



“Inspiration from Isolation – The Beauty from Within” –

ART SHOWCASE & COMPETITION

Increasing public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrating their achievements and contributions in support of International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) held on 3 December.

Encompass Community Services has dedicated over 35 years to creating equitable access to resources, opportunities, networks and jobs for people who lack access to lived employment experience.

In support and in celebration of the annual International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) held on 3 December and in these unprecedented times of COVID; we will explore those living with disabilities and others within the community see as beautiful and inspirational.

Now more than ever it is important to continue to raise awareness; help end damaging stigmas and stereotypes and showcase the ongoing work and supports within the community on this significant day.

Art is an open forum to expose the marginalisation of those who live with disability and is an open platform to engage with the greater community and demonstrate beliefs, from the individuals own life experiences.

Encompass Art Showcase and competition aims for **everyone** to experience full inclusion in arts and culture. To experience a new avenue of self-expression and promote the participation, communication, increase self-confidence and self-understanding.

ABOUT

We openly invite anyone who lives within the Greater City of Geelong & The City of Wyndham to participate and submit an art piece of self-expression. All **visual** mediums are accepted including photography, sculptor as art does not discriminate.

Due to current COVID restrictions the exhibition will be held and showcased online, with an online awards ceremony on the 3rd Dec to announce winners.

Cash prizes for the winners for Encompass selected prize winners and a people's choice award will receive prize gift packs!

The categories for the competition are as follows:

1. School Age – Children up to the age of 12 years
2. All Abilities - Above 12 years
3. Open – Adults Those who associate with disability (eg: employees, carers, parents, siblings, local artists, indigenous and other minority groups and the general community)

Art works and application form to be submitted to Encompass Head Office, 79 Gheringhap Street, Geelong by Fri 20th Nov.

Artwork to be uploaded and available for the public to view from Mon 23rd Nov until Thursday 3rd Dec, until winners are announced at the online presentation and award ceremony.

Selected winners from each category will be judged on Encompass Staff / Management and its nominated representatives and the people's choice awards will be selected by the public via online voting option.

These will continue to be on display and showcased across digital media platforms until Sunday 20th Dec.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND MEDIA ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

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T&C's – Disclaimer:

Encompass Community Services reserve the right to refuse any art entry. No nudity, political motives or pieces associated with violence will be accepted. The decision of competition winners is final and art works will be used for competition purposes only.

To be eligible for the Competition, Entrants must complete entry form and submit their piece to 79 Gheringhap Street, Geelong in person or by mail by 5pm AEST, Friday 20th Nov 2020. We recommend completing your entry submission earlier, to allow for unforeseen issues that may arise.

By submitting an entry, you are allowing Encompass Community Services to Items are not for sale and if submissions are not collected by Fri 29th Jan 2021 these items will then remain the property of Encompass Community Services.

All personal information, such as your name, address, telephone number, email address and age, is collected solely for the purposes of administering this contest and shall not be used for any other purpose without your consent. By providing this information, you consent to it being used by Encompass Community Services for the purpose of the contest website and promotional purposes only.

All artwork entered into the competition remains 100% copyright of the artist and entrants must give permission for their names and art to be used for publicity.

All artwork must be 100% original copyright owned by the artist and not use any third-party copyright material.

