

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

Exhibition of the imagination

Waste to Art Regional Exhibition
Winners announced: Monday 4th 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.

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!

The competition, which is now in its 8th year, continues to attract artworks which are creative and magnificent. The 2008 Regional Waste to Art winners will be announced on Monday 4th August with generous cash prizes awarded to the winners in each category.

The Regional Exhibition will showcase the very best artworks from across the 8 participating Council areas. "The Competition and Exhibition gives members of the community the chance to artistically express their own 'reduce, reuse, recycle' message" said Kate Newlan, Program Coordinator for Northern Inland Regional Waste.

2007 NIRW Regional Waste to Art Exhibition Winners:



"Earth Planet, Environment"
Fairfax Public School
Primary 3D 2nd Place winner

Students used left over craft materials, magazines, paper, metal and old tea bags.



"Metal Sculpture"
Lesley Fewtrell
Open 3D winner

Lesley used an assortment of glass, ceramic and metal pieces.

For further information on RENEW NSW please visit www.renewnsw.com.au

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

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If you would like to attend this event or for further information, images or interviews, please contact Amy Reiha at Niche Product Marketing on (02) 9331 6662 or via amy@nichepm.com.au