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Day	Max	Min	Rain
Mon 31/7	23	13	1mm
Tue 1/8	25	16	Nil

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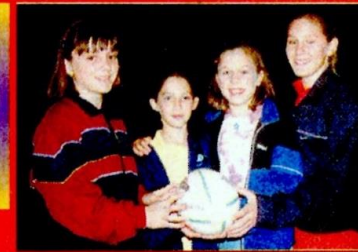
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Purple Haze is the toast of Hinchinbrook

LOCAL artists scooped the major prizes at this year's annual Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Competition.

The \$1000 major prize was won by Allingham artist Debbi Gillett for her pastel artwork 'Purple Haze'.

Ms Gillett also won two other sections with hand-built pottery and graphite on paper entries.

Other locals to receive awards included David Rowe, Rebecca Astorquia, Mim Bates, Shirley Toigo, David Sawkins, Barbara Saxton and Frederick Jeffrey.

The exhibition opened Monday with a wine and cheese evening where the prize winners were announced.

Accepting her awards, Ms Gillett said she was particularly thrilled to win the major prize and thanked the local community for supporting her career.

"Because I'm a local artist your support means everything," she said.

Hinchinbrook Shire Mayor Keith Phillips officially opened the exhibition.

This year the exhibition had a change of venue moving from the shire hall to the Gallery Hinchinbrook in the TAFE complex.

Organisers catered for the smaller area by eliminating the junior sections, limiting the framed painting sizes, and introducing a section for miniatures.

Gallery president Councillor Vi Groundwater said the new venue added a professional touch to the competition.

"I am very happy with the change of venue and the standard of work," she said.

Cr Groundwater said the good lighting brought out the best in the artwork and the proper hanging facilities added to the professionalism.

