

Committee for Portland supports regional sculpture prize



An exciting art project is set to generate local and tourist interest in Portland's CBD next year.

Hosted by the Committee for Portland, the TRAILS inaugural Sculpture Exhibition will showcase the works of local, regional, national and ultimately (Post-Covid) international artists via an event that engages with the broader community to support health and wellbeing.

Commencing on March 28, the exhibition will take the form of a trail, weaving its way through Portland's retail hub, with 40 local traders signing up to host the sculptures in their shopfronts.

The TRAILS exhibition is offering awards totalling \$10,000 and opportunities for ongoing commissions to develop works to enhance public spaces throughout the Glenelg Shire.

The concept is being driven by a specialised project team comprised of graphic artists, interior designers, sculptors, event managers and civic leaders,

The exhibition launch will be via a ticketed event involving multiple hosting stations, providing refreshments throughout the viewing experience.

A highlight of the five-week event will be artists' talks and workshops with feature artists Rory Carter, Phil Cousins, Jon Dixon, Deb Saunders, Carmel Wallace and Andrew Walsh.

In its inaugural year, TRAILS invites artists to submit contemporary sculptures, up to 1m. in any dimension, for a multi-location interior exhibition trail in and around Portland's commercial centre. It aims to promote and encourage artists, established and emerging.

Selection of entries for exhibition will be at the discretion of the exhibition's appointed curatorial team of Joshua White, Artistic Director Hamilton Art Gallery, Vanessa Gerrans, Director Warrnambool Art Gallery, and Susie Lyons, Arts and Culture Manager Glenelg Shire.

Selected works will be exhibited, and artists considered for a commission as part of a developing art trail. All works exhibited in the TRAILS Sculpture Exhibition will be for sale.

Details:

Exhibition: March 28 – May 2 2021

Entries Open: 1 November 2020

Entries Close: 5pm 12 February 2021

Announcement of selected works: 26 February 2021

For further information on associated events including the Exhibition launch, artist talks and workshops, please visit: <https://thisisportland.com.au/trails-art/events/> or contact:

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