

Press Release

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Reverse Garbage Queensland connecting community through art

Local cooperative brings team of local artists together to
turn 'waste' into functional sculptural art

Reverse Garbage Queensland Co-op Ltd (RGQ) will be endeavouring on one of its most ambitious Community Art Projects to date.

The project involves 6 panels, each roughly the size of a 10 seater dining table, which will be affixed to the facade of it's newly renovated Eco Art Workshop facilities. The purpose of the panels is to create aesthetic appeal while also serving as a natural form of insulation to an otherwise corrugated iron industrial shed.

"The project is about demonstrating what is possible", explained Mei Tuicolo, Project Coordinator and RGQ spokesperson.

"We specialise in repurposing industrial discards for practical and artistic purposes. This project brings both of those elements together by demonstrating how art can be multi-purpose – functional and thought provoking", she added.

The Project will bring together local community creatives - Hannah Munster, Dee Handyside, Catherine Conaty, Darin Bendall and Michael Vagg – to infill the panels, using durable salvaged materials, to provide an artistic climbing structure for a shading vine.

The *Big Reveal* of the completed Community Art Project will coincide with [Planet Ark's National Recycling Week](#); and be held on **Wednesday the 10th of November** at RGQ's Workshops Shed, **7 Burke Street, Woollongabba**.

For more information head to: <https://reversegarbagequeensland.com.au/community/2021-art-project>

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ABOUT RGQ

Reverse Garbage Queensland Co-op Ltd (RGQ) is a not-for-profit worker-run co-operative that promotes environmental sustainability and resource reuse. RGQ collects high quality industrial discards, diverting them away from landfill and sells them at a low cost to the general public. Established in 1998 to support Friends of the Earth – Brisbane, RGQ was also set up to provide meaningful and ecologically sustainable employment and to be an example of a truly sustainable enterprise.

RGQ runs a variety of environment and waste focused art workshops and educational talks and tours to suit every age and group. Their mail order service provides regional areas with access to salvaged materials and Reverse Emporium gallery and gift shop provides local artists, craft workers and designers who salvage, reuse and up-cycle materials an outlet to sell their works and wares.

www.reversegarbageqld.com.au

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Hannah Munster

- Hannah is a children's book illustrator and designer based in Brisbane.

Catherine Conaty

- Catherine is a mosaic artist and educator who has been creating mosaics for 25 years.

Darin Bendall

- Darin is an artist and animator from Oklahoma, USA who grew up on skateboarding, punk rock and a bedrock DIY ethos.

Dee Handyside

- Dee has been a singer/songwriter since the age of 3 and firm believer that 'Music should never die'.

Michael Vagg

- Michael is a metal sculpture artists and an alumnus of RGQ.

Full details, including social media handles can be found at

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