



WASTE 2 ART

2025



YEAR OF TOYS



THIS COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION
AIMS TO EDUCATE, INFORM & CHALLENGE THE WAY WE
LOOK AT WASTE



SCHOOLS PACKAGE

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WHAT IS WASTE 2 ART?

Waste 2 Art is a community art exhibition and competition that showcases creative works made from waste materials. This exciting and innovative challenge invites students, schools, community groups and individuals to turn rubbish into any art form of their choice, from sculptures to clothing. The purpose of the project is to encourage the concept of refuse, reduce, reuse & recycle whilst challenging attitudes about waste and what we throw away.

Each year there is a specific waste stream that will be featured during Waste 2 Art and this year is the Year of **TOYS**. Students do not have to use the featured waste stream as their artwork medium, any waste materials can be used. Fact Sheets about the Featured Waste will be provided.

BACKGROUND TO WASTE 2 ART

NetWaste consists of 25 Councils across NSW. Each year Councils are invited to participate in the latest round of Waste 2 Art by NetWaste. Council involvement is voluntary and depends on availability of a community or Council representative who can coordinate the local exhibition. Last year 16 Councils participated.

How Does it Work:

1. **Local Exhibition** - Each participating council will conduct a local exhibition. The date for the exhibition will be determined by the coordinator and Entry Forms will be available from your local Council. Entries may be submitted by a group of students, a class, the whole school or individuals. If your school isn't involved the students can still enter through your local coordinator.
2. **Regional Showcase** – If your artwork wins its category it will progress to the Regional Showcase, your coordinator will send a link to the Regional Submission Form which must be completed for the work to be exhibited. The cost of transport to & from the Regional Showcase will be covered by your participating council and NetWaste but the packaging of each artwork for travel is the responsibility of the artist. The 2025 Regional Showcase will be hosted by Dubbo Regional Council and the opening is **27th September 2025 at the Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street Dubbo.**

Small prizes are awarded as part of the Local Waste 2 Art but there is **\$11,500** in prize money awarded at the Waste 2 Art Regional Showcase with great thanks to Sims Metal who have been our sponsors for over 20 years. The Primary & Secondary Categories have been included specifically for schools or individual students.

Categories for Schools (Entries may be submitted by classes, whole schools, groups of students or individuals)

- **Primary School**
 - 2 Dimensional
 - 3 Dimensional
 - Functional
- **Secondary School**
 - 2 Dimensional
 - 3 Dimensional
 - Functional

T's & C's AND OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2025

Please watch this video for some very important information about the 2025 Waste 2 Art Year of Toys. <https://youtu.be/e4IZAFV8EzY>

Please be aware that any work progressing to the Regional Showcase using craft materials and not stating where they were sourced will not be exhibited. We have seen too many craft items purchased specifically for Waste 2 Art but this goes against what we are trying to achieve so we are now ensuring that everyone explains what they used and where they sourced it. We don't mind using new materials ie glue if you need it to hold your work together but we don't want to see brand new googly eyes when they could be made from scrap.

If you work progresses to the regional a Regional Submission Form must be completed online. Your Coordinator will provide the link.

- Artworks must demonstrate the re-use and recycling of waste - **no new materials included** unless structurally required.
- Winning entrants will be notified by their coordinator.
- All entrants grant permission to publish names and photographs of entrants and images of their artworks through print and electronic media.
- Judges and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
- The organisers will take all reasonable care in handling the artworks, however the organisers will not be responsible for any loss or damage incurred to any of the artworks or materials.
- Artworks & copyright remain the property of the entrant.

ALL ARTWORK MUST:

- Be labelled with name of entrant, council area and title of work.
- Have an artist's statement (max 220 words).
- **State what materials were used and where they were sourced.**

- Be stable and safe for exhibition with no sharp protruding pieces.
- Not exceed 30kgs in weight or 1 cubic meter once packed. If the work can be separated into parts to meet the size requirements include and email installation instructions to NetWaste. If the work exceeds the requirements it can be entered as a framed photograph **(not laminated)** ready to hang with D rings.
- Be exhibition ready. It must include a hanging system i.e. **framed with D-rings**. If freestanding it must stand independently and safely.
- If your work is for sale the price on your Submission Form will be provided with your contact details to interested buyers.
- Include any instructions for display or installation in the package and emailed to admin@netwaste.com.au

All artwork must be delivered to your local participating council and collected once the exhibition has ended. For details please contact your local Waste 2 Art Coordinator.

The cost and means of transport to the local exhibition are the responsibility of the entrant.

REGIONAL SHOWCASE

If your work is identified as a local winner you will need to safely package it for transport. Packages must not exceed 30kg or 1 cubic meter. You will need to deliver the packaged work to your local council collection point on the designated day, please contact your coordinator for these details. It will be transported to The Sims Waste 2 Art Regional Showcase.

Dubbo Regional Council will host The Sims Waste 2 Art 2025 Regional Showcase and will be open to the public from the 20th September to the 2nd November.

**The official Opening is 27th September 2025
Western Plains Cultural Centre
76 Wingewarra Street Dubbo.**

Each package should be clearly labelled & include:

- Your NAME, Title of the artwork and your council area.
- TO: Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street Dubbo
- Any instructions for display or set-up of your artwork should be included and emailed to admin@netwaste.com.au.

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