

Community Art Workshop at the Capel Festival

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Rachel Wyder, a core educator at Child Side School, is also an environmental artist who specialises in sculpture, textiles, fibre and community art projects. Rachel has been engaged by the Shire of Capel to run a community arts workshop at the Capel Fest on Sunday 1st April 2012.

The focus of the workshop is a giant 20th century hybrid breed of fish called the Bottle Bream. Based on the bream fish species, this sculpture is constructed from plastic bottles and plastic shopping bags. These recycled materials reference the impact humans can have on the environment and emphasise how human consumption and waste has infiltrated our waterways.

The children of Child Side School, inspired by Rachel's Bottle Bream, have been using their entrepreneurial skills to design and construct articles made from recycled plastic bottles. This includes other sea creatures and fish that will be used to create a visually stunning display for Capel Fest community art workshop setting.

At the workshop people will be able to purchase bottled water, and once they have refreshed themselves by drinking the cool water they can return and transform their bottle by recycling it into a fish or purchase one of the many items designed and made by the children.

So why not join in the fun, by being inventive and creative while raising awareness about recycling and the need to protect our local environment.

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Photo opportunity:

Meet Rachel Wyder and the children from Child Side School, and see the Bottle Bream as well as the many creative designs the children have been working on that are currently on display at Child Side School.



The Bottle Bream, a giant 20th century hybrid breed of fish



Some of the clever and colourful recycled bottle art designs that will also be on display