

## **TarraWarra Museum of Art to exhibit *Archibald Prize 2019* 14 September – 5 November 2019**



Winner Packing Room Prize 2019, Tessa MacKay, *Through the looking glass*, oil on linen, 210 × 330.5 cm, © the artist.  
Photo: AGNSW, Mim Stirling. Sitter: David Wenham – actor.

**TarraWarra Museum of Art has announced it will be the exclusive Victorian tour venue for the *Archibald Prize 2019*, Australia’s oldest and most prestigious art award, from 14 September to 5 November 2019.**

Presented by the Art Gallery of New South Wales and ANZ, the annual portrait exhibition provides a snapshot of Australian culture – from politicians and celebrities to sporting heroes and authors. Since its inception in 1921, the prize has been awarded to some of Australia’s most celebrated artists including William Dobell, Brett Whiteley and Del Kathryn Barton.

TarraWarra Museum of Art Director, Victoria Lynn, said, ‘We are delighted that Australia’s most-loved and eagerly anticipated art award, the *Archibald Prize*, will return again to TarraWarra Museum of Art in 2019, direct from its premiere at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

TarraWarra Museum of Art provides the perfect opportunity for art lovers to see portraits by Australia’s best contemporary artists in one of Australia’s most beautiful galleries, just one hour from Melbourne in the stunning Yarra Valley region.’

Ms Lynn continued, 'The exhibition will be accompanied by the ANZ People's Choice Award, as well as a range of engaging public programs and educational resources. The local community will also have the chance to create their own masterpiece through *Not the Archies*, a community project presented by Yarra Ranges Council which gives Yarra Ranges residents the chance to have their artwork displayed throughout the region'.

Mark Hand, Group Executive, Australia Retail and Commercial, ANZ, commented, 'ANZ is committed to seeing our communities thrive, and that includes celebrating artists across Australia. In reflecting the who's who of Australian life, the *Archibald Prize* gives us an important opportunity to showcase our finest creative talent and highlight some of the unique characters who bring our country to life.

In an extension of ANZ's partnership, we are delighted to support the Art Gallery of New South Wales in taking the exhibition on a tour of regional towns in Victoria and New South Wales. This tour allows more people to experience and enjoy the inspirational work of Australia's vibrant artistic community'.

The *Archibald Prize* is an extraordinary national art event, which from its outset has often incited controversy while also chronicling the changing face of Australian society and evolving definitions of portraiture.

Amongst the 51 works in this year's exhibition are paintings which portray significant Australian subjects including renowned actor and producer **David Wenham** by Tessa MacKay; former ballet dancer and director of Queensland Ballet **Li Cunxin** by Jun Chen; Anh Do's portrait of the artist **George Gittoes**; Vincent Namatjira's tribute to his friend and fellow artist **Tony Albert** and media commentator **Annabel Crabb** by Jordan Richardson.

Musician **Megan Washington** is depicted with her child by Loribelle Spirovski; Keith Burt captures author and journalist **Benjamin Law**; Bidjigal elder and artist **Esme Timbery** can be seen in a striking portrait by Blak Douglas; and the late **Edmund Capon** is poignantly portrayed by artist John Beard.

Other artists in the *Archibald Prize 2019* include former *Archibald Prize* winners Euan Macleod and Nigel Milsom.

*Archibald Prize 2019* is on display at TarraWarra Museum of Art, 313 Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Healesville VIC 3777, from 14 September to 5 November 2019. For further information and to purchase tickets, visit [twma.com.au](http://twma.com.au).

#### **Ticket prices**

Adult	\$16
Senior	\$14
Concession	\$12 (pensioners, tertiary students)
Child (5-17)	\$10
Child under 5	Free
<a href="#">Members</a>	Free
Family	\$45 (two adults and up to three children)
Groups over 10	\$14 per person

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## Exhibition opening hours

Tuesday to Sunday, 9.30am – 5pm.

Timed entry ticketing – sessions available at 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm. Open AFL Grand Final public holiday Friday 27 September, Monday 4 November and Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 5 November.

## Tickets now on sale at [twma.com.au](http://twma.com.au)

### About the *Archibald Prize*

Prestigious and controversial, the *Archibald Prize* is Australia's foremost portraiture prize, awarding \$100,000 prize money to the winning artist.

The *Archibald Prize* was established from a bequest by Jules Francois Archibald, the founding editor of *The Bulletin* magazine. Archibald was a passionate supporter of a distinctly Australian style of nationalism, journalism and the arts. In establishing the prize his aim was to foster portraiture as well as support artists and perpetuate the memory of great Australians.

J.F. Archibald died in 1919 at St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst, with the first *Archibald Prize* being staged two years after his death. According to Archibald's will – held in the Art Gallery of NSW archive – the *Archibald Prize* is to be awarded annually to the best portrait 'preferentially of some man or woman distinguished in art, letters, science or politics, painted by any artist resident in Australasia'. Portraits must have been painted in the previous year from at least one live sitting with the artist.

Now in its 98<sup>th</sup> year, the *Archibald Prize* has been held annually since 1921. An open competition, the *Archibald Prize* is judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW.

Finalists are exhibited at the Art Gallery of New South Wales before embarking on a year-long regional tour.

***Archibald Prize 2019* is an Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition supported by presenting partner ANZ.**



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