INVERELL ART PRIZE 2026 WINNERS

GRAND CHAMPION	$3500	3:23	"The Departure" Alicia Carmichael – Molendinar QLD
1. SPECIAL FEATURE -PHOTOGRAPHY			
Professional			
Photography_1st	$2000	1-19	"Nirox Muse I" – Karen Boshoff-Smith - Armidale
Highly Commended		1-24	"Autumn in Tenterfield" – Tyrone Ryan - Sandy Hill
Amateur			
Photography_1st	$750	1-11	"When your caught cheating your diet" – Jody Griffey - Inverell
Highly Commended		1-4	"Blossom and Bloom" – Josee Romer - Inverell
2. THEMED SECTION – "A Taste of Life"			
THEMED_1st	$2000	2-15	"Coming into Spring" – Emily Kimmance - Inverell
Highly Commended		2-14	"A Slice of Life" – Jessira Saunders - Guyra
3. OPEN SECTION			
OPEN_1st	$1500	3-37	"An Early Evening" – Peter Champion - Inverell
OPEN_2nd	$500	3-17	"The Kingfisher" – Robby O'Brien - Inverell
Highly Commended		3-7	"A Working Landscape " Deb Michell-Smith - Narrabri
4. LOCAL SECTION			
LOCAL_1st	$700.	4-14	"A Stormy Glow" – Gemma Younger - Oakwood
LOCAL_2nd	$300	4-46	"Iris" – Leonie Turner - Nullamanna
Highly Commended		4-67	"Woodland Woman" – Michelle Murray - Gilgai
5. CERAMICS SECTION			
CERAMIC_1st	$250	5-2	"Menopause is Only Natural – we need to start a conversation" – Trina McRae - Inverell
CERAMIC_2nd	$100	5-1	"Daisies and Trees in the Dark of Night" – Kayla Amos – Bourke
Highly Commended		5-15	"Wisteria Bud Vase" – Kez Matterson - Inverell
6. MINIATURE SECTION			
MINIATURE_1st	$250	6-10	"Anti-Portrait II – My Dad is Mad" – Karen Boshoff-Smith -Armidale
MINIATURE_2nd	$100	6-12	"Where the Gum Stands Sentinel" – Margaret Berry - Bundarra
Highly Commended		6-17	"Perched and Pretty" – Jessira Saunders -Guyra
7. 3D			
3D_1st	$250	7-5	"Caterpillar N12 Grader" – Robert Stokes -Inverell
3D_2nd	$100	7-8	"In the Garden (Vase)" – Karen Backus - Yallaroi
Highly Commended		7-7	"Welds, Wattles & Wrens!" – Andrew Tann -Inverell
8. TEXTILES			
TEXTILE _1st	$250	8-5	"Bag & Matching Purse" – Mary Shephard -Mount Russell
TEXTILE _2nd	$100	8-1	"Scottish Coffers Cottage" – Colleen Nancarrow -Inverell
Highly Commended		8-6	" 'Rusty' the Scrapyard Dog" – Julie Michel - Inverell
9. YOUNG ARTIST			
5 years -8 years			
YOUNG _ 1st	$100	9-36	"Secret Fairy Garden" – Isla Potts -Inverell
YOUNG_2nd	$50	9-46	"Cat" – Rawinia Leonard -Ashford
Highly Commended		9-40	"Wombat" – Darcey Pratten- Ashford
9 years -12 years			
YOUNG _ 1st	$100	9-68	"A Country Adventure" – Mikayla Lazar-Brown - Ashford
YOUNG_2nd	$50	9-60	"Leigha" – Kelsie Penberthy -Inverell
Highly Commended		9- 62	"Daisy the Dog" – Megan Johnson - Inverell
13 years -18 years			
YOUNG _ 1st	$100	9-27	"The Art of Teaching" – Lacey Pohle - Bokarina
YOUNG_2nd	$50	9-20	"Drawn from the Sea" – Zoe Kinson - Ashford
Highly Commended		9-17	"Untitled" – Charlie Parrella – Inverell
ACQUSITIONS 2026			
INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL ACQUISITIONS 2026		3:23	"The Departure" Alicia Carmichael – Molendinar QLD
INVERELL ART SOCIETY ACQUISITIONS 2026			
		3-15	"After the Rain" Deborah Hooker – Inverell
		3-37	"An Early Evening" Peter Champion - Inverell
PACKERS CHOICE		3:53	"Dott " Kiyah Dye - Inverell