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FEMALE ARTISTS CREATE WORKS OF INSPIRATION FOR GRIFFITH SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

The Griffith Regional Art Gallery is excited to partner with Soroptimist International Griffith when it unveils *Looking Forward: Looking Back*, an art exhibition being held to commemorate the organisation's 60th anniversary this year.

The exhibition is open to female artists aged 13 and up who live in the Riverina and women who live outside the region but still have strong connections to it. The exhibition will open Saturday March 19 and close Sunday April 17, 2016, with entries due by Friday February 29.

Griffith SI President Pat Cox said the exhibition was geared at females to reflect the mission of Soroptimist International, a network of 80,000 international club members in 132 countries and territories working to help educate, empower, and enable opportunities for women and girls around the world.

"We are calling out to all female artists in the Riverina region and beyond to share with us their beautiful, unique and visually compelling pieces of art. Although the name of the exhibition is *Looking Forward, Looking Back*, we encourage and hope that artists who want to participate will create works on any theme that inspires them," Pat said.

Ray Wholohan said he is looking forward to seeing the high calibre of works come through.

"We live in a beautiful community of many talented artists and as a curator, I am so excited to see what imaginative and incredibly creative pieces will become part of this special anniversary exhibition," Ray said.

A Viewers' Choice Prize will be held, giving gallery visitors a chance to vote for their favourite artwork. Votes will be collected throughout the exhibition, with the winner announced soon after the exhibition wraps up.

Looking Forward, Looking Back entry forms are available online at <https://www.facebook.com/soroptimistgriffith/>, www.griffithregionalartgallery.com.au and <https://www.facebook.com/GriffithRegionalArtGallery/>.

Printed copies are available at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery, the Griffith City Library, and Camera House Griffith at 416 Banna Avenue, Griffith.

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