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WASTE SWAPPED TO ART THEME HITS THE MARK

Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize

The City of Ryde's biggest art prize, the Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP), has attracted more than 160 entries of which 78 have been shortlisted for exhibition.

Artists as young as eleven years of age responded to the sustainable living theme with a broad range of mediums including recycled plastics, sculptures from upcycled found objects, handwoven creations, colourful collages and wearable art.

SWAP is now in its seventh year and is the community's creative response that brings attention to the amount of trash we throw away.

Winners of the four judged categories will be announced on Wednesday 6 September. During the two week exhibition, members of the community can vote for their favourite in The People's Choice Award.

Details of the SWAP Shortlist can be found at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap

2017 SWAP at a glance

- 78 works promoting sustainable living on exhibition
- Winners announced Wednesday 6 September
- Exhibition 7 – 20 September at See Street Gallery, Sydney Gallery School, Meadowbank.

Categories and Prizes (total \$4,500)

- SWAP | Open Category (18 years+) Winner \$1,800 / Second Prize \$600
- YEP – Youth Environment Prize | Youth Category (16 – 25 years) Winner \$750 / Second Prize \$250
- Junior YEP | Younger Category (11 - 15 years) Winner \$300 / Second Prize \$100
- Functionality Award | Winner \$500 | Design object which best uses reclaimed material to form a functional piece – open to all categories
- People's Choice Award | Winner \$250.

Celebrity Judges

- Steven Alderton | Director and Chief Executive of the National Arts School
- Jeff Angel | Director of the Total Environment Centre and the Boomerang Alliance
- Wendy Sharpe | Archibald Prize (1996) and Sulman Prize (1986) Winner.