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### **WINNER OF \$7500 ARTS JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED**

The winner of the inaugural Melbourne Press Club/Trawalla Foundation Arts Journalism Scholarship was announced today by Victorian Arts Minister Lynne Kosky at the Annual Arts Lunch at the Bluestone Restaurant Bar in Melbourne.

The winner, Gabriella Coslovich of *The Age*, won for a trio articles on Archibald winning artist Del Kathryn Barton; Barry Pearce's Nolan Retrospective; and architect Paul Morgan's award-winning sustainable home at Cape Schanck.

The judges said: "Gabriella's folio was..... immensely readable and offered new insights into both familiar and entirely original subjects. Her writing is evocative but not gaudy." The judges commended the depth and detail of Gabriella's observations. They said: "Her work is attentive and respectful of both her subjects and her audience."

Highly commended for the award were John Bailey of *The Sunday Age* and Anna Goldsworthy of *The Monthly* and *The Australian*. John Bailey's portfolio included his gripping account of the travails of actor Samuel Johnston. The judges said Anna Goldsworthy "writes with authority and perceptiveness on her musical niche. It is inspiring to see a practitioner who can write with grace and insight into her discipline".

Gabriella received a \$7500 scholarship to visit an international arts festival, event or facility.

The president of the Melbourne Press Club, John Trevorrow, said the scholarship was one of the richest in Victorian journalism awards and the scholarship was a good fit with the club's mission to celebrate excellence in Victorian journalism. The club was delighted to develop closer links with the arts, which was one of the core elements of Melbourne culture.

The director of the Trawalla Foundation, Carol Schwartz, said she believed the scholarship would help broaden the perspective of Victorian arts journalism by exposing arts writers and broadcasters to international arts communities, exhibitions and institutions. The Trawalla Foundation invests in ideas, innovation and scholarship in the arts, education and the environment. Ms Schwartz said she hoped the scholarship would advance arts journalism and help promote excellence.

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