

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Bayside Arts Festival celebrates creativity**

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The Bayside Arts Festival kicks off on Sunday 15 April with stART, an arts and crafts fair in Cook Park Kyeemagh, designed to unleash your inner artist.

stART, a free family-friendly fair, encourages everyone to get creative with exciting series of arts and craft workshops, installations and exhibitions.

The Bayside Arts Festival runs for 3 weeks and includes over 30 events including competitions, exhibitions, forums, workshops, theatrical performances, public art projects as well as a series of cultural events in the local area.

“The \$18,000 sponsorship from the Sydney Airport means the Bayside Arts Festival is on the way to becoming one of the major arts festivals in NSW.

“The Bayside Arts Festival promotes local artistic talent and creates opportunities for the wider community to participate in many arts and cultural activities,” Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

As part of the festival and with over \$70,000 in prize money on offer, the Bayside Art Awards recognises outstanding achievements in Sculpture, Photography and Visual Arts.

The Bayside Art Awards are an initiative of Bayside Council in conjunction with Sydney Airport.

Secondary sponsors of the award include Westfield Eastgardens and the Cooks River Alliance.

The Bayside Arts Festival hallmark events are Sculptures @ Bayside, stART, the GRaB (Georges River & Bayside) Arts and Cultural Forum, CamerART photographic competition, as well as workshops, open days and exhibitions.

This year an acquisitive prize of up to \$50,000 known as the Sculptures @ Bayside Acquisition Prize will be awarded to the most outstanding eligible sculpture submitted.

Sculptures @ Bayside will transform the shores of Cook Park, Kyeemagh with an exciting display of artistic talent during the Bayside Arts Festival.

The full program is available on Councils website.

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