

THREATENED SPECIES ART & WRITING COMPETITION



OPENS 10 JULY 2023 AND CLOSSES 4 AUGUST 2023



To find out more about this competition, or for a full list of animals and plants that are classed as threatened species in the Macarthur region, please contact your local Council.

campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/TSAC

or phone 4645 4601

camden.nsw.gov.au

or phone 4654 7777

wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

or phone 4677 1100

The Macarthur region, our backyard, is home to a wide diversity of native plants and animals that are at risk of disappearing forever.

To raise awareness and to celebrate National Threatened Species Day on 7 September, kids across the Macarthur region are invited to learn more about local threatened species and create artworks and creative writing pieces that will help teach the wider community about how, together, we can help to protect these species.



HOW TO ENTER **ONLINE**

Entering the competition is easy.

Simply complete the entry form on this brochure with your artwork or creative writing piece to one of the following venues:

Enter online

Campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/TSAC

Camden.nsw.gov.au

Wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

By post

Campbelltown City Council

Threatened Species Competition,
PO Box 57, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Camden Council

PO BOX 183
Camden NSW 2570

Wollondilly Council

PO Box 21
Picton NSW 2571

Entries close: Friday 4 August 2023

ENTERING AN **ARTWORK**

All you need to do is ensure that your entry:

- is of a threatened plant or animal species that occurs in the Macarthur region
- has an entry form attached.

If you are entering as a school, please ensure that each student's name, age, school and class is identified on the artwork.

Be as creative as possible. You could use pens, pencils, crayons, or even stick things on, like leaves, twigs or cellophane.

Prizes

Artwork entries will be judged across the following age groups:
5-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years

- **1st prize:** Threatened species Eco pack valued up to \$120
- **2nd prize:** Threatened species Eco pack valued up to \$100
- **3rd prize:** Threatened species Eco pack valued up to \$80

ENTERING A **CREATIVE WRITING STORY**

There will be one overall winner for best story. This person will win an Eco Pack, in addition to having their story will be published in the Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition Storybook.

Creative Writing entries are open to students aged 8 to 12 years.

Fantastic or great shortlisted story entries will be published in the TSAC Storybook. The Storybook will include artworks that match the species that have been written about. Each school will receive a copy of the book and entrants whose story was published will receive a copy to keep. Copies will also be made available to borrow from all Macarthur libraries.

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ENTRY FORM

ART ENTRY

First and last name: _____

Age on 4 August 2023: _____

Address:

Phone number: _____ Postcode: _____

Suburb: _____

Email: _____

Which threatened species did you draw/paint and why?

WRITING ENTRY

First and last name: _____

Age on 4 August 2023: _____

Address:

Phone number: _____ Postcode: _____

Suburb: _____

Email: _____

COMPETITION RULES

Art and creative writing categories

1. Creative writing and artwork entries must be on an A4 piece of paper. Entries close Friday 4 August 2023.
2. Entries must feature a threatened plant or animal species that occurs in the Macarthur region.
3. Each individual entry must have an entry form attached
4. If you are entering as a school, please ensure that each student's name, age, school and class is identified on the artwork or story.
5. Creative writing entries must include real facts about the featured plant or animal.
6. Artwork entries can incorporate any medium, including painting, collage and drawing.
7. Entrants in this competition give permission for their artwork and/or story to be publicly displayed and reproduced by print and electronic media by the competition organisers for not-for-profit publications, advertising and promotional purposes, and for their name to be published if they are a winner.
8. Entries submitted by school groups/classes will be available for collection from respective local Council offices following the conclusion of the travelling exhibition.
9. Any uncollected entries will be donated to local schools and/or libraries.
10. All personal information gathered by the competition organisers will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition.
11. The judging panel will include a representative from each Council and their decision will be final.
12. Respective Councillors, competition organisers, the judging panel and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the competition.

Judging of creative writing entries

Each year we receive some inspiring reasons as to why students are inspired to create an artwork of their chosen species, and we want to capture these wonderful written words in the form of creative short stories.

To determine the best competition entries, Council's library and environment staff have developed creative writing criteria and will be judging the stories against this.

Creative writing criteria:

- 50% for three or more accurate facts about your chosen species
- 20% creativity
- 10% grammar
- 10% structure. Beginning-middle-end