

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

Announcing the winners of the Waste to Art Regional Exhibition!

The winners of the *Waste to Art Regional Exhibition* have been announced! With over 50 artworks from across 9 Council areas on display, plus generous cash prizes won, this is an important community event not to be missed.

Scrap metal, recycled clothing, furniture, paper waste and even food scraps are just some of the waste materials residents of the New England and North West of NSW have been saving to transform into imaginative artworks for the NIRW Waste to Art Regional Exhibition. Conducted by NIRW, one of eight member groups that comprise **RENEW NSW** (the voluntary waste management initiative focussed on improving waste management in rural and regional NSW), this competition encourages schools, community groups and individuals to take up the challenge and create a 'new life' for materials that would otherwise have been thrown away and considered useless.

"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.

After months of hard work and being creative with waste materials, the winners of the exhibition were announced on Monday 4th August! With 52 entries in the competition, this shows that the concept touches something within the community as they acknowledge that Reuse, Reduce and Recycle is an important message.

All entries will be on display until Friday 17th August, 2008, at the Lazenby Hall Annex, University of New England, Armidale. 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.

Don't miss out on viewing these amazing artworks created from re-used and recyclable waste materials. Spectators will be amazed at the different types of waste used and what this waste has been turned into. It will certainly make people think about their own waste habits!

Regions lucky enough to have entrants win or place highly commended in include:

- Tamworth Regional Council
- Liverpool Plains Shire
- Gwydir Shire Council
- Gunnedah Shire Council
- Glen Innes Shire Council
- Uralla Shire Council
- Armidale Dumaresq Council

NIRW Waste to Art Regional Exhibition Competition winners:



“Wonder Woman”

Gina Goodwin - Calrossy Anglican School
(Tamworth Regional Council)

Winner of Secondary Schools - 2D Posters/Painting/Collage

Tribute to Breast Cancer Research. It is a mural made from recycled board and recycled bottle caps.



“Rusty Knight”

Daniel Durham
(Gunnedah Shire Council)

Winner of Open & Community - 3D Sculpture/Design/Wearable Art/Mixed Media

A great deal of craftsmanship has gone into creating this piece, made from rusty old scrap metal parts.



“Recycle, Avoid, Reduce, Reuse”

Glen Innes High School
(Glen Innes Shire Council)

Winner of Secondary School

An eye catching arrangement of rubbish crafted to display the message of 'avoid, reduce, reuse & recycle'

“Nostalgia”



Sandra Croft
(Uralla Shire Council)

Winner of Open & Community 2D Posters/Painting/Collage

A beautiful mosaic made from broken pieces of glass and ceramics



“Vase of Flowers”

Ben Venue Public School Art Group 5G
(Armidale Dumaresq Council)

Winner of Primary Schools - 3D Sculpture/Design/Wearable
Art/Mixed Media

An image of a vase of flowers made from reused drink cans

What: NIRW Waste to Art Regional Exhibition
Where: Lazenby Hall Annex, University of New England, Armidale
When: Now until Friday 17th August, 2008

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

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

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If you would like to attend this event or for further information, images or interviews,
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