

The inaugural *Percival Portraiture Award* closed to the public on April 1 2007. It generated plenty of interest - more than anticipated, and after some consideration and positive public feedback it was decided the exhibition would become a regular fixture in the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery program, a decision announced by the Townsville City Council representative at a packed gala launch. 122 portraits were presented for selection in the exhibition.

The *Percival Portraiture Award* included portraits of politicians, media celebrities, teachers, artists, community elders and people from all walks of life; the works telling audiences so much about Townsville.

With backing from some very generous donors, a number of awards were presented in 2007:

# Philip Leong Investments Art Award

\$2000 Barbara Cheshire - Jack

## **Townsville City Council Highly Commended**

\$1000 Martin Kizur - Miluska Kizur Pharmacist

### **Townsville City Council Commended**

\$500 Eddie Omelaniuk - Hicks & Benny \$500 Catherine Ogden - Catherine





Image: Barbara Cheshire, *Jack*, winner of the Philip Leong Investments Award

**Costel Vasilescu Encouragement Award for artists under 25** \$250 Alexander Bowden - Jonathan

**Costel Vasilescu Encouragement Award Highly Commended** \$150 Clint Searston - One over Three

### **Costel Vasilescu Encouragement Award**

\$100 Aaron Richardson - The Twisted Photocopier

#### **Top Frames People's Choice Award**

\$500 Catherine Ogden - Self portrait