



May 2008

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## WASTE TO ART REGIONAL EXHIBITION

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> May - FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> June 2008**

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

***The finalists from the Central West of NSW Waste to Art exhibition will compete in the Regional Waste to Art competition at the Parkes Shire Library, Coventry Hall, Bogan St, PARKES NSW on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.***

***The exhibition will be open to the public on 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June. Media are invited to attend this event and cover this beautiful art exhibition with a twist.***

The must see art exhibition of the year is the unique 2007/2008 SIMS Metal Waste to Art Regional Exhibition. Created solely from re-used and recycled waste, these incredible art works will not only amaze spectators but draw awareness to the different ways Australian's can reuse their waste!

An initiative of NetWaste, one of eight member groups that comprise RENEW NSW (the voluntary waste management experts 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.

Sponsored by SIMS Metal, the 2007/2008 Waste to Art Regional Exhibition showcases artworks from local competitions across NetWaste's 19 member councils including the Blue Mountains, Central Darling, Dubbo, Orange, Parks and Warren. The Official opening and announcement of the winners will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00pm. A travelling photographic exhibition throughout the NetWaste region will commence in June and will feature all works from the Regional Exhibition and allows communities the chance to marvel at the talent of the Waste To Art participants and be amazed by the creative uses of a whole lot of 'rubbish.'

As a special treat on the opening night, students from the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Katoomba area will be performing a short choreography and fashion parade titled 'Tipp Wear.'" The short choreography aims to draw people's attention to the amount of waste Australian's consider useless and throw away. To reinforce this message, the students will present a special fashion parade showcasing wonderful designs which have all been made from waste and recycled clothes sourced from the Recovery Shop at the Blue Mountains Waste Centre.

"The Waste to Art event has continued to grow this year with 127 artworks on display. This 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.

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**WINNERS FROM THE 2008 NETWASTE LOCAL COMPETITIONS:**



**“All That Glitters...”**

Artist: Angela Bambach

Location: Molong

Category: Open 2 Dimensional

Materials used include: half of a damaged door, recycled shirt and boxer shorts, a shattered windscreen glass, tin cans, wrapping paper, decorative edging from an old pillow, a CD, an old earring, a book, and various packaging materials.



**“Coke Of Armour”**

Artist: Alan Stanger

Location: Dubbo

Category: Community 3 Dimensional

Materials used include: recycled Coke cans

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