

The 2013 Lake Tyers Coast Action Environmental Art Competition

Guidelines and Conditions

Entries are to demonstrate the unique and precious environmental, ecological and aesthetic qualities of the Lake Tyers area, which includes the forests and hills, Ramsar listed lakes, water catchments, shorelines, wetlands, heathlands, dunes, escarpments and beaches anywhere from Nowa Nowa to Lake Bunga.

There are 3 categories:

1. Photography
2. Art, e.g. painting, drawing, sculpture, etc.
3. Creative writing, e.g. poetry, nature writing essay (up to 500 words)

Entries are open at 4 levels:

- A. Prep to grade 3
- B. Grade 4 to grade 6;
- C. Secondary school
- D. Post-secondary

We are looking for entries that are truly creative, innovative and imaginative.

Be original. The judges will be looking for images that reveal the unexpected. This means we want something that is more original than, say, a pelican standing on a post. You might want to focus on the natural beauty, or the creatures that live here. Therefore you might create a superb photo, or produce a mind-blowing art piece, or write a perceptive essay.

However, much of the area's biodiversity is threatened due to pressures from extensive urban development, clearing of vegetation, roaming feral and domestic animals and foxes, rubbish dumping, erosion and sediment runoff into catchments, Lake Tyers and the ocean. Therefore, your entry might also demonstrate how our actions impact on the ecology, the wildlife or the biodiversity and sustainability of our local environment.

Terms & Conditions

The competition is run via e-mail (earthcare@satlink.com.au) or post:
The Secretary, Lake Tyers Coast Action, PO BOX 242, Lakes Entrance, 3909.
For further information or an entry form see www.laketyersbeach.net.au or contact earthcare@satlink.com.au

The competition is open for entries from 1 July 2013. The closing date is 27 September 2013

Up to 3 entries (in any category) are permitted. Please submit photos in standard JPEG format and written entries in MS Word as attachments.

For entries in the 'Art' category, take 2 or 3 photos of the piece and send these in as an attachment. Entries may be accompanied by a brief description or rationale in the body of the email.

Please include the Category entered (1, 2 or 3) and the Level entered (A, B, C or D)

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address, with the subject heading 'Coastcare Competition'. If under 18 please provide consent from parent, guardian of School Principal.

When the competition closes the uploaded images will be shortlisted for final judging. We may contact you if you have been shortlisted to request a personal viewing of the entry (if the entry is other than a photograph or written piece). The judges will assess the shortlisted entries and the winners will be selected. Please make sure that you keep copies of all your original images safe. Only JPG files straight out of the camera are accepted as originals. We attach great importance on authentic photography and written work.

As entries (winners, runner-up or commended) may be included in a future publication we recommend that you use the highest possible quality setting on your camera. Remember the technical must-haves: in focus and well exposed.

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to anyone within the four levels, except those directly involved in the competition's organisation and the judging.
2. An image will be rejected if in the opinion of the judges it appears that the image has been taken in such a way that wildlife or animal welfare requirements may have been breached; protected species or habitats have been compromised; or the image has been otherwise taken in an irresponsible way.
3. Images that have been entered into other competitions where the results are still pending are not eligible for entry.
4. A picture that has already won a prize (winner, runner-up or commended) in another competition cannot be entered.

Judging

A panel of photography, literary and art experts (the Judges) will assess and select entries for short listing. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into. All winners will be notified by phone or email. A list of the winners will be published on the www.laketyersbeach.net.au website and local newspapers. *Finalists agree to take part in post-competition publicity, for example attendance at an awards event or book launch.*

Prizes

A prize of \$50 per Category and Level will be awarded, i.e. a total of 12 prizes. However, should the entries in any Category or Level fall below the standard required (taking into account the Level entered) by the competition organisers and the judges, then the organisers reserve the right not to award prizes.

A *Grand Prize* of \$100 for the *most outstanding entry* will also be awarded.

Moreover, 24 *free memberships* for one year of the Lake Tyers Coast Action group (worth \$10) will be awarded to runners-up and commended entries).

Copyright & permissions

By submitting entries, each entrant confirms and warrants that:

1. they are the sole author of each entry and that it is their original work;
2. they own the copyright or any other intellectual property rights of each image;
3. they have the permission of anyone pictured in the image (or, where the image shows any persons under 18, the consent of their parent/guardian) for the usage rights required by LAKE

- TYERS COAST ACTION and will indemnify LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement;
4. they have not licensed or disposed of any rights in the image that would conflict with uses to be made by LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION; and
 5. they have received any necessary permissions from the owner(s) of objects included in submitted images for the usage rights required by LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION and will indemnify LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION against any claims made by any third parties in respect of such infringement.

By entering the competition, you grant LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION and its sponsors and supporters a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to reproduce, enlarge, publish or exhibit, on any media, the entries for any purpose directly connected with the competition. This may include, but is not limited to: inclusion in a book of winning and commended entries; display at exhibitions; display on web sites; for use in releases to be distributed to national, regional & specialist press and other media giving information about or promoting the competition and LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION's interests .

1. Entrants agree that the organisers can sub-license entries to the media for reproduction in connection with the competition, exhibition and book production.
2. LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION will make every reasonable effort to ensure that name credits are given to any entree published in any medium.
3. Free usage of any entree will not be permitted by LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION, or any of its partners or sponsors outside of the scope of the competition, exhibition and book production.
4. Entrants retain the copyright to images submitted.
1. LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION reserves the right to remove or refuse any entries from the competition for any reason.
2. Entries will be refused or removed if in the sole judgment of the LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION they could reasonably be expected to breach or contravene any applicable law or bring the competition, a sponsor, or the photographer into disrepute.
3. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION's Privacy Policy applies to the competition.

By accepting the Terms & Conditions of the competition and subsequently submitting your images, you have entered into an agreement with LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION.
LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION bears no responsibility for loss, damage or injury incurred as a result of participation (and / or) involvement in the competition and awards.

Disclaimer

The information given in these Terms & Conditions is correct, but LAKE TYERS COAST ACTION reserves the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.