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Jules named Easter Show champion

Byron Bay artist Jules Hunt has been named a Show Champion by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW ahead of the 2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show in recognition of her ongoing participation in the show's arts and crafts competition.

Ms Hunt made the 'sea change' with her family from Sydney to Byron Bay two years ago and since moving to the North Coast has had the chance to develop her ceramic hobby into an income.

Her ceramics have been entered in the show for the past three years and have taken out the top gong for the Standard of Excellence Arts Award every year.

This year Ms Hunt will again contest her number one spot.

Chief executive of the RAS, Peter King is encouraging the Byron Bay community to pay a visit to the Arts Pavilion at this year's show.

"The show is a celebrated meeting place for country families to catch up and see the best in agriculture from across NSW," he said.

Ms Hunt was thrilled to be named show champion.



Jules Hunt working in her studio.

Lost parking big concern for business

60 spaces gone,
By Gary Chigwidden

Reaction to the introduction of front-in parking at Byron Bay has been mixed with the loss of parking spaces a major concern.

The town's peak business body, Byron United, says 60 spaces were lost in the switch last Tuesday week from rear-to-kerb parking and it will have a negative impact on CBD businesses.

Byron United president Ed Ahern said he believed drivers had adapted pretty well to front-in parking.

"I don't think there are any issues there," he said. "But there are issues about the loss of parking."

"It's an enormous impact. It depresses business."

Mr Ahern said Byron United would write to Byron Council's general manager, Graeme Faulkner, and ask whether the council was going to provide parking to replace the 60 lost spaces.

He said multiply the \$57,000 developers were required to pay per parking space in the town by 60 and it came to almost \$3.5 million - money the council should provide to build a new car parking area.

Mr Ahern suggested the council should look at the Butler Street Reserve to provide the extra parking close to the CBD.

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