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## SUSTAINABLE WASTE 2 ART PRIZE WINNERS

Winners of the City of Ryde SWAP (Sustainable Waste2Art Prize) 2016 were announced this week at the See Street Gallery, Meadowbank.

Using recycled materials and the theme of 'sustainable living', judges chose 80 works from a record 195 entries for exhibition from artists as young as eleven.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said it was great to see the efforts of the community in such a diverse display of artistic expression. "At a time when State and Federal governments are cutting funds to the arts, the City of Ryde Council continues to support community based arts events. The result is a showcase of how recycled materials and waste can be transformed into thought-provoking art."

SWAP Curator, Cassandra Hard-Lawrie, said this year's entries demonstrated yet again the community's strong interest in issues centering around waste and sustainability. "It was another strong pool of entries, making the judges work very tough. The entry pool was also a very different group of artworks than previous years, which made it possible for this year's exhibition to have quite a different feel."

Members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award. Voting closes 3 September.

SWAP is the third major event on the City of Ryde Winter Arts Festival.  
SWAP Exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank. Friday 19 August to Saturday 3 September.  
Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am - 4.00pm. [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)  
Judges: Rhonda Davis – Senior Curator, Macquarie University Art Gallery; Michael Mobbs – Sustainability Coach, Author of Sustainable House and Sustainable Food and Director of Sustainable House and Street Coolers

### Sustainable Waste2Art Prize Winners and High Commendations

#### SWAP Open Category (18+)

Winner	Jane Gillings <i>Dead As</i> <i>Judge's comment: MICHAEL: This sculpture representing a dodo caught my eye immediately. It had sheer animal dimension to it. Close up there is a level of care and detailed attention in the creation of the sculpture that is simply amazing.</i>
Second Place	Aiyana Schwarz <i>Once Upon a...</i>
Highly Commended	Joanne Mulcahy-Zubani <i>Dusk Bay</i>

Highly Commended Jane Burton Taylor *Call of the Wild*  
Highly Commended Lisa Marshall *Enmeshed – Beached, Netted and Afloat*  
Commended Jasmine Winsley *Bottled Water*

#### **Youth Environment Prize YEP 16-25 yo**

Winner Lucienne Ireland *Resurfaced*  
*Judge's comment: MICHAEL: This collage of mixed media and newspaper tells the story of trees and papers with a convincing rawness. At the same time it is interesting and eye-catching and the subtle use of materials made me pause and think.*

Second Place Sigrid Posters *Boxed In*

Highly Commended Zane Davis *Tree Trove*

Highly Commended Vanessa and Joshua Lai *Cultivating Rubbish*

Highly Commended Angela Singh *Hoot Hoot*

#### **Junior YEP – Younger Category 11-15yo**

Winner Anastasiya Potapenko *Rescue Pups!*  
*Judge's comment: MICHAEL: As soon as I saw this series of dogs containers made out of recycled materials, I could imagine it in my house because it is funny and simple, yet engaging to the eye. It was fun to see ordinary materials made so playful and animal-like. There was a lot of persuasive detail within the making of each dog.*

Second Place Rebecca Hong *Giant Ear Platter*

Highly Commended Mari Ohanes *Regrowth*

Highly Commended Holly Dixon *Fragile Beauty*

Highly Commended Lillian Firth *Off to the Races*

#### **Sustainability Theme Award (judged across SWAP, YEP and Junior YEP)**

Winner Alessandro Berini and Selina Springett *Bad New Days*  
*Judge's comment: MICHAEL: This installation of audio and objects fascinated me from the go-get. The mixture of sand, sound and objects was very immediate in its messages. I loved the way two recycled objects (containers) spoke to each other from different speakers Immersed within the objects. Combined, these made me listen to the sustainable messages within the conversation.*

