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## **Two great loves win ASG Award**

When seven year old Rohan Ganta received a box of crayons for his birthday little did he know that would ignite a love for painting.

Since then, he's been drawing every single day and his life-like drawing of a fox sitting under the night sky caught the judge's attention and was selected from around 3000 entries to receive the ASG Art Award (painting) on 26 November 2016, in an award ceremony held in Melbourne.

Rohan who attends Brentwood Park Primary School in Victoria says, 'he loves foxes and thinks they're amazing and is already thinking about a career in Zoo Keeping because he loves to look after animals'.

It is one of five award categories sponsored by ASG as part of the Young Australian Art and Writers' Awards, which attracted more than 33,000 entries.

The awards are an initiative of the Children's Charity Network (CCN), an organisation that helps build confidence and self-esteem in children. ASG has been supporting CCN since 2003.

ASG Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis said he was impressed by Rohan's artistic ability and future vision.

"I congratulate Rohan and all the ASG students who are very deserving of these awards. ASG's core mission is about supporting lifelong education and aspirations which is why we are proud of our long-standing partnership with the CNN and this initiative which fosters young talent and encourages creativity.

These awards are also successful because of the support from parents. We know from our research<sup>1</sup> that parents want their children to succeed and this aspiration is the most significant factor in determining their long-term success. When children know how their parents value their education and the high aspirations they have, this encourages them to want to do better and achieve results. So it's really encouraging to see parents being involved and supporting their children's educational interests."

CCN Executive Director Rob Leonard says the awards continue to go from strength to strength.

"Each year the calibre of submissions gets even more exceptional and it makes the judging process so much more difficult. Each of the award recipients are definitely budding authors and artists who have exciting future ahead of them. Their imagination is just incredible and some of their stories still bring a tear to my eye."

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<sup>1</sup> [ASG Parents Report Card 2016](#)

Other ASG award recipients were:

ASG Art Award-drawing (Prep-grade 4): Jazmine Earl, Hackham, SA

ASG Literary Award (Short story): Adrian Garro, South Morang, VIC

ASG Literary Award (Poetry): Jordan Varghese, Casula, NSW

ASG Indigenous Art Award: Kaysanna Elap, Bunbury, WA

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