Cowra Council

Local artist wins RAFCA prize

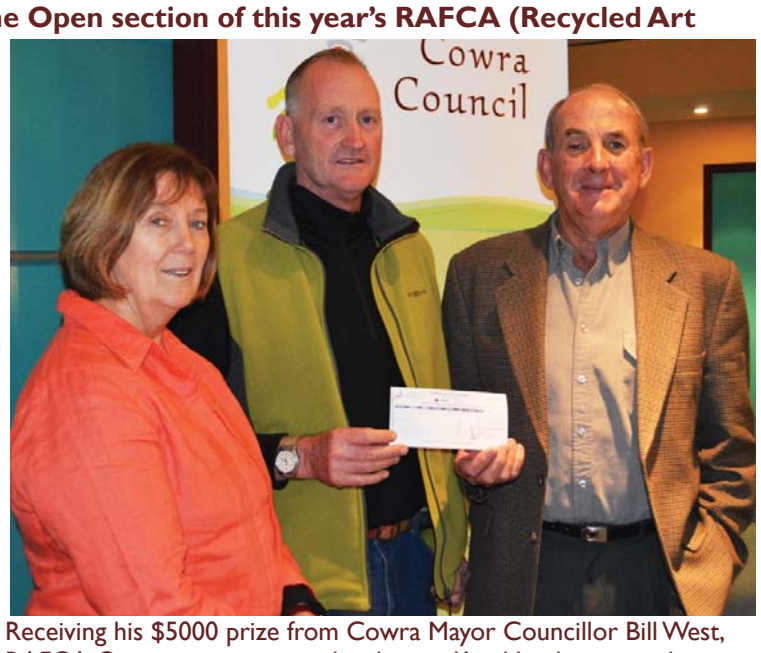
Local artist Ken Hutchinson recently won the Open section of this year's RAFCA (Recycled Art for Cowra Awards) competition.

With Cowra Council sponsoring the $5000 Open section of the awards, Mr Hutchinson's winning entry involved a beautifully-crafted railway seat created from railway plates.

The public viewing of the awards drew more than 200 people to Cowra Aquatic Centre last Sunday with winners announced ranging from Opens to pre-school and People's Choice awards (see below).

"Everyone was impressed by the creativity of both the student and adult entries and the quality of the many artistic 'bush philosophers' that were on show," Councillor Judi Smith, Chairperson of the RAFCA Awards Committee, said.

"The public also enjoyed the wonderful entertainment from Cowra Town Band and Torsion Dance Ensemble performing a segment of their 'Cowra History' production, and the Wagambirra Aboriginal Dance Troupe," Cr Smith added.



Receiving his $5000 prize from Cowra Mayor Councillor Bill West, RAFCA Open section winner local artist Ken Hutchinson with Councillor Judi Smith, Chairperson of the RAFCA Awards Committee.

RAFCA Award Winners

Section	Winner	Entry
Open – First Place	Ken Hutchinson	Seat of Power/ Steam Power
Open – Highly Commended	Len Wallace	Awesome Majesty
Preschool – First Place	Canowindra Pre-School	Age Of Fishes
Preschool – Highly Commended	Waratah Room, Cowra Early Childhood	
Preschool – Commended	Sams Room, Cowra Early Childhood	First Houses in Cowra and the Lachlan River
Infants – First Place	Kindergarten Finlay, St Raphaels	By Boat we came
Infants – Highly Commended	Kaitlyn Rutledge	The Bush
Primary – First Place	Wyangala Dam School	Harbour Bridge, sail boat and Opera House
Primary – Highly Commended	Tahlia Ryan	Australian Flag – Home of many countries
High School – First Place	Ben Price	Coat & Hat Stand
High School – Highly Commended	Jack Ranger	Heritage Australia
High School – Highly Commended	Grace Gallagher	Breakout, Reaching for freedom
High School – Highly Commended	Hanna Nobes	A Passage Of Time
People's Choice Award	Wyangala Dam School	Harbour Bridge, sail boat and Opera House

Pool Managers' conference goes swimmingly at Cowra

Cowra Mayor, Councillor Bill West recently opened the Country Aquatic Centre Manager's Conference in Cowra.

This event had managers from more than 100 aquatic centres from throughout NSW attending plus more than 40 exhibitors displaying items from flotation devices to robotic pool vacuums to inflatable rides.

"It's gone great, I'm really happy with how it's going," Cowra Aquatic Centre Manager Kerry Lynch said at the event.

Pictured above, Cowra Aquatic Centre Manager Kerry Lynch at the trade exhibition that featured at the recent Country Aquatic Centre Manager's Conference in Cowra.

Road Train's message coming to Cowra

NRMA Motoring & Services has partnered with the **Sydney Theatre Company** (STC) to produce a unique and compelling theatre production about road safety.

The play "Road Train", written and directed by Resident Director, Stefo Nantsou, targets young drivers with road safety messages with a quality theatre production featuring professional actors.

Young drivers and their families are invited to this free performance at Cowra High School at 7pm next Friday, May 31.

Sharing Our Story at Library and Information Week

Cowra Library is celebrating Library and Information Week by showcasing their resources, events and services.

This year's theme is "Share Your Story" and Cowra Library has lots of these to enjoy including the:

- **Newspaper Digitisation Project –** the *Cowra Free Press (1911–1921)* is one of several publications to have been digitised and uploaded to the internet as part of a project undertaken by Central West Libraries and funded by the NSW Government. Find these at www.trove.nla.gov.au
- **Download a magazine** — Central West Libraries, in partnership with RBdigital, now offer Zinio for Libraries. Go to the info@home drop-down menu on the CWL website www.cwl.nsw.gov.au and click on the link online magazines to get started. You will need to be a member of the Library and have your membership card handy.
- **Yourtutor** — A tutor is online waiting to help you with all your homework questions from Monday to Friday, 4–8pm. Go to the CWL website, select yourtutor from the dropdown menu –info@home and enter your membership card to begin your live session.
- Find **Legal Answers** is a free legal information service at local libraries and our staff recently updated their skills with the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) to help you find answers to your law questions.
- **Audio Books —** Choose and download talking books (eAudio-books) from the range of adult, children's and young adult titles offered through Bolinda and OneClickDigital.

Enjoy your local library during Library and Information Week