

Paolo Tavuzzi Award – Guidelines

Overview

The Paolo Tavuzzi Award will be presented annually, for a period of ten years, to a graduating student from an accredited art school in Sydney and/or New South Wales and is intended to assist the recipient in establishing their professional career following graduation.

The Paolo Tavuzzi Award is named for the late Paolo Tavuzzi, a renowned designer who was a member of the Mosman Art Society. A talented and highly regarded designer, Paolo emigrated from the Italian city of Trieste as a small boy. Paolo's talents for art and design led him to train as a draftsman, and he became a leading designer for Peddle Thorp and Walker, followed by Peddle Thorp and Harvey. Following his fifty-year career leading some of the most ambitious architectural projects across Australia and Asia, Paolo retired and focused on his passion for art. This Award, supported by Paolo's widow Catherine Tavuzzi, honours Paolo's artistic talents and passion.

Mosman Art Society will administer the Award on behalf of Catherine Tavuzzi.

Purpose

The Award is designed to provide financial support to a graduating art student, enabling them to invest in their artistic practice.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be graduating in the year of application from an accredited art school located in Sydney and/or New South Wales.
- Be completing an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification in visual art or a closely related discipline.
- Be under 26 years of age at the time of application.

Application Period

- For the 2026 Paolo Tavuzzi Award, applications will be open from 21 August – 25 September.
- The recipient will be announced, and the Award will be presented in December.

Application Requirements

- The applicant will, through their application, make a case to the selection panel, as to what the Award will enable them to achieve in the establishment of their artistic practice.
- Each application must be accompanied by a letter of support from an academic supervisor – a lecturer or tutor, for example.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of three members:

- Two representatives from Mosman Art Gallery.
- One representative from the Mosman Art Society.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

- Artistic merit and quality of work.
- Strength and clarity of practice.
- Potential for professional development.
- The relevance and proposed use of the funds in supporting practical career establishment, which may include studio costs, materials, the production costs of an artwork and art education fees.

Recipient Obligations

The recipient must:

- Make themselves available for an awarding ceremony.
- Participate in photography, press, and social media coverage associated with the award.
- Present a short presentation on the benefits that the Paolo Tavuzzi Award allowed the recipient to achieve.

There is no requirement for exhibition, reporting, or delivery of outcomes beyond participation in the award announcement and short presentation at Mosman Art Gallery on the benefits of their award.

Enquiries

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