

## Recycled Art Exhibition 2016

Entries are now open for the annual Sustainability Festival Recycled Art Exhibition. The exhibition provides a chance for local residents to demonstrate their creative skills by designing a piece of artwork using 80% recycled materials. This year's theme is 'Plastic does not go away' which provides budding artists with a broad theme to work with and an important message to promote.

The exhibition is supported by South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire Councils and will run from 12 March until 17 April at the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Gallery in Korumburra. Winners will be announced at the Southern Gippsland Sustainability Festival at Coal Creek on 3 April.

"This year's exhibition theme is particularly important considering Australia is one of the world's highest producers of waste, per person, in the world" said Skye Radcliffe-Scott, Council's Environment Officer. "Plastic is used regularly in our daily lives but it can be very damaging to the environment. While it can be recycled, much of the plastic created is not recycled due to littering, difficulty in collecting it or need for dismantling of products for recycling. Breaking the plastic habit is important."

Entrants are encouraged to use recycled products and to transform them into something unique. All age groups are encouraged to participate, with prizes being awarded in Primary (0 – 13 years), Secondary (14-17 years) and Open (18 and above) categories. There will also be a People's Choice category for the most popular exhibition piece.

"The exhibition is such an inspiring project to work on. Artists of all ages and all walks of life create beautiful and thoughtful pieces for all to enjoy" continued Ms Radcliffe-Scott. "We hope that it also gives everyone that views the artwork a sense of how our purchasing choices can impact the future of our environment and community."

To find out more, please visit [www.sustainabilityfestival.com.au](http://www.sustainabilityfestival.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/southgippslandsustainabilityfestival](https://www.facebook.com/southgippslandsustainabilityfestival)

Entries for the Recycled Art Exhibition must be received by 7 March.

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