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GOULBURN REGIONAL ART GALLERY OPENS THE ICONIC ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2023 EXHIBITION WITH A MAJOR OPENING NIGHT CELEBRATION THIS FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2024 6-9PM

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is the next host venue of the *Archibald Prize 2023*, an Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition. The Archibald Prize is Australia's foremost prize for portraiture, an exciting and energetic start to the Gallery's 2024 exhibition program.

To celebrate this occasion, the Gallery is hosting a major event on **Friday 19th January 2024 6-9pm** with musical performances by Goulburn-based pop rock vocalist Ashleigh Chapman and indie pop band 'Pash Rash'. Sally Webster, Acting Director of Public Engagement, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Deputy Mayor Steven Ruddell and Goulburn Regional Art Gallery Director, Yvette Dal Pozzo, will officially open the event. The event is catered, with local food, wine and beer on offer.

Book your ticket for this event to be amongst the first people to see this exhibition in Goulburn, experiencing all 57 finalist's portraits up close. You will recognise famous faces and local heroes whilst also encountering new personalities in an exhibition reflecting the best artists and stories of our times.

"The opening event is a chance to gather with the community to celebrate this important occasion for the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery. We encourage everyone interested to join us for this event to be amongst the first people to see the *Archibald Prize 2023* here in Goulburn"- Mayor Peter Walker, Goulburn Mulwaree Council

"We are so excited to celebrate the arrival of the *Archibald Prize 2023* in Goulburn, one of Australia's most iconic portraiture exhibitions. This event will draw people from far and wide to enjoy a summer evening of local food and drink, offering the opportunity to get a first look at the incredible works of art in the exhibition. This is not one to be missed!" – Yvette Dal Pozzo, Director, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Find out more about each of the 2023 Archibald Prize finalists here:
artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/Archibald/2023

Tickets for the opening event are on sale now \$60 per person (ticket includes food, drink and access to the exhibition). Bookings are essential and can be made here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exhibition-opening-night-archibald-prize-2023-tickets-764360271147?aff=oddtcreator>

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Image: Installation view of the Archibald Prize 2023 exhibition featuring (left-right) Laura Jones Claudia (the GOAT), James Powditch Sam I Am, photo © Art Gallery of New South Wales



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