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People's Choice Announced for Region's Youth Art Prize

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum Director Pamela Whitlock, has announced the *People's Choice* for the 2013 *Golding Showcase: Port Curtis Callide Valley Youth Art Competition*:

Jakob Perrett, year 12 student from Chanel College, achieved the sought-after *People's Choice* award for his thought provoking work, *Morphos*.

The striking piece is an exploration of "evolution in its various forms" and was the clear winner in the 300 votes cast for 2013.

"These "forms" being erosion, aging, growth, metamorphosis and the evolution of technology. The small paintings act as magnified objects from the main painting." Said Perrett of his striking work.

Each year the exhibition seems to take on its own individual theme. This year series works' and multiples with many small components proved popular, as with the winning entry.

82 local high school students submitted work for the exhibition from 7 high schools from across the region as far reaching as Biloela, with partnering school Chanel College assisting with the installation of the exhibition, entertainment and hospitality on opening night.

Golding Showcase has been offering opportunities to Gladstone Region's high school students for 19 years and is named after its late patron Mr Cyril Golding, who sadly passed away last year.

It is with the Goldings' generosity, that the Gallery/Museum Society is able to offer the *Golding Bursary* every year to high school senior students looking to study Visual Arts at an Australian tertiary institute. The successful applicant will receive \$2000 a year for a maximum of three years for a full time course leading to an Arts Degree or Associate Diploma.

2014 registration forms can be collected from the Gallery/Museum's pamphlet stand or downloaded from <http://gallerymuseum.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au>

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Image caption: 2013 People's Choice winner Jakob Perrett with his work Morphos