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New talent sought for Arts Festival

Organisers of Dunsborough's Sculpture by the Bay exhibition, as part of the annual Dunsborough Arts Festival, hope to attract more art students and first time exhibitors for next year's competition.

Sculpture by the Bay Coordinator Vicky Small said the success of the event on the long weekend last March had already sparked interest from new exhibitors for large works, and she hoped more would step forward in coming months.

The addition of the Small Sculpture Prize exhibition at the Christian Fletcher Gallery provides an opportunity for artists who create smaller scale works to enter.

"New artists help to keep the event fresh, vibrant and diverse in its content, as well as providing a platform to both show and sell their work in public. And our long time exhibitors have commented that bringing in new artists helps to motivate them in producing more innovative and quality work," Ms Small said.

"The additional use of Seymour Park this year to cope with the high number of entries worked really well to integrate the event with the town centre, and we hope we can use it again next year."

"The Festival enjoyed wonderful support from sponsors for the 2019 event, and an overwhelming positive response from the public and sculpture exhibitors. Many visitors commented on the high standard of work and how well the competition continues to improve. This was reflected in a high number of artwork sales," Ms Small said.

Kay Manolas, a Ceramicist who lives in Dunsborough, will be submitting an entry for the first time for 2020.

'I've been a regular attendee at the event and have seen the event just get better every year. It is so inspiring that I thought I would submit an entry for 2020 and I'm excited about creating a marine based work.' Ms Manolas said.

Expressions of Interest for the 2020 event for Sculpture by the Bay and the Small Sculpture Prize is open from the 12 August 2019 through the event website www.sculpturebythebay.com.au

PHOTO CAPTION - Exhibition Coordinator Vicki Small and first time exhibiting artist in 2020, Ceramicist, Kay Manolas from Dunsborough.

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