

M E D I A R E L E A S E

## Exhibition of the imagination

**Waste to Art Regional Exhibition**  
**Winners announced: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2008**  
**Lazenby Hall Annex, University of New England, Armidale**

**Media are invited to be present at the judging and announcement of the winners and to cover this spectacular art exhibition with a twist.**

Make a date in your diary for 10:30am, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August, to witness the announcement of the *Waste to Art Regional Exhibition* winners! With over 50 artworks from across 9 Council areas on display, plus generous cash prizes to be won, this is an important community event not to be missed.

Many of us discard old clothes, furniture, containers and paper products without another thought. But to school groups and community members living in the New England and North West of NSW, these aren't useless waste materials but fantastic finds which they use to create magnificent artworks for the Northern Inland Regional Waste (NIRW) Regional Waste to Art Exhibition!

NIRW, one of eight groups that comprise **RENEW NSW** (the voluntary waste management initiative focussed on improving waste management in rural and regional NSW), is encouraging the whole community to embrace the reuse, reduce and recycle theme and delve into their imaginations to create a fascinating and spectacular work of art entirely out of waste!

With the competition now in its eighth year the exhibition continues to grow with an increasing amount of artworks entered, each more magnificent than the last. This increase in entrants shows that the concept touches something within the community as they acknowledge that Reuse, Reduce and Recycle is an important message. The exhibition showcases artworks from local competitions across NIRW's 9 member councils including Armidale Dumaresq, Glen Innes Severn, Gunnedah Shire, Gwydir Shire, Guyra Shire, Liverpool Plains Shire, Narrabri Shire, Tamworth Regional & Uralla Shire. The exhibition will be open from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August through to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at the Lazenby Hall Annex, University of New England, Armidale.

"The competition aims to raise awareness in the community that waste is a resource, and these artworks showcase some amazing examples of this in creative and fun ways" said Kate Newlan, Co-ordinator for NIRW.

### 2008 NIRW Tamworth Regional Council local competition.



"Cardboard Creations"



"BMX Comfort Zone"

Mrs Caley and Mrs Roser

Jack Goman

Waste packaging material and corrugated cardboard was used in creating this design. Cardboard was cut into various sizes and strips were curled around to form tight spirals giving a shadow effect.

A chair made from recycled bike parts

For further information on RENEW NSW please visit [www.renewnsw.com.au](http://www.renewnsw.com.au)

Interviews are available with - Kate Newlan, NIRW Coordinator on 02 6767 5449

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