

HORNSBY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Emily Crockford



Emily Crockford is taking the art world by storm with her bright and vibrant work capturing the attention of many around the country.

Following a hugely successful 2020, Emily has been named Hornsby's Woman of the Year for 2021.

Member for Hornsby **Matt Kean** said, "Emily, is a clear choice for the Award. Her success over the last 12 months has been phenomenal. Her story will inspire others to keep working hard to achieve their dreams."

"I met Emily when she attended **Studio ARTES** in Hornsby but it was obvious she had amazing artistic ability and was snapped up as a founding member of **Studio A**, a professional art studio," Mr Kean said. Since that time Emily has grown from *strength to strength*; you can now see Emily's art at the Westpac Concord offices, the University of Technology Sydney, Barangaroo and the WestConnex M5 Motorway, *not to mention* hanging in the NSW Art Gallery.

Emily's portrait of her late Dad John, who passed away in January 2020, made the finals of the 2020 Archibald Prize award. She describes the painting as a dream of her father, of her memories and the flowers he loved.

Late last year Emily was awarded the **Australia Council National Arts and Disability Award for Emerging Artists**. Emily has been chosen for this Award following a number of commissions including her most recent work *Oysters Eating Rainbows* which appears on the new WestConnex M5 motorway.

Emily is thrilled to be named 2021 Woman of the Year for the Hornsby electorate. Her advice for anyone who wants to be an artist is *to work hard, set yourself goals and do art every day.*

Emily said, "I feel happy and excited. I love to be an artist, I love colours and my favourite colour is 'rainbow'."

"Emily is proof that no matter what you want to do, you should go out and make it happen," Mr Kean said.

Emily joins a line of impressive Hornsby women who have given back and improved our local community.

The NSW Women of the Year Awards will be held at the International Convention Centre, Sydney on March 10, 2021.

Photo above: 2021 Hornsby Woman of the Year Emily Crockford with Matt Kean MP.



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