

2020 SWAP Finalists Announced

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The City of Ryde has announced the finalists of the 2020 Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP), with 80 entries in the running to win one of the five awards on offer.

SWAP is the City of Ryde's unique competition in which budding local artists are asked to produce works with a sustainable theme that are made from repurposed material.

The 80 finalists were selected from 135 entries and will now form the artworks featured in the upcoming digital SWAP exhibition.

Featured among the finalists are works in which waste has been transformed into marine creatures, landscapes and portraits, fabulous fashion and responses to our current health crisis.

The SWAP award winners will be announced at the digital launch of the exhibition on Wednesday 23 September.

The SWAP exhibition will be available online from Thursday 24 September to Thursday 8 October.

Don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork in our People's Choice voting competition.

[View the full list of finalists](#)

Update - COVID-19 alert: Ryde Secondary College

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31 August update:

On 28 August 2020, NSW Health advised that a Ryde Secondary College staff member tested positive for COVID-19 and the school was closed.

Ryde Secondary School has since been thoroughly cleaned and resumed on-campus learning from Monday 31 August 2020. The students and staff identified as close contacts have been notified and have been asked to self-isolate for the required period and not return to school until this time has elapsed. For more information, [read the NSW Department of Education media release](#).

Please note: Information is correct at time of publication. Seek official advice from NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education.

New shopper car park to aid Eastwood's economic recovery

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The City of Ryde continues to invest in the local economic recovery with work soon to commence on the new shopper car park on Rowe Street East in Eastwood.

The tender to construct the new car park was awarded to Belmadar Pty Ltd at Tuesday's Council meeting, after the Sydney North Planning Panel approved the development application in late 2019.

Work is due to commence in October 2020 and be completed in mid-2021.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street. It will be able to accommodate 146 car spaces and include a small pop-up retail space once completed.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the multi-million dollar project would deliver enormous economic benefits for Eastwood and the City of Ryde as a whole.

"The new shopper car park on Rowe Street East will create jobs, fix chronic parking shortages and entice people back to Eastwood when it is needed most," Cllr Laxale said.

"Eastwood has been one of the town centres hardest hit by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic with some businesses reporting between 50 and 80 percent drop in turnover. Crucially, this car park will be a key component in Eastwood's economic recovery as we gradually emerge from this crisis.

“Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, this Council has been determined to invest in key projects that will help the local economy and the new Rowe Street East shopper car park joins a range of initiatives that we have introduced to help everyone get through this extremely challenging period.”

The final design for the new car park incorporates feedback that was received during Council’s community consultation, including sustainable features such as electric vehicle chargers.

Council is also looking at appropriate car park time limits and other options to manage turnover of car spaces to support local businesses in Eastwood.

How to support Legacy Week

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At its Ordinary Council meeting on 25 August 2020, Council voted to recognise the significant contribution that Legacy Australia has made to our community since its inception in 1923.

