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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Kerrie Lester wins the 2011 Mosman Art Prize Mosman Art Gallery 30 July – 4 September**

Mosman artist Kerrie Lester is the first female painter to win the Mosman Art Prize since Lucy Culliton received the award in 2000. Women artists have long had an association with the Prize as entrants, winners and judges. This year the Prize holds a special significance with the passing of the first Mosman Art Prize winner of 1947, the renowned Australian artist Margaret Olley. The Mosman Art Gallery was honoured to have Margaret Olley as a judge of the Prize in 2009 and she later attended the opening of the 60 year retrospective of the Mosman Art Prize 'Controversy and Acclaim' exhibition in November of that year.

The Mosman Art Prize is now celebrating its 64th year. 800 entries were received and judge Reg Richardson AM, art patron, collector and benefactor selected over 100 for exhibition. On judging the prize Reg Richardson commented that "A number of well known artists have entered, with a number of other significant prize winners and also a number of very talented but not so well known artists hung ,giving us a very rich and substantial tapestry of work on show. Kerrie Lester's painting *Out on a limb* has been done in her typical style: quirky, warm and one of a kind. Her style is easily identifiable and after more that 30 years of art practice, she is an important Australian artist". Kerrie Lester is also the first local Mosman artist in 50 years to win the prize since Nancy Borlase won in 1961.

The Mosman Art Prize is Australia's longest running and most prestigious municipal art prize. An acquisitive painting prize, the winning entries form the basis of the Mosman Art Collection, a valuable and historic collection which surveys Australian painting since 1947.

The Mosman Art prize will be on display at Mosman Art Gallery, cnr Art Gallery Way & Myahgah Road Mosman, over the next 5 weeks, from 30 July to the 4 September. Artist **Kerrie Lester** has won the **major Mosman Council Art Prize of \$30,000** with her whimsical painting of white birds in a tree titled *Out on a limb*.

**Please note all information is correct at time of release**

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Additional non-acquisitive prizes which have been awarded in the 2011 Mosman Art Prize are listed as follows:

- **The Allan Gamble Memorial Art Prize** (\$3,000) for the best artwork with the theme of the built environment has been won by Peter O'Doherty for his painting ***Apollo Bay weatherboard***. O'Doherty won the Commendation prize in 2006 and the Allan Gamble Memorial Art Prize in 2007.
- **The Commendation Prize** (\$2,000), has been won by 2009 Archibald Prize winner **Guy Maestri** for his vigorous landscape Robertson #V.
- **The Fourth Village Providore Young Emerging Artists' Award** (\$2,000) has been won by **Christopher Horder** for his abstract work ***Herbst*** which is the German word for Autumn.
- In addition there will be a Viewer's Choice Prize of \$1,000 sponsored by the Mosman Art Society, to be announced at the close of the exhibition.

#### **PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

**Saturday 6 August 11am**

**Free Guided Tour**

Presented by the Gallery guides

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2.00pm**

**Meet the winning artists in the Mosman Art Prize**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2.00pm

Mosman Art Prize winner Kerrie Lester, the Allan Gamble Memorial Art Prize winner Peter O'Dougherty, Commendation prize winner Guy Maestri and Young Emerging Artist winner Christopher Horder will talk about their awarded paintings and artistic practice.

Free. Afternoon tea included.

Mosman Art Gallery

Cnr Art Gallery Way and Myahgah Rd Mosman

Open 7 days, 10am – 5pm

Entry free

[www.mosmanartgallery.org.au](http://www.mosmanartgallery.org.au)