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## Hadley's Residency Prize Winner Arrives in Hobart

Soft plastics littering Hobart's streets and waterways will soon be transformed by Adelaide-based artist Peta Kruger.

Kruger is in Hobart to take up the Residency Prize which was awarded for the first time last year as part of the suite of prizes of the Hadley's Art Prize, Australia's most lucrative landscape art award.

Having won one month's accommodation at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, an art studio in the Salamanca Arts Centre, and a \$500 Artery voucher for art supplies as part of last year's Hadley's Art Prize, Kruger is immersing herself in the local art scene and drawing inspiration for new work.

"Each year, we watch with interest the incredible work produced in response to the Hadley's Art Prize," says Ben Targett, CEO of the Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel. "Partnering with the Prize to enable the residency is a small but significant way of supporting this amazing event, and of course, our guests really enjoy visiting the finalists' exhibition when it's on."

The judges described the artwork which won Kruger the Residency Prize in last year's Hadley's Art Prize exhibition as "jewel-like", with vivid thin strips of recycled plastics woven together as a contemporary take on finely woven historic tapestries. Her colourful artworks are presented for future readings as she notes "the legacy of plastic will unfold for generations."

Meticulously created, Kruger says she is looking forward to sharing her art: "I encourage audience engagement at all stages of the artistic process, and look forward to initiating new conversations with people in Hobart." People can contribute soft plastic waste materials by placing them in the box outside her studio, number 238 in Salamanca Arts Centre. Kruger will invite people in to see some of her work in her studio on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April from 10am – 3pm.

This year's Hadley's Art Prize exhibition of finalists will be held from 23 July – 21 August. Admission to the exhibition is free. For more information visit [hadleysartprize.com.au](http://hadleysartprize.com.au)

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