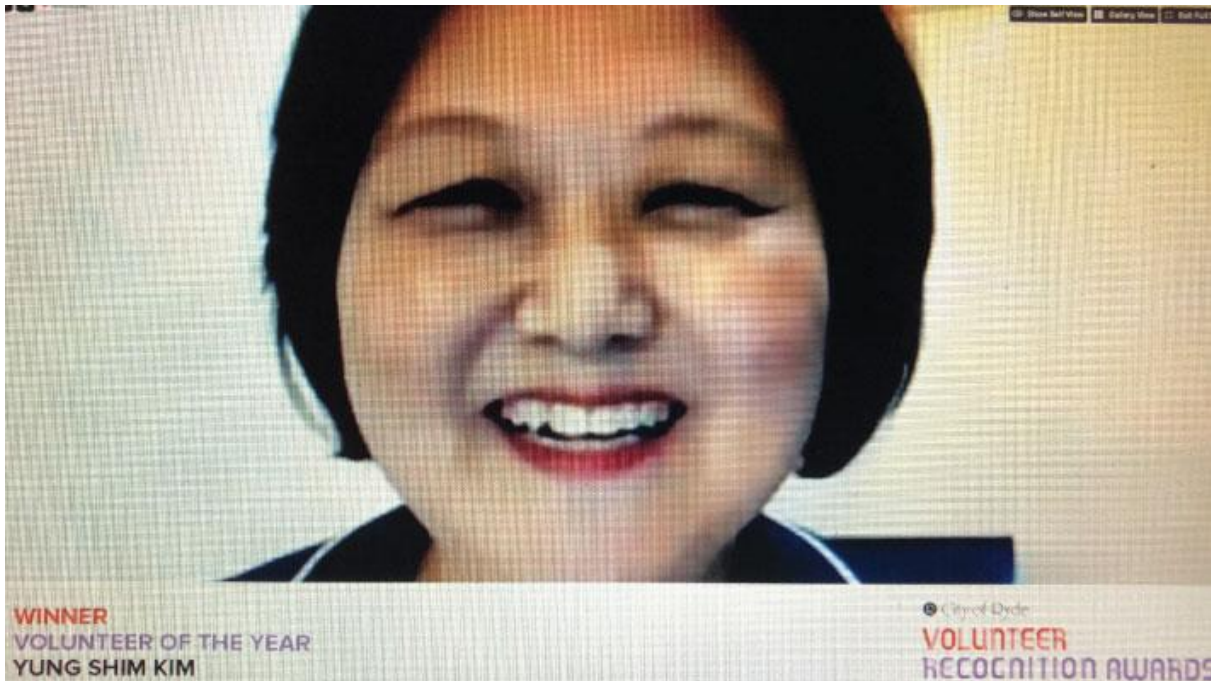
[Legacy](#) is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service.

Legacy Week, which will be held from 30 August to 5 September 2020, is known for its Badge Day and the iconic badges offered as a token of appreciation for the donation made by the public.

Badges can be collected from Council's libraries and Customer Service Centre during Legacy Week. You can also donate online on the [Legacy Week website](#) or phone Legacy on 1800 LEGACY.

Volunteer of the Year - Yung Shim Lee Kim

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A visit to a Korean elderly care group more than a decade ago inspired Yung Shim Lee Kim to dedicate her spare time to helping those most in need within the local community.

Ms Kim was named the Volunteer of the Year at the 2020 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards in August for her work with the Australian Korean Art Therapy Association.

For Ms Kim, her volunteer work all began with that decisive visit to the Korean elderly care group.

“I saw that the group members were not able to take advantage of community programs due to language and cultural barriers. Coming to a new country as an older person already very challenging so I wanted to help them engage with their community and enjoy their life in Australia,” Ms Kim said.

Ms Kim soon joined the Australian Korean Art Therapy Association, helping it grow and providing assistance and support for those who need it.

“Our goal is to share the great benefits of therapy through a creative outlet like arts and crafts. We wish for everyone, particularly those in the Korean community, to experience the joys of life and live confidently in Australia,” Ms Kim said.

While the association began with programs for the elderly Korean community, it has since expanded and now assist those living with disabilities, as well as disadvantaged children.

Ms Kim said winning the Volunteer of the Year award was a huge thrill.

“It was great to share that proud moment with the 23 volunteers of the Australian Korean Art Therapy Association, who have been working together for many years. (The award) will motivate us to continue working with and for our community,” Ms Kim said.

“We appreciate the interest and support of everyone in the City of Ryde for our work.”

No Place Like Home to take place online throughout September

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'No Place Like Home', an annual community art exhibition hosted by community housing provider, Link Housing, launches to the public on Tuesday 1 September 2020.

This year's exhibition and opening launch events are all free and online, and proudly supported by the City of Ryde.

Link Housing launched the 'No Place Like Home' community art exhibition in 2016 as part of its community engagement strategy. The exhibition provides tenants with the opportunity to reflect on the importance of their home to their lives and show this through art.

In opening the exhibition to everyone regardless of their artistic experience, Link Housing has sought to create an inclusive event that raises the public's awareness and challenges stereotypes about 'social housing', homelessness, and the need for more safe, affordable and secure housing to help the most vulnerable in our community.

