

# Rights on Show

Darwin Community Legal Service's Human Rights Arts Award and Exhibition, Rights on Show, is on display in the Supreme Court foyer again this year.

The Awards attract entries from established and emerging artists through to primary and secondary school students.

The aim of the art awards is to get people thinking, talking and acting to bring human rights issues to the attention of the public through vibrant and expressive artworks.

This year's theme was "Poverty", but the art works consider a range of human rights issues.

The Exhibition was officially opened in the Supreme Court foyer on Thursday 7 December, the following awards were also announced:

**Rights on Show Award** (*Department of the Chief Minister and Don Whyte Framing*) - Pip Hodge, *Hanging by a Thread & Pip Hodge, A Life in Tatters*

**Human Rights Award** (*Anti-Discrimination Commission*) - Kara Burns, *The Milkman (India)*

**Group Award** (*Justice Sally Thomas, Melanie Little SM and Jenny Blokland CM*) - : Galaxy Band, Timor Loro Sae

**Women's Award** (*Kate Halliday*) - Bronwyn Wright, *Extraordinary Renditions*

**Secondary School Award** (*Law Society NT*) - Dripstone High School, *Reading is the key to the puzzle*

**Primary School Award** (*DeSilva Hebron*) - 1/2 Green – Howard Springs Primary, *For all children*



all over the world

**3D Award** (*Director of Public Prosecutions and David De L. Winter*) - Aly de Groot, *Too Hard Basket with Bandaged Solutions*

**Chris Howse Judge's Commendation** (*William Forster Chambers and Jamie Gallagher*) - Stephen Lilliebridge, *Whichever way you look at it – "Poverty Sux"!!!*

**Donal Fitzpatrick Judge's Commendation** (*Davis Norman and CPSU*) - Darwin Prison Art Education, *We Share One Planet*

**Joint Judges' Special Merit Award** (*Chips Mackinolty*) Jean Martin - *Fannie Bay Gaol, Minimum Security*

**People's Choice Award** (*Syd Stirling MLA*) - will be voted on throughout the exhibition.

## POVERTY

This year is the final year of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty 1997-2006, an inspiring and worthwhile goal. In reality however, this goal has not yet been met. There are 1.3 billion people in the world affected by extreme poverty. These people rely on less than one or two dollars a day, face a lack of basic necessities such as food, water, shelter, health care and education. Moreover, 1.3 billion people lack basic dignity of life.

Professor Arjun Sengupta, UN Independent Expert of Extreme Poverty has said that the global economy has the financial capacity to eradicate poverty but we lack the willpower. Why does poverty fall second to a whole range of other issues? What can we do about it?

The willpower to fight poverty starts with each of us. By participating in the Rights on Show Exhibition, either as artist or audience, each one of you is playing an important and essential role in raising awareness about poverty and human rights. We hope that you as participants will be inspired, shocked and challenged by the artworks presented. We hope that you will share these feelings about poverty with your friends, family and communities. Spread the word - we can no longer stand by while people suffer as a result of poverty. We have the power to prevent hunger and disease - let's do it!

- Felecity Wardle, Outreach Worker, Darwin Community Legal Service

## Black Day for Indigenous Australians cont...

"Australians would be astonished to learn that the Government considers schooling and housing to be 'non-essential' for Indigenous communities," Mr Bugg said.

"No Australian should be made to choose between having schools and housing for their children, or giving away their land.

"Mr Brough must separate any offer of services to these communities from negotiations over such leases.

"Indigenous Australians must have the right to a free and informed choice about how they will deal with their land."