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CONTOUR 556 A NATURAL FIT FOR CANBERRA AIRPORT

Canberra Airport is delighted to partner with Canberra's new public art festival, *Contour556*, which opens this weekend.

Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said the provision of great public art was part of the DNA of the Snow family.

"Visitors to the Airport, the Brindabella Business Park and the new Denman Prospect suburb in the Molonglo Valley, will know that public artworks form a big part of our vision and our planning", Mr Byron said.

"There are currently 14 pieces of public art across the Terminal and the Business Park, and we have recently unveiled the first of six major pieces of public art, "Sphere" by Jörg Plickat, at Denman Prospect".

"As part of our ongoing commitment to the Canberra community, and our passion for arts and culture, Canberra Airport is proud to support this new and invigorating festival by providing the Canberra Airport \$30,000 Acquisitive Prize for the best piece of work".

Contour556 opens today, featuring the work of 50 local, national and international artists on display from the National Library, across the National Gallery's Sculpture Garden and Lake Burley Griffin foreshore, and through Bowen Park to the Kingston Arts Precinct.

"We expect that this new major biennial festival of art will attract visitors from interstate and overseas, eager to visit the 'capital of cool'", Mr Byron said.

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