



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Vinnies Reconciliation Art Prize - call for entries**

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland (Vinnies) is calling on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists aged 18 to 25 to enter the Vinnies Reconciliation Art Prize.

The winning entry will become the hero image for Vinnies' Reconciliation Action Plan with the winning artist pocketing a \$1000 cash prize.

Vinnies Queensland General Manager - Programs Jackie Youngblutt said the winning artwork will be used to promote the roll out of the charity's reconciliation action plan.

"The art will be used on the front cover of the plan as well as on items such as promotional banners, posters, graphic devices and other collateral right across Queensland," she said.

Mrs Youngblutt said the reconciliation action plan is a commitment to building a better future for all Australians.

"We are committed to implementing a reconciliation action plan which includes targets for the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Society, so that we work together to address injustice and dispossession," she said.

"We share a vision of an Australia in which the perspectives, languages, philosophies and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are given greater respect and are further integrated into our institutions, organisations and our communities."

The winning work will pay homage to the spirit of reconciliation and incorporate one of Vinnies' key values of commitment, compassion, respect, integrity, empathy, advocacy and courage - with the winner to be selected by a panel of judges.

Works created prior to the art prize can be entered but cannot have been published or be eligible for publication in the reconciliation action plan of any other organisation, however artists are free to submit multiple entries.

Applications for the Vinnies Queensland Reconciliation Art Prize must include a completed and signed application form, a photograph of the artist and a high quality JPG image (under 3mb) of the artwork.

To download the application form including the full terms and conditions head to <http://bit.ly/VinniesQLDArtPrize> and to enter email [rapart@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:rapart@svdpqld.org.au)

The competition closes on January 31 with the winning entry announced on February 15.

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