With the majority of the 60-plus artworks in this year's exhibition coming from City of Ryde residents, the exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for local artists to showcase their talents and community members to show their support by attending the virtual launch event and exhibition.

The virtual launch ceremony will be held via Zoom on September 1, 2020 with special guest speakers including City of Ryde Councillor Penny Pederson and renowned Aboriginal artist Bibi Barba.

Attendees can take a virtual walk through the exhibition, hear about the artists and their artworks and learn more about the issue of homelessness and why we all need a safe, secure and affordable place to call home.

Ms Barba is delighted to be joining the community art exhibition as a patron.

"We are so heartened by the strong interest from the local community who have submitted their artworks. It demonstrates how the exhibition's theme has really resonated with people who are at home during the pandemic, and the importance of how a home can transform lives," Ms Barba said.

The exhibition runs from 1 September to 30 September with all artworks exhibited reflecting the theme 'No Place Like Home' to highlight the importance of affordable, safe and secure housing.

Artworks include paintings, video art, poetry, sculptures and photographs. As in previous years, many artworks will be available for sale. [Click here](#) to register for the launch event.

Spotlight on Local Makers

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littlecrow design

Earlier this year, the City of Ryde ran a workshop with ceramicist Richilde Flavell to help local makers to price and sell their artistic work. We were excited to see so many talented local artisans, and wanted to share profiles of some of the program participants with you.

littlecrow design

Littlecrow design is dedicated to designing and making pieces from start to finish in their local studio. Designer and maker Georgie Avis creates artisan bags, wall hangings, cushions and home textiles using original designs that she screen prints on natural fibres like linen, hemp and organic cotton. Using water based, solvent free inks and natural, biodegradable materials is important to the ethos of sustainability that Georgie believes in. A relaxed, Australian aesthetic and commitment to craftsmanship also sets littlecrow apart from mainstream brands, and offers a way for customers to express their own creativity.

Website: www.littlecrowdesign.com.au

Instagram: www.instagram.com/littlecrowdesign/



Peggy Tang

Peggy Tang is a flower art artist. She combines ribbon art techniques with Ikebana aesthetics to handcraft delicate Japanese flower arrangement miniatures and decorative accessories. Her work brings the beauty of nature to our daily life – our home, office desktops, clothes and decorations. Peggy practises Ribbon Art Flower and Ikebana (traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement). She is certified as Senior Instructor in Hase Yoshiko Ribbon Art and has completed Associate Teachers' First Term Course at Ohara School of Ikebana.

Website: www.peggyflowerart.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/peggy.flower.art/



Rebecca Day

Rebecca is a jeweller/silversmith with an interest in the natural world. She has a degree in Science and Fine arts and draws inspiration from her fascination with biology and plants to create unique pieces of jewellery. Each piece is collected from plant material that has fallen to the ground and is casted into sterling silver to be made into wearable pieces. The result of this process means that, even in a set of earrings, no two pieces are identical. She recently started Seeds of Silver, and is working on creating a website to sell her jewellery.

Instagram: www.instagram.com/seeds.of.silver/



Susanna Calligraphy and Paper Arts

Sue's passion is calligraphy - the art of beautiful writing. Sue believes beautiful writing is the most expressive of art forms; it is both enhanced by and enhances other creative disciplines. Sue likes to experiment with all forms of lettering - both traditional scripts and abstract free-form mark making. Recently, Sue has expanded into paper making, printing and book binding. Sue is a member of Artisans Ryde, Primrose Paper Arts and Australian Society of Calligraphers. Sue's work has been displayed in many exhibitions, including City of Ryde's Women's Art Prize and the Standard of Excellence Case of the Sydney Royal Show.

Website: www.artisansryde.org/members/sue-davie/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/susannasydney/

Are you a local artist or maker? Get in touch!

The City of Ryde is always excited to hear about local creatives in our local area. The best way you can let us know about you and the work you make is through signing up to our Artist Register. This Register is used by Council to program local creatives in events and projects, share expressions of interest for artistic opportunities and

facilitate sector networking. Artists that live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde are encouraged to register.

