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Christ Church student announced as Young Archie Finalist

Christ Church Grammar School Art student Lucca Harvey (Year 11) has been announced as a finalist in the 13 to 15 year age category of the 2019 Young Archie Portraiture competition, which attracted over 2100 entries.

His self-portrait titled 'A Splash of Me' received recognition from judges, including artist and 2016 Archibald Prize finalist, Marikit Santiago.

"This is the first painting I've ever done in watercolour," says Lucca.

"I decided to work in watercolour as over the

summer break I grew tired of using the same medium."

"I wanted to step out of my comfort zone and bring back the excitement of doing something new."

"As a first piece, I decided to paint myself because in the likely event of messing it up I didn't want to hurt another person's feelings."

Lucca's self-portrait is currently on exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, with the winner to be announced on 10 August.



• Cockburn mayor Logan Howlett with The Forever Project founder Chris Ferreira.

Infill to inspire

by STEVE GRANT

COUNCILS are often more willing to accept sensitive infill than people give them credit for, says sustainability guru Chris Ferreira.

The Hamilton Hill resident, who founded and runs The Forever Project, will be putting his theory to the test soon as he seeks permission from Cockburn council to build two new apartments on his property.

While that mightn't seem too challenging at first glance, it will result in four homes, and he's planning to have 40 trees, a veggie patch and a brood of chickens to boot.

"It seems all the rage to take a perfectly good old home, its wonderful big trees and garden, flatten it, cart the tangled mess off to the tip and replace it with a crowded clutch of amorphous grey boxes," Mr Ferreira said.

"But behind the gloss of the sales pitch there are some pretty ugly truths.

"Not only do we lose the essence and

beauty of where we live, tree by tree, brick by brick, but without gardens we know kids suffer, spending more time indoors, locked to screens, and all the research shows that this can significantly impair their early development.

Mr Ferreira will be working with town planners, architects, builders and sustainability experts to document the process so others can follow.

While he acknowledges there's grumbling leaf-haters out there, he doubts they'll be attracted to a development like his so there's unlikely to be pressure from within to reduce the greenery.

Cockburn council has thrown its support behind his project, with mayor Logan Howlett saying he often grimaces at suburban infill.

Mr Ferreira will be holding an open day at his 11 Mortlock Street home tomorrow (Sunday May 19) from 10am-4pm to show people how he's transformed his fibro hotbox into a sustainability masterpiece and also explain his new infill project.

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