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2 NOVEMBER – 22 DECEMBER 2019

Mundaring Arts Centre will come alive with environmental artworks by almost 1,000 local primary school children for the annual Mundaring Environmental Art Project exhibition. This project, presented by the Shire of Mundaring and Mundaring Arts Centre, has engaged local primary schools in the investigation of positive solutions for improving our environment for the past 18 years. The project provides a forum for young people to be creative and share their views, whilst learning about environmental issues.

This year's theme; *Things With Wings; The Pollinators – Birds, Bats & Bees* has provided primary school students with an opportunity to explore and understand the vital role pollinators play in sustaining our local ecosystems and what we can do to protect them.

Entries this year were received from 12 primary schools: Mundaring, Helena College, Sawyers Valley, Mount Helena, Pickering Brook, Parkerville, Chidlow, St Anthonys, Darlington, Bakers Hill, Swan View and Treetops Montessori with students translating their learnings into thoughtful designs on paper to be displayed at Mundaring Arts Centre until 22 December.



Ashleigh Wigmore, Banner design (detail), 2019, Year 6, Sawyers Valley Primary School

This year's entries were judged by Shire of Mundaring's Environment and Sustainability Officers Briony Moran and Heidi Dougherty alongside Mundaring Arts Centre Director Jenny Haynes and artist Louise Cook with the following students selected as winners: Bianca Hunter, Maxwell Scully, Oliver Frost, Isla May Sorensen, Oliver Stewart, Sienna Hedley, Pepin Kozak, Charli Dullard, Josh Miles, Lochlan Nichols, Alexander Beardsmore, Ashleigh Wigmore, Emily Buttsworth, Manly Holder, Camden Evans and Tallulah Taylor-Cruskall.

The sixteen winning students will now work with Louise Cook to paint their designs onto largescale banners to be displayed in the town centre throughout 2020. Twenty-one Highly Commended entries were also selected and the winners will receive a certificate and prize at the launch of the new banners on Thursday 5 December at Mundaring Arts Centre from 3.30pm – 5pm.

The public is invited to view the students work on show free to the public, 2 November – 22 December during opening hours and vote for their favourite work for the *Things With Wings* People's Choice Award. The exhibition is presented in alongside *Surface Tension*, an exhibition of new ceramics by Stephanie Hammill and Andrea Vinkovic.

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Mundaring Arts Centre | Tuesday – Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am-3pm

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