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THREE GOLD AWARDS FOR GAB TITUI INDIGENOUS ART AWARD CATALOGUE

A catalogue showcasing artistic entries submitted to this year's Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award has taken home three Gold Awards at the 2014 Queensland Printing Industries Craftsmanship Awards (PICA).

The 2014 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award catalogue earned gold medals in three categories – Embellishment, Offset Books and Regional Small Business – for Toowoomba based printer, Greenridge Press, who was one of the major winners of the night.

The award winning catalogue showcases artworks by 45 Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal community members submitted in the 2014 exhibition, which opened at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on 16 April.

TSRA Chairman, Mr Joseph Elu, said the Centre had been overwhelmed with the response to the publication.

“Congratulations first and foremost to Greenridge Press and designers R&B Creative, who worked with the Gab Titui team in crafting the book,” Mr Elu said.

“Vincent Babia, whose work appears on the front cover, and all artists who so generously share their works and stories each year should be proud of their tremendous work and pleased with the mass exposure gained through this publication.”

Mr Elu said the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award catalogue is produced each year to showcase works entered in the exhibition.

“The Art Award catalogue is an important tool for promoting our communities’ emerging and established artists, and our region to audiences across the nation and internationally,” Mr Elu said.

“Copies of the book are sent to national and state institutions for cataloguing, and copies of the 2014 catalogue recently travelled with artists to be shared in Washington DC.”

Most importantly, Mr Elu said the catalogue was a means of documenting the art and stories of community members for future generations.

“Our stories and culture have been passed down orally over time through song, dance and artwork. The Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award catalogue has an important role to play in documenting these in print.”

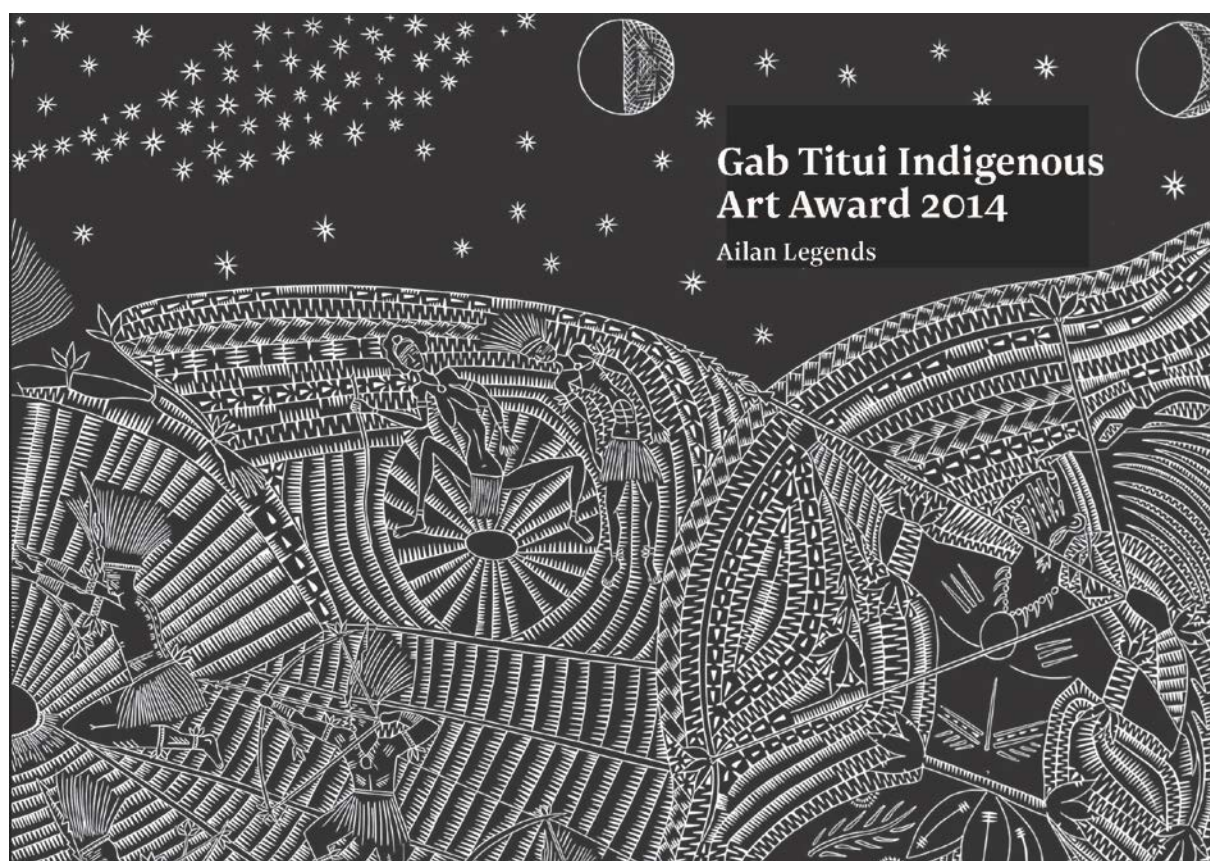
Artists interested in pursuing avenues to share their work are now able to enter the 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, until 16 January 2015.

Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal artists living in the region are encouraged to enter for the chance to share in over \$16,000 in prizes and, for the winner, to have their work featured on the front cover of next year's catalogue.

Mr Elu strongly encourages any community members interested in entering to contact the Centre.

"Traditionally, opening night celebrations have been attended by local community members, visitors from the mainland, and members of national collecting institutions, so the Award is a valuable opportunity to share your work," Mr Elu said.

Entries in the 2015 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award close 16 January 2015. Contact the Centre on 07 4069 0888 or info@gabtitui.com.au for more information or to purchase a copy of the 2014 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award catalogue.



2014 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award catalogue, featuring cover artwork by Vincent Babia (*Adhe Buiya 2014*, Winner 2014 Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award)

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