

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

Waste photographic exhibition comes to town! 1-18 August, Wellington Branch Library, Percy St, Wellington, NSW

Arriving in town this week, are photographs like none seen before. Forget pretty pictures of landscapes and sunsets. Instead, feast your eyes on photographs of artwork made solely from waste materials. Guess the materials the artists have used and discover that they are items most Australian's throw away without a care.

From the 1st – 18th August 2008, 60 photographs will be displayed at the Wellington Branch Library, Percy Street, Wellington, NSW showcasing the amazing artworks entered into the NetWaste SIMS Metal 2007/2008 Regional Waste to Art competition. Support your local Wellington artist, Kate Maurice, by viewing her "Fleeced and Flayed" artwork which received a Highly Commended in the Open 3 Dimension category.

NetWaste (one of eight groups which comprise **RENEW NSW**, the waste management experts focussed on improving waste management in rural and regional NSW) in conjunction with Wellington Council are holding this imaginative exhibition so local residents have the opportunity to marvel at the talent of the Waste to Art participants and be amazed at the creative use of a whole lot of "rubbish."

The NetWaste Waste to Art 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 continues to grow each year. 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.



"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.



"Coke Of Armour"
Artist: Alan Stanger

Winner of Community 3 Dimensional

Alan used recycled Coke cans

Further information on **RENEW NSW** can be found on their website: www.renewnsw.com.au.

Interviews are available with -

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Stephen Sykes, RENEW NSW Chairperson
Waste to Art competition winners on request

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