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Eveleigh Markets Christmas Banner Competition Winners Announced

The award winning Eveleigh Markets was pleased to have NSW Premier, The Hon Kristina Keneally announce the winners of the Christmas Banner competition at the Eveleigh Markets on Saturday 19 December, 2009.

The Premier announced Alexandria Park Community School as the winner of the inaugural competition while the Life for Kids banner was judged the runner up and Darlington Public School took out the People's Choice Award for 2009.

Every school in the City of Sydney local government area and the Youth Services in Redfern and Waterloo were invited to enter the competition.

The Premier congratulated all those schools and youth centres that entered the competition and also thanked all the young people for their magnificent work in creating the banners.

The Redfern-Waterloo Authority and the Eveleigh Markets created the Christmas banner competition so that young people from the local area could help the markets celebrate Christmas and give something back to the community who have so generously supported them in their first twelve months of trading.

"My fellow judges and I were given a very hard task in judging the banners," The Premier said. "Every entry was wonderful and whilst there can only be three prize winners, each banner has brought even more colour and joy to the Eveleigh Markets".

Roy Wakelin-King, CEO of the Redfern Waterloo Authority and Managing Director of the Australian Technology Park said "The RWA are delighted with the response to the inaugural Banners Competition".

"We have decided that the competition will become an Eveleigh Markets Christmas tradition and will be run each year".

The winning entry and the People's Choice Award receive \$1000 each with the runner up getting \$500. In addition the students from Alexandria Park Community School that created the winning banner will also be invited to attend a training session and barbecue with Souths Rabbitohs players in early 2010 as part of their prize.

Darlington Public School, Glebe Public School, Alexandria Park Community School, The Settlement, Life for Kids, Redfern Community Centre and the South Sydney Youth Services all provided entries in the competition, with South Sydney Youth Services entering two banners.

The banners were hung in the markets from the 5th December with many people going to the markets over the past few weeks to vote for the People's Choice award.

The judging panel included Mary Lynne Pidcock from the Redfern Chamber of Commerce, Roy Wakelin-King Chief Executive Officer of the RWA and Managing Director of the Australian Technology Park, esteemed Aboriginal Elder Aunty Beryl Van Oploo and Souths Rabbitohs players Fetuli Talanoa and Eddy Pettybourne.

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