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## Finalists announced for the 2017 Clunes Ceramic Award

After deliberating for six days to assess the 129 pieces of art submitted to the 2017 Clunes Ceramic Award, judges have been astonished by the quality of entries this year. Neville French, previous Award winner and one of this year's judges said "The standard of entries was extremely high and the works shortlisted will present an exciting and varied exhibition. "The judges unanimously agreed on 44 works to be exhibited for the award. We carefully considered all the entries in regard to the criteria for excellence – concept and use of materials."

Finalists for this year's prize were announced today on the website clunesceramicaward.com.au. The exhibition will run at the Union Bank Arts Centre in Clunes from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 15th, with a preview on the evening of September 29<sup>th</sup>. Opening times are from 10.30 am to 4.30pm, Thursday to Sunday.

The Clunes Ceramic Award is an acquisitive prize, the winner receiving \$10,000 and their work becoming part of the permanent collection of the prestigious Art Gallery Ballarat. All exhibits will be for sale.

The winner of the People's Choice Award this year will receive \$2,500 and there will also be three recognition awards to the value of \$250.

Creative Clunes Inc., the organisers of the award express our thanks to our many sponsors, (listed on our website <a href="www.clunesceramicaward.com.au">www.clunesceramicaward.com.au</a>), and particularly the Hugh Williamson Foundation, Cyber Com, Walker Ceramics, Terry Cocks (Foundation Sponsor), Wordsworth Communicating and supportive politicians including Catherine King MP, Louise Staley MP and Gayle Tierney MP.

All winners will be announced at the official opening on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

A fringe exhibition of local regional work will also be exhibited in various Clunes retail outlets.

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