



Artback NT

Media Release



Calling NT based First Nations Artists to enter big prize art competition!

Artback NT has been commissioned by the newly formed **Aboriginal Sea Company** (ASC) to manage a big-prize art competition.

“Artback NT is proud to be working with the Aboriginal Sea Company to provide an opportunity for NT First Nations artists to have their art selected for the development of the ASC logo” says Shay Vigona-Goudge, Artback NT’s Chief Executive Officer.

“As a Not-For-Profit arts organisation that constantly strives to provide funding, development, and performance opportunities for Northern Territory artists, we are also pleased that the ASC is valuing the creative sector in this way and offering a generous remuneration for the winner and finalists”, Vigona-Goudge adds.

The competition is open now and closes on Friday 10 March 2023. Artback NT is encouraging people to head to their website for details of the competition and link to the online form.

<https://artbacknt.com.au/what-we-do/special-projects/aboriginal-sea-company/>

ABOUT THE ABORIGINAL SEA COMPANY

In February 2022, the Aboriginal Sea Company was incorporated, marking a major milestone in the historic Blue Mud Bay settlement, which resulted in a High Court ruling that Aboriginal people control access to waters overlying Aboriginal land.

Given the ASC represents the Anindilyakwa, Tiwi, and Northern Land Councils of the Northern Territory, the final logo needs to reflect all these salt-water country regions.

Aboriginal Sea Company CEO, Robert Carne, a Jabirr Jabirr and Bardi man is looking forward to receiving the entries and reviewing them with the ASC Board of Directors.

“We know we have some fantastic Aboriginal artists in our region and expect it will be very difficult choosing six finalists, which is why we have invested so much into the competition”.

He continues, *“In 2023 the ASC will be finalising the Strategic and Business Operational Plans , making for a huge year ahead on the implementation of these, which is why having a recognisable brand in place, that everyone can identify the ASC with is so important”.*

Please turn the page for resources and contact details.



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RESOURCES

- Artback NT: <https://artbacknt.com.au/>
- Tiwi Land Council: <https://www.tiwilandcouncil.com/>
- Anindilyakwa Land Council: <https://anindilyakwa.com.au/>
- Northern Territory Seafood Council: <https://www.ntsc.com.au/>
- Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT: <https://afant.com.au/>
- Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP): <https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/indigenous-cultural-intellectual-property-icip-aitb/>