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Budding artists recognised at Council's Australia Day Family Fun Day

As part of 2021 Australia Day celebrations, Gladstone Regional Council has announced the winners from the *Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition*.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said the winners were presented their prizes at Council's free Australia Day Family Fun Day at Tannum Sands on 26 January.

Councillor Goodluck said the work of the young artists helped our region celebrate this year's theme of 'who and what makes Australia great'.

"The project launched in 2006 and each year the competition gets tougher," Cr Goodluck said.

"This year we received 200 entries from across the region, making a total of 4662 artworks collected over 15 years.

"These artworks provide our community with the unique opportunity to connect with a child's perspective, and I encourage everyone to view the amazing works."

The touring exhibition of entries is now featured on the CQUniversity's Mezzanine Floor, Leo Zussino Building, Gladstone Marina Campus until the end of February.

When describing her collage and watercolour work *Roadmap Rainbow Lorikeet*, Raven-Lily Bickle-Wallace wrote:

"The fourth in my Australian Bird Series combines two of the things I love about Australia – the flora and fauna – Rainbow Lorikeet in a Bottlebrush and the wonderful towns in our state of Queensland collaged as feathers," Raven-Lily said.

For further information contact the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, phone 4976 6766 or visit www.gragm.qld.gov.au online.

And the winners are:

Section One (Prep - Year 2)

First prize: *Home* by Ruby Farr

Second prize: *Camping in Australia* by Heidi Hartsorn

Third Prize: *Crashing Waves* by Arlo Thetford

Highly commended: *Sleepy Koalas* by Chelsea Nichols, *Yar and Me* by Amarni Thetford, *Mt Mugul* by Sam Coffey and *The Muster* by Matilda Cook.

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Section Two (Year 3 - Year 6)

First prize: *Roadmap Rainbow Lorikeet* by Raven-Lily Bickle-Wallace

Second prize: *Aboriginal Sunset* by Jandr  Smit

Third prize: *Birds of Paradise* by Elsie Costello

Highly commended: *Wisdom Under the Southern Sky* by Luke Snow, *Steve's Mate* by River Thetford, *Uluru* by Keeley Chambers and *Among Us and Animals* by Chelsea Bradbury.

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