

# IGA Perth Royal Show

1st October to 8th October 2011



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## **Crafts you can cuddle**

Children at Princess Margaret Hospital will be drawing comfort from an array of cuddly toys, thanks to a new category at the Creative Crafts Competition at the IGA Perth Royal Show.

Stephanie Nicholas, 19, a veterinary student of Canning Vale, was the inaugural winner of the cuddle toy suitable for children at PMH category with her toy giraffe.

It is the first time she has entered the competition.

She has previously made teddy bears for an orphanage in Burma.

Stephanie's entry is a combination of hand and machine sewing.

"I chose to make a giraffe because I wanted something a bit different and I liked the idea of helping to make a little kid in hospital happy," she says.

"Every child in hospital needs something to cuddle.

"Mum taught me to sew and it is a way for me to relax when I am not studying."

Stephanie's giraffe along with the other cuddly entries will be presented to PMH on behalf of the exhibitors after the Show.

The toys can be seen in the Creative Crafts Pavilion along with 25 individual sections including knitting, greeting cards, hobby ceramics, wearable art, patchwork quilting, bookbinding and much more.

Hundreds of entries come in from all over Australia as people show off their colourful, creative and crafty best.

Demonstrations happen on most days and during the eight days of the Show some 2,500 exhibitors participate.

The Show runs from October 1 to 8 and this year all kids 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult thanks to the State Government's support of CHOGM.