

Irene Phelps Art Competition

Art Competition Guidelines 2024

Purpose:

The Art Competition is for youth living in Beaconsfield and surrounding areas aged 10 to 25 interested in revealing their artistic talents through photography, drawing and painting. The contest is designed to encourage competitors to explore and share their stories through the chosen themes.

Eligibility:

- **Participants** in the **Open Section** must live in the regions with area codes **7270, 7275 and 7276**, and must be between 16 and 25 years of age.
- **Students** entering must attend **Beaconsfield Primary, Exeter Primary, or Exeter High Schools**.
- Participants from the primary schools must be in **grade 5 or 6**.
- Participants from the high school can be **grade 7 through to grade 10**.
- **NOTE:** This year those aged 10-18 and classed as a **home schooled students** living anywhere in the West Tamar **are eligible to enter**. They must attach evidence supporting their claim.
- Open age group is **16 through to 25 years of age**.

Rules:

- There shall be four categories; Primary, High, home schooled and Open.
- Participants are **allowed to enter one piece of work in their chosen category**.
- **Exception to the rule;** if a participant entering the High School category is **16yrs of age**, they may enter a second piece of work in the **Open section**.
- There is **NO ENTRY FEE**.
- Artwork must be an original piece, completed solely by the participant.
- **Art media allowed includes** Pen, pencils, paints, oils, watercolours, charcoal, canvas and paper.
- **West Tamar Council will not accept any inappropriate artwork** – e.g. nudity, sexually explicit, discriminatory, violent etc. Any works of this nature will not be eligible to enter.
- **Photography** may be black and white, colour, or experimental in design.
- Artwork must be related to the theme one of the themes; Friendship, Heroes or Nature.

Specifications for the contests are to be followed:

- Artwork can be no larger than **45cm x 60cm**
- Artwork that is sketch or photography must be framed.
- Artwork will have hanging equipment attached by Organisers for the exhibition.
- Artwork **must have a tag** attached to the back of the piece with name of the piece, artist's name, phone number and category they are entering. The tag can be downloaded on the website or you can make one similar. The tag must be attached on the back of the artwork before delivering it to Council.
- **Artist Description:** Using 100 words or less, the artist must explain how the artwork represents the theme of Friendship, Heroes or Nature.

- Artwork can be landscape, portrait, abstract, etc.
- **Those submitting photography are responsible for all printing and printing costs;** this can be done at home, Office Works, Harvey Norman or Camera House in Launceston.
- Submitted artwork is subject to use by West Tamar Council for promotional use.

Judging:

- Each Category will have a 1st-3rd prize, a Mayor's award on behalf of Irene Phelps and a People's Choice award. There will be an external panel of judges who will select the winning entries based off the following system;

Items to be scored	Points Allowed	Points Awarded
Relevance of the Theme Development of the theme through creativity/in compliance	50 pts	
Visual Effectiveness/Overall Appearance Evidence of thorough planning and preparation	15pts	
Originality Uniqueness of idea	20pts	
Message Clearly describes the artist's intent for the piece of art	15pts	