

# MEDIA RELEASE



**EMBARGOED UNTIL  
Saturday 31 July**

## Craig Waddell winner of the 2010 Mosman Art Prize 31 July – 29 August MOSMAN ART GALLERY

Mosman Art Gallery is proud to announce the winner of the annual Mosman Art Prize, now celebrating its 63rd year. Over 800 entries were received and judge Kon Gouriotis OAM, Director of visual Arts, Australia Council for the Arts selected over 100 for exhibition. 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 is a barometer of contemporary painting which showcases some of Australia's best artists", says this year's judge, Kon Gouriotis. "When people see this show they will see a diversity of practice and the potential of painting as a contemporary medium and how immediate painting is to ideas."

The Mosman Art prize will be on display at Mosman Art Gallery, cnr Art Gallery Way & Myahgah Road Mosman, over the next 4 weeks, from 31 July to the 29 August. Artist **Craig Waddell** who received the Commendation Prize from eminent Australian artist Margaret Olley AC in 2009, has won the **major Mosman Council Art Prize of \$20,000** with his painting *I remember you as you were my beauty*. The title taken from a poem by Pablo Neruda, reflects the sensuous nature of the artist's painterly treatment of form of a single Protea.

Additional non-acquisitive prizes which have been awarded in the 2010 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 previous Mosman Art Prize winner **Tom Carment** for his painting *Container Wharf, Port Botany*
- **The Commendation Prize** (\$1,000), has been won by artist, **Therese Darmody** for her intricate, subtle and meticulous painting *Ripple*.
- **The Amanda Phillips Young Emerging Artists' Award** (\$1,000) has been won by **Ben Smith** for his surreal and haunting painting *He is of uneven temperament*
- In addition there will be a Viewer's Choice Prize of \$1,000 sponsored by Mosman Toyota, to be announced at the close of the exhibition.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2.00pm**

**Winning artists Craig Waddell, Tom Carment, Therese Darmody and Ben Smith will talk about their artworks and their painting careers at the Mosman Art Gallery Admission is free and includes afternoon tea. RSVP 9978 4178**

**Free guided tour with the Gallery Guides  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am**

The *Mosman Art Prize* attracts a diverse and accomplished field of professional and amateur artists from all over Australia. Artists who have won the *Mosman Art Prize* include Margaret Olley, Guy Warren, Grace Cossington-Smith, Weaver Hawkins, Nancy Borlase, Lloyd Rees, Anthony Galbraith, Elisabeth Cummings, Lucy Culliton, Adam Cullen and Guan Wei. Past adjudicators also include notable Australian art figures such as Margaret Preston, John Olsen, Tim Storrier, Jenny Sages and Edmund Capon.

Mosman Art Gallery  
Cnr Art Gallery Way and Myahgah Rd, Mosman.  
Open 7 days 10.00am – 5pm. Free  
(02) 9978 4178  
[www.mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au)

**For further media enquiries please contact:**

John Cheeseman, Gallery Director

(02) 9978 4009

Julie Petersen, Exhibitions & Public Programs Coordinator

(02) 9978 4186