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UnitingCare West clients' artwork on show at Linton & Kay Gallery

Artworks painted by UnitingCare West's (UCW) disability services clients are on show at the Linton & Kay Gallery in Perth's CBD as part of the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture Award Exhibition.

The clients' paintings are on display alongside 40 artworks from Australia's finest portraiture artists. The exhibition is open to the public from 24th September - 4th October 2015 at the Linton & Kay Gallery, 137 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

On Wednesday 29 September UCW held a private viewing of the artworks for over 100 of its corporate sponsors, supporters and volunteers, with the event also featuring a guided tour from renowned Australian art critic Carl Altmann.

UnitingCare West Acting CEO Ian Moore says the organisation is thrilled to be involved with Artrinsic Inc and the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture for the first time.

"The exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity for the community to see how UCW has been working alongside one of WA's most prominent artists and Artrinsic Inc board member Di Taylor to develop artistic opportunities for people living with a disability," Mr Moore said.

Artrinsic Inc is a not for profit organisation set up in 2007 to promote and support visual arts in WA. The organisation delivers high quality, innovative events and programmes for the greater community to engage in, thus encouraging and promoting the visual arts.

The 2015 Black Swan Prize is one of Australia's richest portraiture prizes, featuring the \$50,000 Lester Group 1st Prize. Showcasing and promoting Australia's top artists, it is an exhibition and competition not to be missed.



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About UnitingCare West

UnitingCare West touches the lives of over 30,000 individuals and families each year. With 300 staff members and over 300 volunteers, UnitingCare West is a community service agency that has a mission to support, serve and empower those most in need. UCW operates over 35 community service programs from 17 sites across WA, reaching as far North as Merriwa and as far South as Great Southern, in the areas of community housing, accommodation, homelessness, family support, mental health and disability services. UnitingCare West's clients include those in the community experiencing financial hardship, domestic violence, child abuse trauma, mental health issues and disability to name a few.