

Northcote on a roll

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FOR the second consecutive year, Northcote women have taken out the popular Koko Black Creative Drawing Prize.

This year, Antonia Glavic's illustration *Koko Rising*, of a little girl with bunny ears floating up on a cocoa pod, beat 250 other entries to win the Judges' Prize.

The deciding panel included National Gallery of Victoria assistant curator of modern art Emma Mayall and renowned children's author and illustrator Alison Lester.

"It's the first time I've entered so it's exciting to be recognised," Ms Glavic, 24, told the *Leader*.

Her prize includes a \$3000 art fund, a 12-month NGV membership and a year's supply of Koko

Black chocolate. Last year's winner, Northcote's Nadia Turner, went on to have a book published of her original illustrations.

Ms Glavic said she hoped she could do the same.

"Ideally, I'd like to do book illustrations, children's books, as well as for publications such as magazines," she said.

Ms Glavic is in her second year studying for a diploma of illustration at NMIT Preston.

Koko Black founder Shane Hills said in that this year's challenge, artists had to reveal what or who was emerging from a magical egg.

"As a panel we were impressed by her artistry, originality and distinct interpretation of the brief," Mr Hills said of Ms Glavic's piece.



Creative drawing prize winner Antonia Glavic.