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RYDE WARMS TO WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

The City of Ryde is serving up a feast for the senses at the **2016 Winter Arts Festival**.

The three-month long festival runs June to early September and showcases a diverse program of visual arts and community creative events designed to fire the imagination and feed your creative soul.

Three of Ryde's high profile arts events – Women's Art Prize, Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize and Hungry for Art – are included in the Festival line up.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale said: "The 2016 Winter Arts Festival embraces our city's strong artistic communities and gives artists across Ryde the chance to express themselves.

"At a time when State and Federal Governments are cutting funding to the arts, it's important that we let our community know that the City of Ryde believe in the Arts and what value it brings to the community.

"Our diverse program offers something for art lovers of all ages, levels and persuasions. Whether you're a painter, photographer, sculptor, multi-media practitioner, enthusiastic amateur or simply an art lover, our Festival has something for you."

The **2016 Winter Arts Festival** www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/artsfestival runs from 15 June to 3 September and comprises nine feature events:

- Wed 15 June Winter Arts Festival & Women's Art Prize Gala Launch, See Street Gallery, Meadowbank
- Thur 16 June Women's Art Prize Exhibition (WAP) *Pledge for Parity* runs 16 June – 2 July
- Wed 6 July WAP People's Choice Winner Announcement
- 5 + 12 July School Holiday Creative Workshops - Containing Trash Tues 5 & 12 July
- 6 +13 July Music Doco Workshop Wed 6 & 13 July
- Wed 20 July Hungry for Art *Flushed, Red, Rubicund and Scarlet* Exhibition + Photo Competition Launch and Awards. Exhibition runs 21 July – 6 August
- Sat 23 July Brush Farm House Three Exhibitions—*Squawk, Near Perspective & Young Contemporary Ryde* + Teong-Eng Tan Book Launch
- Sat 30 July *Feeling Red* Art Workshops at See Street Gallery
- Sun 31 July Hungry for Art Trail
- Wed 17 Aug SWAP SustainableWaste2Art (SWAP) Launch and Awards
Exhibition runs 18 August – 3 September. See Street Gallery, Meadowbank
- Wed 6 Sept SWAP People's Choice Winner Announcement

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