



## NORTHERN RIVERS PORTRAIT PRIZE

The Northern Rivers Portrait Prize has been running for 4 years.

It is an art competition in which artists from all over Australia create a picture of someone who has lived in the Northern Rivers.

The exhibition showcases the portrait paintings, drawings and prints of the artists who successfully entered the Northern Rivers Portrait Prize.

This year there were 164 entries and 58 finalists were chosen to exhibit.

The judge of the of the best portrait this year was Phillip Bacon who is the owner of Phillip Bacon Galleries in Brisbane. It was his job to look at the artworks and choose the artwork he felt was best.

**The overall winner of 2013 was Rene Bolten with his portrait of Jenny London.**



**R**ene Bolten is a local artist who was born in the Netherlands and has been working as an artist for 40 years.

He very is influenced by the Dutch 17th century painter Rembrandt.

Rene used oil paints on canvas to create this painting and it took him almost two years to finish.

**J**enny london who is the subject of the portrait works in the Northern Rivers community, supporting people with disabilities.

Rene said he wanted to paint Jenny in this pose to show the concern that she has for other people. As though she is looking at someone else outside the picture frame.



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### What is a Portrait?

**A Portrait** is a painting, print, drawing or other artistic image of a person.



This portrait by Lina Buck of her Mother Sandra Buck won The ARMSIGN Award for an artist under 30.

**A Self-Portrait** is a painting, print, drawing or other artistic image an artist has made of themselves.



This Self-Portrait was painted by Vlad Kolas he won the Northern Rivers Portrait Prize in 2012



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### Peggy Popart's Primary School Activities



#### ***Henry and Monkey***

**Artist: John Cottrell**

#### **The Story of Mr Triangle Man**

This is Mr Triangle man and his triangle friend?  
What do you think he does in his triangle world?  
Make up a story about this picture.  
Or draw a picture of his world made of triangles.





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***Shanti Out and About***

**Artist: Solveig**

Write a story with the beginning  
The pink cowboy went to town....  
You could also draw pictures for your story

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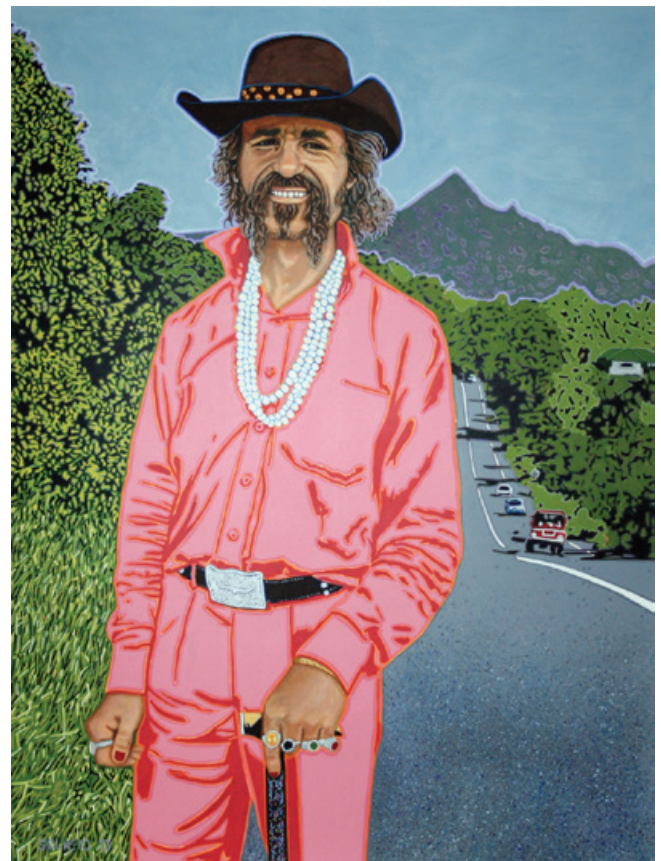
***Shifali***

**Artist: Tony Leitch**

Artists sometimes give us clues about the subject of their portrait with the object they paint in the picture.

**What can you tell about Shifali from this painting?**

**What clothes or objects would you put in a painting of your best friend?**





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### ***The Builder***

**Artist: Lindsay Moffatt**

This is Ian.

He is a builder.

What do you think he  
builds?

Draw a picture of what you  
think he might build.





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***'can't eat coal can't drink gas'***

**Artist: Rhonda Baker**

This is a painting of Claire Twomey, she is part of the Knitting Nanna's Group who protested against coal seam gas mining in the Northern Rivers area.

What is she doing in this portrait?

Write a poem about this painting

You could describe the colours, the landscape and the way Claire looks.





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***Mr Prince***

**Artist: Maya Veit**

What do you think Mr Prince's job is? Write a short story about a day in the life of Mr Prince. Or make a small comic book story about Mr Prince as a super hero.



***Melanie Barsony***

**Artist: Steven Geise**

Melanie has a big bird.  
What kind of bird do you  
think it is?

Tell a tall tale about the  
adventures that Melanie  
and her bird have.

You can even draw pictures  
for your story.



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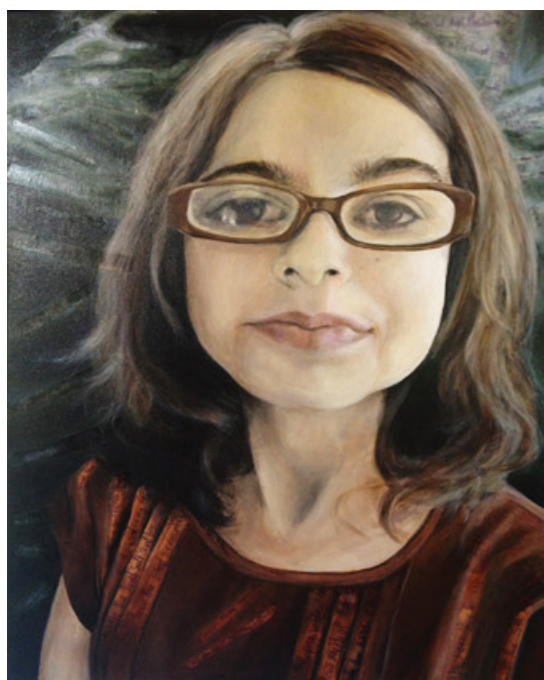
### ***Tommy***

**Artist: Michelle Dawson**

Tommy loves to dance.

Write a poem about dancing.

Or draw a picture of people dancing.



### ***She sees the world in words***

**Artist: Sarah Symonds**

This is Tallula, she has amazing magic glasses.

What fantastic things do you think she can see with her magical glasses?

Make a list and draw pictures of the things she sees.

### ***Boy with Blue Violin***

**Artist: Paul de Grey Bashford**

If the blue violin could sing you a song  
what would it be about?

Write the blue violin's story.







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### ***Daniel***

**Artist: Ray Coffey**

This is a drawing of Daniel.

Write a story about Daniel.



### ***The lolly shop lady***

**Artist: Oksana Waterfall**

How many people has artist Oksana Waterfall drawn in this picture?

Make up a story using some of the people in the drawing as your characters.

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Oksana Waterfall , *The Lolly Shop Lady*

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