

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

### WASTE TO ART – AN EXHIBITION WITH A TWIST

Scrap metal, recycled clothing, furniture, paper waste and even food scraps are just some of the waste materials residents of the Central West of NSW have been saving to transform into an imaginative artworks for the 2007/2008 SIMS Metal Waste to Art Regional Exhibition. Conducted by NetWaste, 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 Waste to Art event has continued to grow this year which shows that the concept touches something within the community as they acknowledge that Reuse, Reduce and Recycle is an important message," said Sue Clarke, NetWaste Environmental Learning Adviser.

After months of hard work and being creative with waste materials, the winners of the exhibition have been announced. With 127 entries in the regional competition, it was an artwork created out of used bicycle inner tubes titled "Rising Forest" by Berdine Warne from the Bourke Region which took out the title of overall winner.

All entries will be on display until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at the Parkes Shire Library, Coventry Hall, Bogan St, PARKES NSW. The exhibition showcases artworks from local competitions across NetWaste's 19 member councils including the Blue Mountains, Central Darling, Dubbo, Orange, Parkes and Warren.

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:

- Blue Mountains
- Forbes
- Lithgow
- Dubbo
- Coonamble
- Central Darling/Menindee
- Bourke
- Mudgee
- Molong
- Cabonne/Cumnock
- Nyngan
- Parkes
- Walgett
- Cowra
- Broken Hill
- Wellington

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**SIMS 2007/2008 SIMS Metal Waste to Art Regional Exhibition and Competition:**



**“SAIL”**

Rachel Kinross

Winner of Open 2 Dimensional

Rachel used coloured recycled materials which include blue inlays from coke lids, old jewellery, Easter egg wrappers, plastic bags, egg cartons, shoelaces and freezer bags.



**“Punch Line”**

Suzy Maigian

Winner of Community Craft

Suzy used an old divan bed, sheets, clothes salvaged from a tip, a dumped TV and salvaged off cuts.



**“Coke Of Armour”**

Artist: Alan Stanger

Winner of Community 3 Dimensional

Materials used include: recycled Coke cans

**What:** NetWaste's 2007/2008 SIMS Metal Waste to Art Regional Exhibition

**Where:** Parkes Shire Library, Coventry Hall, Bogan St, PARKES, NSW

**When:** Until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

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

Interviews are available with –

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Competition winners on request

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