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2023 SWAP winners announced

The winners of City of Ryde's 2023 Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP) were announced last week at Meadowbank's See Street Gallery ahead of an exhibition at the gallery until Thursday 14 September and online for the whole month.

City of Ryde Mayor Clr Sarkis Yedelian OAM said he was highly impressed by the quality of entries for this year's SWAP – an environmental art competition for people aged 10 and over who live, work, and play in the local government area.

"The standard of entries was truly incredible and encapsulates the wonderful creative talent in our City," he said.

"This competition is something we do every year to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage positive behaviour change using artworks and design objects from upcycled waste materials as mediums of communication.

"At City of Ryde, we are committed to promoting sustainable living, waste reduction, biodiversity of our natural habitats and resilience in our community."

The winners and commendations were:

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION AWARD

Primary School Winner: Putney Public School
High School Winner: Marist Sisters College Woolwich
High School Winner: St Ives High School
High School Winner: St Joseph's College

FUNCTIONAL AWARD

Winner: *Rice Sack Chic* - Eva Freeman
Runner Up: *Waste Down* - Xiang Chen

JUNIOR CATEGORY AWARD (10-13YRS)

Winner: *Symbiosis* - Jeorgia Bowden
Runner Up: *Our Footprint* - Henrietta Robinson
Highly Commended: *Magnetised* - Oliver Kolos
Highly Commended: *Hunting* - Yeonsoo Park
Highly Commended: *Fabric Flowers* - Tara Keshavarz

YOUTH CATEGORY PRIZE (14-17YRS)

Youth Winner: *Checkmate* - Kiki Margetis

Youth Runner Up: *Metal Betta* - Sienna Gordon

Youth Highly Commended: *Unexplored* - Amber Denham

Youth Highly Commended: *Peckish Duck* - Diya Maninathan

Youth Highly Commended: *Abuse* - Mina Ju

OPEN CATEGORY AWARD (18+YRS)

Open Winner: *Varieties of Sardines* - Jo Rijke

Open Category: *Gabriel* - Mary Boland

Open Highly Commended: *An elegant illusion* - Sam Tsang

Open Highly Commended: *Sneakers are cheaper than therapy* - Patrick Duffy

Around 80 artworks and design objects will be exhibited at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE until Thursday 14 September 2023 and via a virtual tour on Council's website until Saturday 30 September 2023.

Go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SWAP to find a link to the digital exhibition and to vote for your favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award, which closes on 30 September.

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