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NORTHERN TERRITORY SPEAKER

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2011 PORTRAIT OF A SENIOR TERRITORIAN ART AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly today announced the winners of the 2011 Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award.

“Mrs Peta Riley of Darwin has won the $7,000 Acquisition Award for her portrait of Ziko Illic, the owner of the Darwin Fish Markets” Mrs Aagaard said.

“Second prize of $2,000 was awarded to Mr David Gardiner for his portrait of Reverend Dr Paul Webb with the third prize of $500 awarded to Ms Karen Roberts for her portrait of Anne Broeckel” she said.

Mrs Aagaard said it was a very special collection of portraits depicting the wonderful and diverse stories of many Territorians.

Mrs Aagaard thanked the Government House Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the Acquisition Award and thanked the judges, Dr Andrea Ash, School of Creative Arts and Humanities at Charles Darwin University, Mr Chips Mackinolty, a celebrated Northern Territory artist and personality, and Ms Margie West, Curator for lending their expertise.

“I encourage Territorians to come and view the artwork and show their support by casting a vote for the People’s Choice Award,” Mrs Aagaard said.

The exhibition is open to the public from 9am to 6pm daily until Thursday, 27 October 2011 in the Main Hall, Parliament House.

Ends

Details of works attached

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Ritchie, Mackinolty, Portrait of Jane Aagaard, 2008, inkjet print, 118 x 91cm.

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Ziko – A generous and colourful Territorian

Mrs Peta Riley moved to Darwin earlier this year and seized the opportunity to capture on canvas a “Seafood industry icon” and a valuable senior Territorian. Peta herself has grown up within the seafood industry as a wetline fisherman’s daughter understanding the importance of sustainable caught seafood and education of place of origin labelling. She has spent many hours floating in a boat, swimming and fishing in the areas off the WA coastline which has been an inspiration and a focus of her art practice. She often uses a variety of mixed media, ceramics, resin sculpture and painting.

Ziko Ilic was born in Serbia. He arrived in the Territory in 1970 bringing with him the colourful twist of culture that Darwin is well known for. Ziko currently owns and runs the Darwin Fish Markets and for many years fished professionally and owned Barramundi fishing vessels and licences. His passionate promotion of Territorian/Australian caught seafood won him the “Australian Seafood Icon” award in 2010. Ziko donates generously to local community and sporting associations. Since 1998 he has been the president of the NT Soccer Federation, and he is a member of the infamous Darwin Ice Hockey Team.

Reverend Dr Paul Webb

David Gardiner has been a resident of the Northern Territory for 37 years and has completed a Certificate in Art and Design and an Associate Diploma of Fine Arts at Charles Darwin University. He chooses art as his recreation, and has explored various styles and media for many years.

Reverend Paul Webb arrived in Tennant Creek in 1963 as an Anglican Priest and later transferred to Katherine. He then moved to Townsville to study and lecture at James Cook University. In 1986 Paul Webb returned to the Northern Territory University to take up a senior academic post in the South East Asian Faculty until his retirement in 1997. After retirement he converted to Catholicism and became a Priest at Holy Spirit Church, Wanguri. He is currently involved with the plight of asylum seekers in mandatory detention in the Northern Territory.

Annie Nap

Karen Roberts works with a variety of media to create two dimensional and three dimensional art pieces. She has exhibited nationally and internationally. She works as an art tutor for a variety of organisations. Karen has lived in the Northern Territory for 10 years and loves the relaxed lifestyle. Karen loves Annie’s character and has chosen to paint her for a second time.

Anne Broeckel first came to the Territory in 1989 for a holiday. Her husband and two children, then a 10 year old daughter and a 13 year old son, moved to Darwin in 1990, which meant Anne came up to the Territory every three months to visit. She finally came to live permanently in July 1996 and has been here ever since. Prior to moving to the Territory she lived in Western Australia and Canberra. Her interests are reading books, watching television, AFL and quiz shows.