[You can sign up here.](#)

You can also [sign up to the monthly Arts Newsletter](#) to find out about upcoming arts opportunities and activities happening across our City, including professional development programs for local creatives.

Want to find out more about pricing and selling your creative work?

Many creatives find pricing their work tricky, particularly when they are just starting out. Unfortunately, there is no one size fits all solution. Instead, the price of your work will be based on a number of factors including the materials you use, how long it takes to make, your training and expertise, what others in the market charge for similar items, and what people are willing to spend on it.

[We've made a guide that provides some general tips to help get you started.](#)

Winners of the 2020 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards revealed

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The winners of the 2020 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards have been announced at a special online ceremony staged this evening.

Yung Shim Lee Kim received the 2020 Individual Volunteer of the Year award for her work with the Australian Korean Art Therapy Association.

Ms Kim has been a volunteer for the association for 15 years, helping organise a range of workshops for local elderly residents, disabled youth, students and disadvantaged women. In addition, Ms Kim has overseen the training of other association members, helping them to qualify as art therapists, while also increasing local participation in the association's activities.

Edwin Ikwu was awarded a Special Commendation award for his volunteer work with Royal Rehab, a rehabilitation and disability support network located in the City of Ryde.

As part of his roles and responsibilities at Royal Rehab, Mr Ikwu undertakes weekly visits to a non-verbal resident, whom he has learnt to communicate with, providing the resident with a regular companion and reducing their social isolation.

Claire Sellar received the 2020 Young Volunteer of the Year award. Ms Sellar volunteers for a range of local community organisations including St John Ambulance, The Girls Leadership Network Sydney, Marsden High School and as an umpire for the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association.

The Afghan Women's Wellbeing Group was awarded the 2020 Group Volunteer of the Year award.

Established in 2016, the Afghan Women's Wellbeing Group provides support to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees living in the City of Ryde and surrounding area. Through its work, the group helps hundreds of local residents overcome challenges such as domestic violence, unemployment financial stress and homelessness.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale congratulated everyone who was nominated for this year's Volunteer Recognition Awards.

"The challenges created by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic this year have underscored the extremely important work our local volunteers undertake throughout all aspects of the the City of Ryde community," Clr Laxale.

"It is therefore fitting that we can all come together and celebrate the achievements of these unsung heroes."

The 2020 City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards were the 31st edition of the event. This year's awards were streamed online via Council's website and Facebook page due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

Court approves tattoo parlour despite community and Council opposition

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The NSW Land and Environment Court has granted development consent for a tattoo parlour to be established in Melrose Park, despite strong opposition from the City of Ryde and local residents.

In a judgement handed down this week, the Court upheld an appeal lodged by the applicant to change the use of part of the building located at 31 Cobham Avenue, Melrose Park, in order for it to accommodate a tattoo parlour.

The decision to grant development consent was made by the Court despite City of Ryde staff recommending the development application be refused – a position subsequently supported by the Ryde Local Planning Panel which rejected the application at a meeting on 4 July 2019.

In its decision, the Ryde Local Planning Panel stated that the proposed change of use to a tattoo parlour was not considered suitable for the site and contrary to the public interest.

In particular, the Ryde Local Planning Panel found that a tattoo parlour was contrary to the objectives of the B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone, where 31 Cobham Avenue is located, in that it would not service the needs of the people who live or are within the surrounding neighbourhood.

A total of 55 submissions were received during the development application's public exhibition, the vast majority of which were in strong opposition to the establishment of the tattoo parlour at 31 Cobham Avenue.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said he was extremely disappointed with the decision by the NSW Land and Environment Court.

"Once again, Council stood side-by-side with our community in opposing this type of development in a quiet neighbourhood," Cllr Laxale said.

"The intent of the Neighbourhood Centre zoning – as is the case across Sydney – is to provide for a range of small-scale retail, business and community uses such as newsagents, hairdressers, pharmacists or butchers. This was the primary reason cited by the Ryde Local Planning Panel in its decision to refuse the development application.

"I've now asked staff to provide Council with any options it may have available to it in regards to this decision of the Court."