



Wetland**Care** Australia's

Opening Exhibition of Winning Works

WetlandCare National Art Competition 2009

February 1 2009





# Exhibition Space

The opening exhibition of the winning works in the WetlandCare National Art Competition 2009 was held at the picturesque Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre, in the north-east of Brisbane, Queensland.

It was a fantastic space to hold such an event, showcasing the brilliant winning art and photography entries.



We had so many winners, they didn't all fit inside!



## Exhibition Space



The verandah made an excellent exhibition space on the day.





# Exhibition Opening



Acting General Manager of WetlandCare Australia, Nicci Carter, welcomes everyone who attended, and acknowledges all those who couldn't make it.



Renowned wildlife and nature photographer Steve Parish gave an inspiring talk on the benefits and possibilities of combining art and conservation.



Directors of WetlandCare Australia, Mike Ronan and Rebecca Lines-Kelly discuss the artwork.



The winning works in the Murray-Darling Basin Authority Children's Art Junior on display.

# Murray-Darling Basin Authority Children's Art Junior



Right: Mr Rob Freeman, CEO of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, presents Free Vreeman (top) and Sam Lucas (centre) with their Merit Awards in the Murray-Darling Basin Authority Children's Art Junior category.



Bottom right: Mr Freeman with Free, Sam and their artworks.



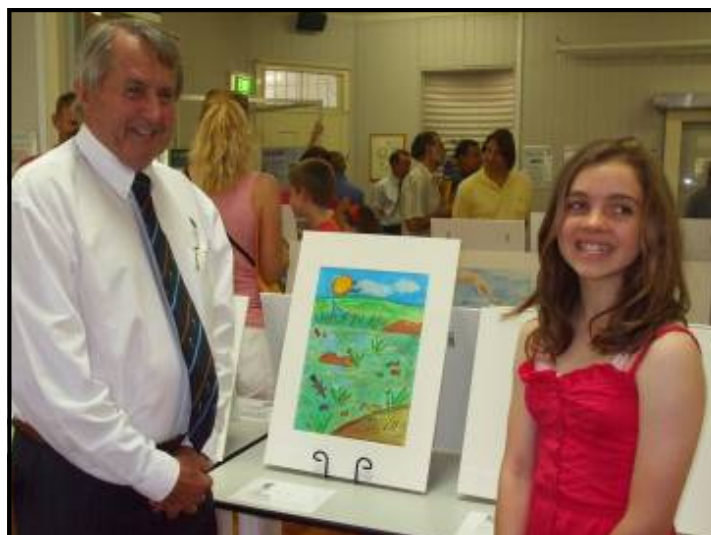
Above: Mr Rob Freeman, CEO of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, addresses the audience (top) and discusses the winning works with Nicci Carter of WetlandCare Australia.





The winning works from the Central West CMA Children's Art Junior category on display.

## Central West CMA Children's Art Senior



Top: Mr Tom Gavel, Chairman of Central West CMA, addresses the attendees.

Above: Mr Gavel with Art Competition Coordinator, Liz Hajenko and Acting General Manager of WetlandCare Australia Nicci Carter.

Above Mr Gavel and Talia with her award-winning artwork.

Top: Mr Gavel presents Talia Feel with the 3rd Prize in the Central West Children's Art Senior category; the prize included a Steve Parish book pack.



Left: 1st Prize winner in the Sydney Metropolitan CMA Open Art Category, Elizabeth Oldmeadow, receives her prize.



Right: Elizabeth Oldmeadow and Philip Samson with her award-winning artwork.

# Sydney Metropolitan CMA Open Art



Clockwise from top left: Mr Philip Samson, Chairman of Sydney Metropolitan CMA, addresses the attendees.

Mr Samson and Kathryn Harrison with her 2nd Prize-winning artwork

Mr Samson presents Kathryn Harrison with her award

Mr Samson with Liz Jordan and her 3rd Prize-winning artwork

Steve Parish presents Liz Jordan with her book pack.

Liz Hajenko, Art Competition Coordinator, presents Mr Samson with a Certificate of Thanks.





The winning photography on display inside the centre and on the verandah



# NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Children's Photography Junior And Senior



From left: Mr Andrew McIntyre, Manager of Biodiversity and Conservation at NSW DECC Coffs Harbour, addresses the audience.

(Centre): Mr McIntyre presents Wesley Read with his 2nd prize certificate in the NSW DECC Children's Photography Junior category.

(Right): Mr McIntyre presents William Peters with his 3rd Prize certificate in the NSW DECC Children's Photography Senior category.



The winning photography on display.

# NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Open Photography



Above: Mr McIntyre with Margaret Bending and her 2nd Prize-winning photograph.

Below: Mr McIntyre with Les Irwig and his 3rd Prize.





# Mixing and Mingling



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**Murray- Darling Basin Authority**  
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**Border Rivers- Gwydir Catchment Management Authority**  
**Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment**  
**Gagudju Lodge Cooina**  
**Australia Zoo**

Below: Representatives from Major Sponsoring Organisations who were able to attend the launch.



L-R: Mr Philip Samson, Chairman, Sydney Metropolitan CMA; Steve Parish, Steve Parish Publishing; Mr Andrew McIntyre, Manager of Biodiversity and Conservation, NSW DECC Coffs Harbour; Mr Robert Freeman, CEO, Murray-Darling Basin Authority; Mr Tom Gavel, Chairman, Central West CMA.

