



Summary and welcome

From the middle of Australia from within our stunningly hued red and purple ranges, the Alice Springs Art Foundation has worked with an unrelenting enthusiasm for celebrating contemporary art direction since 1969, hosting the inaugural The Alice Prize in 1970.

Over 5 decades later we are thrilled to once again invite contemporary artists of Australia to participate in sharing their latest works with the creatives and community audiences of Central Australia.

Thank you so much for considering your place in Central Australia's rich art history and modern practice.

Alice Springs Art Foundation members

The Alice Prize competition

Many years ago it was the dedicated aim of a group of Alice residents, looking to build and define the unique opportunities of living in the southern end of the Territory, to bring the best of contemporary Australian art to the Centre for both education and inspiration. This aim is as relevant and strong now as it was in the 60's.

These days many come to the Centre to view the unique 'response to place' displayed by our creative community, and we believe it just as important that our artists also have access to nationally diverse practices and pieces.

Our prize is acquisitive to provide an on-going source of contemporary practice display for Central Australian residents and visitors. It is conducted without the limitation of medium, genre, subject matter or theme letting creativity for the sake of artist expression speak for itself.

Our blind finalist selection process is searching for works of merit displaying: artistic strength and clarity, originality and risk, technical realisation and audience impact. Judging occurs in a gallery display space arranged curated by Araluen Arts Centre.

Acquired winners are added to The Alice Prize collection and all finalists and People's Choice awards are on display on The Alice Prize website www.aliceprize.com.

The Alice Prize collection

Our Permanent Collection is held at Araluen Arts Centre and remains the property of the residents of Alice Springs. Pieces may go on display as a whole e.g. retrospective exhibitions or individually e.g. at the Alice Springs Town Council (enthusiastic supporters of The Alice Prize).

Important 2026 Dates

20 Oct 2025 - 30 Jan 2026 Online entries

9-10 February 2026	Selection Panel meets to finalise choices
10 February 2026	Notification to finalists
11 Feb - 13 March 2026	Successful finalists to arrange transport of their works to Araluen Art Centre for exhibition
Thursday 26 March 2026	Dinner with Judge event (<i>optional attendance</i>)
Friday 27 March 2026	Exhibition Opening (<i>optional attendance</i>)
Saturday 28 March 2026	Judge and Artist floor talk (<i>optional attendance</i>)
Monday 8 June 2026	Exhibition Close
9-12 June 2026	Packing and return of works
30 March - 12 June 2026	Payment of The Alice Prize Winners acquisition and People's Choice

The Alice Prize information

Our website contains further helpful up-to-date information on entry conditions, freight and insurance considerations, and the selection and judging processes. We encourage you to download the PDF's so the information is readily at hand for easy reference when you need it.

We also thank you in advance for working through the tedious details and lengthy instructions. We have worked hard this Prize to automate as much as we can to save trees and time, hopefully leading you through the process in a logical manner. We are aware that your creations are important and valuable to you, to us, to the Araluen team, to the judge and panelists, our viewers and your purchasers and admirers. Attention to detail makes for safer travel and display of your works of art.

We appreciate you staying the distance

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