



9TH BIENNIAL

# MORAWA ARTS AWARDS & EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 9TH TO SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024

## FAQ's

### **Do I have to be a professional artist to enter the Awards?**

No, the Shire of Morawa is committed to fostering artistic talent and as such encourages budding and amateur artists to enter.

### **Can I enter even if I do not live in the region?**

Yes, the 2024 Morawa Art Awards and Exhibition is open to adult artists residing in Western Australia. There are two convenient drop-off and collection points for free and professional transport of Art to Morawa. One in Geraldton and one in the Perth Metro area. See the Entry Conditions for more information.

If you are under 18, you must be a resident of the Mid West, or attend school or college in the region, to enter.

### **Can I sell my artwork at the exhibition?**

#### **And if so, do you charge a commission?**

Yes, all artwork entered (excluding youth and young art) must be available for sale. The Shire of Morawa facilitates the sales process and will retain a 20% commission of the sales amount.

### **I am a local resident and would like to enter.**

#### **Do you make any special accommodations for Morawa locals?**

Yes, the Shire of Morawa offers a discounted entry fee of \$20 per entry to any Shire of Morawa resident or ratepayer wishing to enter the Awards. The ordinary entry fee is \$25 per entry. Local artworks are all eligible to be judged for the 'Peoples Choice - Local Resident' Award which offers a \$500 prize amount.

#### **When will the Award Winners be announced?**

The Awards (apart from the People's Choice -Local Resident Award) will be announced at the 2024 Morawa Art Exhibition & Awards Opening Night on Friday the 9th August 2024. This is a ticketed event and all entrants must purchase a ticket to attend. This event is also open to the public however ticket numbers will be capped.

The Peoples Choice - Local Resident Award will be announced via Social Media on Monday 19th August 2024. Following the completion of the exhibition and the vote count.



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## **I am under 18, can I enter the Awards?**

Yes, if you are a resident of the Mid West of Western Australia or you attend school or college in the region. The Shire of Morawa is committed to fostering artistic talent amongst children and youth. If you are under 18 you may enter one artwork in the awards in either the Young Artist or Youth Artist category.

## **I have worked on a collaborative piece of art with another artist and would like to enter it. Is this possible?**

Yes, as long as consent is received by all people who have worked on the piece and the entry form is completed in joint names to reflect this. If a collaborative piece wins an award, the prize money will not be split and will be issued to the bank account nominated on the entry form. This also applies to the sale of the work.

## **Do you have a specific category for First Nations artists?**

All artwork must be entered into the category that best suits the make-up or medium of the piece. However the Shire of Morawa recognises the considerable talents of local Yamtji artists and therefore will award the Mid West Indigenous Art Award (\$2,000 prize money) to the most outstanding entry that has been exhibited by a Yamatji artist or artist of Yamatji descent, or a first nations artist who ordinarily resides in the Mid West region or Yamatji nation areas.

## **What is the Tropiano Family Emerging Photographer Award?**

The late Dr. Tony Tropiano was not only a gifted photographer but also a proud native of Morawa. He possessed a profound love for the Mid West region, often immersing himself in its natural beauty and capturing stunning images of the landscape. His remarkable work features in various promotional materials used by the Shire of Morawa to showcase the town and its surroundings. Tony actively contributed to the local photography community having served as the judge for the photography sections of the 2022 Morawa Art Awards & Exhibition and led a memorable wildflower and astro photography weekend in conjunction with the event. Tony was committed to nurturing emerging talent, particularly among young photographers. In recognition of his passion and dedication, the Tropiano Family has graciously partnered with the Shire of Morawa to establish the Tropiano Family Emerging Photographer Award.

This award is open to aspiring photographers aged 15-21 from the Mid West region, whether they reside in the area or attend school/college there. It serves as a testament to Tony's enduring legacy and his love for the art of photography and his hometown.

## **When will the Exhibition be open? How much does it cost to attend?**

The 2024 Morawa Art Exhibition will be open to the general public from Saturday 10th– Sunday 18th August 2024. Opening hours will be advised. There is no cost to attend the exhibition.



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**I have a work of art I would like to enter that I have completed before August 2022, can I submit it for entry?**

Sorry No. The exhibition and awards only accept works completed after August 2022. This is the date of the last Morawa Art Awards & Exhibition. This way we can ensure works art are not likely to have been exhibited widely in the past. We like to ensure a contemporary art exhibition and this is how we do this.

**How many people do you expect to visit the exhibition?**

In 2022 over 400 people visited the exhibition. In 2024 we hope to again attract at least this many visitors to enjoy the exhibition.

**How many entries will there be in each category? Do you cap entries?**

We cannot say how many entries will feature in each category until the entry period has closed. We allow three entries per entrant (apart from young and youth artists, and photography) and four entries in total per category. Our most popular category in 2022 was the works on canvas which received 108 entries.

In total, we expect to exhibit around 300 entries – including young, youth art and photography.

**Where can I find out more?**

Please contact our Exhibition Coordinator, Emily Sutherland, Left of Centre Concepts and Events on 0427 426 596 or email [emily.loc@bigpond.com](mailto:emily.loc@bigpond.com).