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**SUBJECT: KENILWORTH CELEBRATES!**

Excitement grows as the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenilworth *Kenilworth Celebrates!* Festival draws near. What a great weekend. Kenilworth, a small community in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland with a population of less than 300 people, hosts the coveted ***Kenilworth Art Prize***, a \$ 15,000 Acquisitive Painting Prize which is part of a range of art competitions and exhibitions forming the basis of the Festival.

This Prize offers recognition and financial assistance to artists who have demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement. The Prize was originally instituted in 2006, by the then Maroochy Shire Council, as the Mayor's Prize.

The *Kenilworth Celebrates!* Festival has grown to a 9-day celebration with art exhibitions, street theatre, and a performance by the Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra, followed by the Symphony dinner. This year's festival will start with the ever-popular Poet's Breakfast early on Saturday morning. It is always a great hit with the early birds and keeps the crowd in stitches. The town will be buzzing with Street entertainment on Saturday and Sunday. "Charlie Chaplin" and other performers will be entertaining young and old and Buskers from all over the Sunshine Coast will be showing their musical talents at the Festival.

In addition, St John Bosco Catholic Church Community will host a separate exhibition "Christos", a contemporary look at the icons, which encapsulate the history, narratives and motifs of this ancient belief system. There will also be the opportunity to view some of the art tutor Masters at work!

Once again, *Kenilworth Celebrates!* is contributing to its high expectations by being the best Art Festival on the Sunshine Coast. This would not be possible without the help of the sponsors all volunteers, a supportive local community, and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. For the latest news, go to the Festival website [www.kenilworthcelebrates.org.au](http://www.kenilworthcelebrates.org.au)

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