

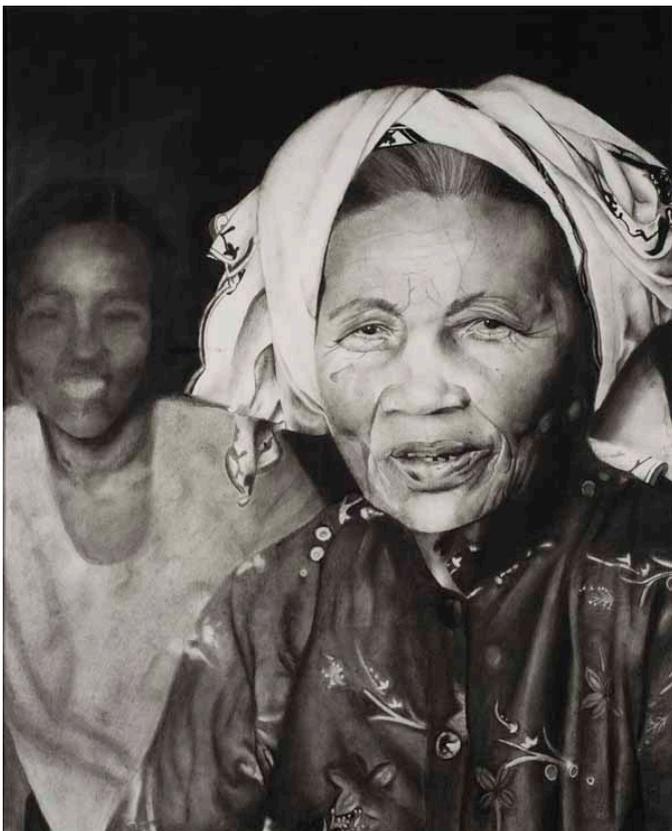
The Santos People's Choice Award goes to...

The *Year 12 Perspectives* 2013 Santos People's Choice Award was awarded to **Jessie Lee** whose work *Khmer Grandmother* was voted the most popular by Gallery audiences.

Brett Woods, Santos General Manager for WA and Northern Territory, presented Jessie Lee with her award and prize of a trip for two to the Art Gallery of South Australia for receiving the most votes from the WA community.

In Jessie's words, "In January 2013 my family and I travelled to Cambodia. It is here that we met the Khmer Grandmother. Throughout her long life she has witnessed the horrors of war and famine and seen many die at the hands of the Pol Pot regime. Yet despite a life of extreme poverty and hardship, she is a vessel of incredible strength and resilience as shown through her love, compassion and care for others. Meeting her was a life-changing experience that had a profound effect on me."

Jessie attended **John XXIII College**. As part of her prize her school will also receive 30 tickets to visit the exhibition *Richard Avedon: People*, opening at the Art Gallery of WA on 2 August. One lucky voter also won a \$150 AGWA Shop voucher and tickets to *Richard Avedon: People* simply for casting their vote in this year's People's Choice Award.



"As the principal sponsor of *Year 12 Perspectives* Santos is thrilled to support the exhibition and celebrate the creative talents of our emerging artists. That so many Western Australians visit the exhibition and vote for their favourite young artist in the Santos People's Choice is wonderful acknowledgement of the exhibition's appeal and importance to our community," said Brett Woods.

Year 12 Perspectives is the Art Gallery of WA's annual display of work by some of the best graduating visual arts students in the State. This year's exhibition closes on Monday 5 May.

Jessie Lee
John XXIII College
Khmer Grandmother 2013
charcoal on paper, 122 x 101 cm

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