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Hazelhurst
REGIONAL GALLERY & ARTS CENTRE

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RECORD YEAR FOR HAZELHURST GALLERY

Belinda Hanrahan, Director, Hazelhurst Gallery and Arts Centre today announced that 2016 was a record year in the Gallery's 16 year history with attendances reaching 231,549 up from the previous year (2015) which saw 224,597 people visit.

Belinda Hanrahan took this opportunity to thank Hazelhurst's loyal staff and volunteers and the artists whose work has inspired people to visit. *We do all we can to make our gallery one of the most vibrant and welcoming galleries in NSW. This is very gratifying* added Belinda Hanrahan.

Last year Gallery numbers were boosted by the significant Indigenous ***Nganampa Kililpil: Our Stars*** exhibition which saw more than 20,000 people attend. This was one of only four exhibitions in the Gallery's history to see such high attendance figures.

Belinda Hanrahan said Hazelhurst is working for 2017 to be an even bigger year. The 2017 exhibition program includes *ARTEXPRESS, Olsen Ormandy: The Art of Dinosaur Designs, Shadowland, Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award 2017, Dream Machines, European Old Masters and Play On: The Art of Sport.*

In addition to the changing exhibition program, Hazelhurst has seven art studios offering more than 50 courses plus 30 weekend masterclasses each year, an artist-in-residence program, more than 160

school holiday classes for children, magnificent gardens, a theatrette where it shows art-house and award-winning films which hundreds of people enjoy for free, a community gallery for artists to sell their work and a popular café.

About Hazelhurst Regional Gallery

Ben and Hazel Broadhurst secured the land that became Hazelhurst in 1945. Situated in Gymea, the land was a natural bushland setting with Dent's Creek running through it. The Broadhursts' two-storey cottage, designed with the help of local architect Harry Smith, is now Hazelhurst's artist-in-residence and digital media studio. The Broadhursts were generous, community-minded people. In keeping with their values, they bequeathed their estate to the Sutherland Shire. Hazelhurst opened as a regional gallery, community gallery, arts centre and cafe in 2000 and has since become a popular meeting place.

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