

The Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Yarra (ADFAS) wanted to award an encouragement prize to one of the tenants exhibiting in the Tenant's Salon Show at The St Heliers Street Store and Gallery. The ADFAS YARRA Encouragement Prize has been judged and the winner is

Ralf Kempken and Richard Denny - for their collaborative work *Otto Goes to Brown Town* .

The Judges - Jason Smith, Director and CEO of Heide Museum of Modern Art, Dr Bronwyn Stocks, Senior Lecturer of Theory at the Faculty of Art &

Design, Monash University and the Chair of ADFAS, Christine Penfold , had the following comments to make on why they chose that work:

We selected this collaborative work because of its pictorial energy and dynamism, its intriguing narrative about personal and universal journeying, and because it so successfully resolves the way in which two



artists, with different visions, can collaborate. For the judges this sense of collaboration seemed apt also for the creative, interactive community of the Abbotsford Convent.