



Wild About Shellharbour 2024 Competition rules

Shellharbour City Council residents are invited to enter photos taken in the Shellharbour region that showcase Connecting to Country. Competition opens on Wednesday June 5 (World Environment Day)

The following prizes are on offer:

Prizes for 18 years and over age category

- First prize in each theme is a 20 x 30-inch canvas print of your winning image professionally printed by PhotoMart and \$200 cash.
- Second prize in each theme is a 16 x 24-inch canvas print of your winning image professionally printed by PhotoMart and \$100 cash.

Prizes for under 18 years category

- First prize in each theme is a 20 x 30-inch canvas print of your winning image professionally printed by PhotoMart and \$200 cash.
- Second prize in each theme is a 16 x 24-inch canvas print of your winning image professionally printed by PhotoMart and \$100 cash.

People's Choice prizes

- A People's Choice winner (formal judging winners will be excluded) will be awarded by public vote in the 18yrs and over and under 18 years categories. Each People's Choice winner will receive \$100 cash.
- One randomly selected public voter will also receive \$100 cash.

Competition rules

- Entrants may submit a maximum of 3 photos.
- 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 by Sunday 14 July, 11:59pm. 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 **in the Shellharbour City Council Area by people who live in the area**. This includes suburbs and rural localities of Albion Park, Albion Park Rail, Barrack Heights, Barrack Point, Blackbutt, Calderwood, Croom (part only), Dunmore, Flinders, Lake Illawarra, Macquarie Pass, Mount Warrigal, North Macquarie, Oak Flats, Shell Cove, Shellharbour, Shellharbour City Centre, Tongarra, Tullimbar, Warilla and Yellow Rock Ridge (part only). Includes Killalea State Park and most of Macquarie Pass National Park (excluding small parts of the far west of the park in the Wingecarribee Shire). You must be standing in the Shellharbour Local Government Area when you take the image. Images cannot be taken from another Council area (e.g. Wollongong, Kiama or Wingecarribee), looking across to the Shellharbour City Council area.
- 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.
- Each photo entered must fit the theme **'Connecting with Country'**.
- The content of the photo must not be changed or manipulated in any way; that is, no cloning, montaging, AI image generation or digital manipulation other than cropping, toning, digital spotting, burning and dodging is permitted. No addition or removal of subject matter is accepted. Retouching is limited to removal of normal scratches and dust spots. Colour adjustment should be minimal.
- 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 \(casa.gov.au\)](http://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 of 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 photography and environmental expertise will select the winners. Representatives from local businesses Kramer Photography and PhotoMart will be included in the judging panel. Judging will be 'blind' with no names given to the judges. The judge'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 18 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.

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. This 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.