

Friday 21 August 2015

THE ART OF TRANSFORMING WASTE TO ART

Winners of the City of Ryde SWAP (Sustainable Waste2ArtPrize) 2015 were announced last night at the See Street Gallery, Meadowbank .

Using the theme of ‘sustainable living’ entrants were invited to submit artworks using recycled materials or waste. Judges selected 79 entries for exhibition, from a total of 185 entries.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said it was great to see the efforts of the community in such a diverse display of artistic expression. “This competition showcases how recycled materials and waste can be transformed into thought-provoking art using ‘sustainable living’ as the theme.

“It is particularly pleasing to see such a high number of entries in the Youth categories, some as young as 11.”

SWAP Curator, Cassandra Hard-Lawrie, said the entries this year were of a very high standard and demonstrated a strong concern amongst artists and young people for up-cycling waste materials. “The inclusion of the new Sustainability Theme Award encouraged artists to submit works that demonstrated an innovative use of waste materials, but many artworks also included profound messages on the importance of addressing contemporary waste and sustainability issues.”

Members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite artwork in the People’s Choice Award. Voting closes 5 September.

SWAP Exhibition at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank, runs from Friday 21 August to Saturday 5 September. Opening times are: Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00am - 4.00pm.

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2015 SWAP Winners and Place Getters

SWAP Open Category 18+

Winner	Patrizia Biondi <i>Us and the Stars – Lives Intertwined</i> <i>Judge’s comment: Patrizia’s work articulated perfectly the ideas and purpose of Swap; the thoughtful and considered re/use of waste materials in an engaging and stunning work of art tight down to its power source!</i>
2 nd Place	Clache Raong <i>A Forgotten Trumpet and Recycled Sounds</i>
Highly Commended	Thiery Lacoste and Katherine Norman <i>Congwong</i> Craig Bennett <i>Still Life</i> Virginia Lee with Elizabeth Garrett, Wanda Gee, Nerée Hartog, Suvina Kumar, Therese MacKenzie, Priya Sri, Elisabeth Thomson and Elaine Wong <i>Beans and Bags</i>

YEP Youth Environment Prize Youth Category 16-25yo / Winner \$750 / Second \$250

Winner Eun Song Chi *Young Lives*
Judge's comment: Young Lives is a very clever, creative and quirky repurposing of objects that are an integral and omnipresent part of all our lives. The final pieces are fascinating for the way they express their particular uniqueness.

2nd Place Jesse McKay *Inner West Menace*
Highly Commended Marcus Tiong *Seed*
Lachlan Markey *Yarranville (Property Name)*

YEP Youth Environment Prize / Younger Category 11-15yo

Winner Jack Taylor *Trashesaurus*
Judge's comment: We just loved Trashasurous! Talk about bringing together, and making us think about, the opposite ends of the environmental spectrum. Jack made great use of obsolete waste and materials and has a great eye for design.

2nd Place Jiayi Chen, Diaz Frost and Angie Yun *Once*
Highly Commended Anastasiya Potapenko *Flowering Rustic*
Highly Commended Warwick Taylor *Polar Bear*

Sustainability Theme Award

Judged across SWAP, YEP and JUNIOR YEP

Winner Jane Forno *The Obscenity of Obsolescence*
Judge's comment: Jane's diorama The Obscenity of Obsolescence was the obvious and deserving winner for SWAP's Sustainability Theme Award. Her depiction of an apocalyptic waste(ful) landscape and narrative is both powerful and very important.

Highly Commended René Tahija *Recycling: A Love Story*



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