



Wild About Shellharbour 2026

Tree Tales

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Take part in Shellharbour's Wild About Shellharbour Nature Photography Competition and celebrate the importance of trees in the Shellharbour area.

The competition will run from 10am on Monday 23 March 2026 (National Eucalypt Day) to 11:59pm on Monday 11 May 2026. Winners will be announced on Friday 5 June 2026 (World Environment Day).

PRIZES

Prizes for 18+ age category and Under 18's category are:

- First prize: \$200 Visa card voucher and \$100 voucher for the Shellharbour City Council Nursery.
- Second prize: \$100 Visa card voucher and \$50 voucher for the Shellharbour City Council Nursery.

People's Choice prizes

- A People's Choice winner awarded by public vote for the 18 years and over age category and 17 years and under category. Prize of a \$50 voucher for the Shellharbour City Council Nursery.
- One randomly selected voter winner prize of \$50 voucher for the Shellharbour City Council Nursery.

Competition rules and conditions

- Applicants must be residents of the Shellharbour Local Government Area (LGA).
- Applicants must complete all fields in the online form to be eligible.
- Entrants can submit a maximum of 3 photos for the 18+ OR under 18s category.
- Photos must be submitted as a JPEG file of a size between 1MB to 5MB.
- Entries must be completed on-line at www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/wildaboutshellharbour from 10am on Monday 23 March 2026 until 11:59pm on Monday 11 May 2026. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.
- Photos must not have any watermarks/names/logos on the images.
- All photos must be taken outdoors and feature trees or shrubs, fitting with the theme Tree Tales
- All photos must be taken within the boundaries of the [Shellharbour City Council LGA](#).
- Shellharbour City Council staff and Councillors and members of the judging panel are not able to enter the competition.
- Any people who are clearly identifiable in your photo must have granted you consent to be photographed.
- The People's Choice Award winner will be the age category entrant that receives the most votes through the online voting portal during the voting period. Voters can only vote once in each category.
- All people that vote for the People Choice Winner receive one entry into the randomly selected voter winner prize. The winner will be randomly selected and will be published online.
- The content of the photo must not be changed or manipulated in any way; that is, no cloning, montaging, or digital manipulation other than cropping, toning, digital spotting, burning and dodging is permitted. Generative AI is not permitted. This includes the use of tools or apps that create or change content in the image such as adding, removing or inventing objects, altering the sky or scenery, or producing images that are partly or fully computer generated.



- Retouching is limited to removal of normal scratches and dust spots. Colour adjustment should be minimal. Automatic in-camera processing that occurs on modern phones and cameras, including computational photography and AI used for noise reduction, sharpening or HDR processing, is permitted
- If you are using a drone for your photography, all images submitted must comply with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority rules regarding drone usage. For more information see Drone safety rules | Civil Aviation Safety Authority (casa.gov.au)
- Photos must not contain images of native wildlife being fed by people or from bird feeders. Images including native animals at bird baths/water troughs are permitted. Animals must not be handled or stressed in any way for the purpose of this competition.
- A panel of judges approved by the competition organisers, representing environmental and photographic expertise will select the winners. The panel's decision is final.
- Entries will be judged on how well the photo reflects the theme, the quality of the image and accompanying caption.
- Entrants in the Under 18s category must be under 18 years of age at the time of entering. They must have the entry form declaration agreed to by their parent/guardian.
- Entrants in this competition give permission for their works to be reproduced by print and electronic media by Shellharbour City Council for not-for-profit publications, advertising and promotional purposes.
- Your entry must be your original work and no other party can have any right, title, claim or interest in it.
- Prizes must be collected in person from Shellharbour Civic Centre Customer Service (76 Cygnet Avenue, Shellharbour City Centre). A valid form of identification will be required upon collection.

PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE

The information on this form is being collected by Shellharbour City Council for the purpose of administering the Wild About Shellharbour Nature Photography Competition. Your personal information will be used by Council staff for the purpose of confirming eligibility, contacting entrants and crediting images with the name of the photographer. The completed form will be stored in Council's electronic records management system. You may apply to Council to access and correct this information. Please see Council's Privacy Management Plan or contact Council's Privacy Officer on 4221 6111 for more information.