



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

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2010 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize

The 2010 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize exhibition will be officially opened at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery on Sunday 5 December at 1.30pm.

The A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize is Australia's premier award for traditional realism and figurative art and is awarded to Australian artists who have demonstrated talent and achievement in traditional styles.

The awards are one of the most prestigious in Australia, with \$50,000 in prize money.

During the exhibition opening, the winner of the major award for a travelling scholarship, valued at \$40,000, will be announced. The winners of the art prizes, valued at \$5,000 each, in the mediums of oil and/or acrylic and works on paper will also be announced.

Alice Marian Ellen Bale was born in Melbourne in 1875 and remained a champion of traditional realist, still life and portraiture painting until her death in 1955. Through her will she established the A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize to support Australian artists in perpetuity.

As trustee of the Alice Marian Ellen Bale Art Foundation Trust and manager of the Art Prize, Perpetual Trustees Victoria Limited is pleased to carry out the vision of A.M.E. Bale.

"This is an important recognition of some truly talented artists," Perpetual's General Manager Philanthropy Andrew Thomas said.

"The prize provides a unique opportunity to build on the winner's skills and experience.

Miss Bale would be pleased to see that her generosity is still making a difference to the art world — more than 50 years later."

The judges of the A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize are members of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society.

The 2010 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize exhibition will be open from 10am Saturday 4 December until 5pm Sunday 19 December.

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