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Roadworks and artworks combine at the 2009 art prize

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A team of road repair and maintenance specialists from Central Coast company, [Sharpe Bros](#), took time out from their roadworks schedule to judge hundreds of artworks in the 2009 [Sharpe Bros Roadworkers Prize](#) at the Gosford Regional Gallery.

[Sharpe Bros](#) joint managing director, Michael Sharpe, announced the winning entry as, 'My Sweet Lord', an ink-on-paper work by Alysha Nosworthy, which depicts an image of George Harrison comprised of the lyrics from famous Beatles tunes.

The complex piece, which was a popular choice among visitors to the Gallery in the lead up to the prize, uses words of different sizes, intensity and tonal range rather than traditional hatching techniques.

Michael Sharpe said while the finalists did include a semi-nude painting which caught the eye of the judges, the roadwork crew selected the winning artwork for its intricate artistic composition and popular-culture appeal.

The annual Roadworkers Art Prize was held during Safe Work Australia Week.

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