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FOKI PHOTO YOUTH EVENT

Earlier this month staff from the King Island Arts & Cultural Centre joined forces with organisers of the 2017 Festival of King Island (FOKI) to find the best festival photo of 2017.

Entries to the competition were open to everyone and were submitted via Instagram, the popular photo-sharing website. Prizes of merchandise and tickets to next year's festival were donated by FOKI while local business owner, Bev Kenney of King Island Pleasure Tours, donated the cash prizes awarded to the winners of the youth competition.

Not only was this the first Cultural Centre event of 2017 but it was also King Island Council's Youth Week event. Young King Islander of the Year Campbell Keeler joined Phoenix House Project Coordinator Clare Woodburn and Cultural Centre staff to establish the competition and the exhibition. Campbell says he learnt a great deal from the experience although choosing the winners was difficult as he knew a lot of the entrants. Campbell was also a judge so didn't submit any of his own photos into the competition but he did have a few spectacular shots on display. Several visitors expressed amazement at these images which could have been taken by a professional at Falls Festival rather than by a Grade 9 student at FOKI.

Prizes were awarded to three adult entrants and three in the youth category but the exhibition opening was not just about the prizes. Wade Roskam gave up his time to provide the music which was enhanced by live performances as the sun went down over the harbor from Clare Woodburn, Tim Woodburn and Campbell Keeler. With more than 70 people in attendance the evening was a great success with Campbell hoping to turn the competition into an annual event, "It was great to see such a great turn out and the vibe was amazing," he said.

King Island Council would like to thank and congratulate all the individuals and organisations who contributed to the event and looks forward to seeing even more people having a go next year.

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