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CIVIC GALLERY



ARTISTS ON THE INSIDE 2023

Artworks displayed as part of *Artists on the Inside* 2023, were created by people incarcerated across South Australian prisons. Prison art programs provide opportunity for self-expression, creativity and communication in ways that are deeply personal and have proven therapeutic benefits. Art creation in prison also provides a platform for building connection, meaning and community; whether between people in prison, or through the connection of people incarcerated with artists and community members regularly attending prison sites.

The *Artists on the Inside* program provides insight into the world of correctional facilities and can challenge public preconceived ideas about people in prison and the realities of incarceration. The imagery depicted often represents life before and during imprisonment, the justice system, and what the future could look like for the artist. Expression of cultural identity is also evident, with the arts providing a key avenue for cultural knowledge and stories to become visible.

Art can serve as a communication tool, a coping mechanism and an emotional outlet for those in prison. This exhibition also celebrates creative talents and skills through positive social inclusion. Achievements reinforce the artists' confidence to pursue further education and skill development; to have hope and a vision for life beyond prison.

We invite you to respond to these works by casting your votes and feedback comments on the slips provided. Certificates and feedback slips will be provided to the artists.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) is an important part of the justice sector in South Australia – responsible for the humane and safe management of people in prison, as well as for the supervision and case management of people assigned a community-based order. The provision of rehabilitation and reintegration opportunities and addressing the pathways and factors contributing to a person's contact with the criminal justice system, is a key aspect of the work of DCS.

As of July 2023, there are approximately 2,997 people in prison in South Australia. Reoffending rates are impacted by factors across the criminal justice and social services systems, including policing response, courts model, and the availability of supports and services in community.

The *Artists on the Inside* exhibition is supported and presented by The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre in partnership with the South Australian Department for Correctional Services.

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