



ALEX ROYDS, SURROUNDED BY SUPPORTIVE AND INQUISITIVE FAMILY WITH HIS PRIZE-WINNING WORK, 'ELEVATED SURFACE'.

2017 BRAG Youth Art Awards

Paul Cockram went along to record the event

This award has emerged out of the 2014 Braidwood Heritage Art Prize which resurfaced a few years ago thanks to the concerted efforts of a small band of dedicated workers. It was run in conjunction with the Heritage Festival celebrating Braidwood's 175th birthday.

The previous Heritage Art Prize had, before that, run for over 10 years with the winning artworks forming the core of the Braidwood Hospital art collection. The 2014 Art Prize included for the first time a youth art award and BRAG is continuing this support and fostering of youth arts in our region.

The Braidwood Community Bank has once again been a generous donor to the BRAG public fund to support local arts and this year BRAG directed these funds to the Braidwood Regional Youth Art Award.



NICK FRY FROM THE BRAIDWOOD COMMUNITY BANK.

AND THE WINNER IS ...



So said the judge
Adriane Boag from the National Gallery of Australia was the judge this year

Hello everybody. I'd just like to start, also, by acknowledging the traditional owners of this place on which we meet tonight and to acknowledge the history of creativity

in this land — and to congratulate all of you on this wonderful display. I also grew up in a country town. I grew up in a town called Canowindra in the central west of New South Wales.

I remember the moment quite clearly in year four when I knew it was possible to be an artist. I remember how exciting and liberating that moment is. I would like to congratulate all of you on your decision and your bravery by



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BRAG PRESIDENT MAGGIE HICKEY WITH LILY MUNNINGS 'STAR DUST AND MORTAR' AND JUDGE ADRIANE BOAG; REBECCA DORAN 'TEAR IT OPEN'; BRIANA EMERSON 'SUNFLOWER SUTRA'; LOGAN PRESTON 'SILVER WINGS'; TOM ALDER 'FROZEN BIRDBATH'; LOUIS MUNNINGS 'UNTITLED 2'.

