant photo-media artists with a practice spanning more than twenty years. She has held over forty solo shows and numerous group shows in Australia and internationally.

A \$250 People's Choice Award will run throughout the exhibition allowing the public to vote for their favourite image.

Olive Cotton Award 2017 finalist
Brett Canet-Gibson
Trevor Jamieson 2016, digital print

Image courtesy of the artist