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Stolen banner trumps Christmas Banner Competition

The Eveleigh Farmer's Market was alive with festive cheer and celebration on Saturday, 10 December 2011 with 'Life for Koori Kids' winning the top prize for their vibrant and creative entry in the Market's annual Christmas Banner Competition.

The children were ecstatic with their win after almost missing out on entering the competition. Their banner went missing the day before it was due and 'Life for Koori Kids' coordinator Ailsa Gillett spent a frantic 24 hours trying to put a new one together. Miraculously their original entry appeared on her doorstep a day later, allowing them to get their banner in on time - and win the top prize!



Parliamentary Secretary and member for Port Stephens Craig Baumann presented 'Life for Koori Kids' with a \$1000 award and announced Darlington Public School as the winner of the People's Choice Award, who was also awarded \$1000.

Mr Baumann congratulated the winners on their original and creative works and praised the local schools and youth groups from inner south and inner western Sydney who took part for their contribution to creating a fantastic community and festive atmosphere at Eveleigh Market.

A student from Darlington Public School read a touching note at the award presentation thanking Eveleigh Market for the opportunity to participate and to thank the community for voting for them.

The Competition was judged by Roy Wakelin-King, Managing Director of Australian Technology Park, Dylan Farrell, South Sydney Rabbitohs player, Aunty Beryl from Yaama Dhiyaan; and Mary Lynne Pidcock, President of the South Sydney Business Chamber.

"The kids showed so much enthusiasm and did a fantastic job," said Eveleigh Market, Manager, Ariana Aljinovic. "The market was buzzing in the lead up to Christmas with the banners really adding to the community atmosphere and we would like to thank the community for showing their support by voting for the People's Choice Award."

Over 3500 market goers visited Eveleigh Farmers' Market on Saturday to stock up on the array of Christmas treats available - from succulent turkey, smoked ham and relishes to Christmas cakes, handmade chocolate and wine. Christmas festivities will continue with the Eveleigh Farmers' Christmas Market being held on Saturday, 24 December 2011 from 8am-1pm with a visit from Santa and all the very best in local and seasonal produce at over 75 stalls to make your Christmas a special and tasty one.

Eveleigh Market is located at 243 Wilson Street, Darlington and is proudly supported by Australian Technology Park.

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