

Your World Your Way “YWYW”

Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition



Terms and Conditions

The following information is provided only as a general guide to entering.

Your World Your Way (YWYW) celebrates young people and reflects their daily lives and lived experiences through photography. The competition aims to reflect the lives of young people on the Central Coast and is open to photographers from the Central Coast aged between 12 and 24 years. A prize pool of \$7,300 in cash and other prizes is on offer. All skill levels are encouraged to apply.

This free-to-enter photography competition is open from 27 November 2023 to 29 February 2024 and the Top 20 shortlisted images will be printed, framed and exhibited at The Erina Centre exhibition space during April 2024 and published on the Central Coast Council website to celebrate Youth Week.

A selection panel will assess submitted images and select two award recipients, with the Top 20 shortlisted images open to a People’s Choice Vote. The Winner and Highly Commended Prize will be announced at the Winner Presentation in the exhibition space on 03 April 2024. Winning artists will be awarded a mentorship as part of their prize to develop a body of work for a further exhibition later in the year. People’s Choice Prize will be announced online at the end of the exhibition period, on 30 April 2024.

The Top 20 Finalist Photos will form a basis for a database of images that Council will use for advertising and developing promotional materials in order to move towards a model of ensuring images for young people are taken by young people. Where possible, images used for marketing and promotional purposes will reference the photographer.

All information on how to enter this competition forms part of these terms and conditions.

Entry into this competition is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions.

This competition is run by Central Coast Council (“Council”) ABN: 47 054 613 735.

The Council reserves the right at any time to disqualify any individual who the Council reasonably believes has breached any of the terms and conditions or engaged in any unlawful or other improper



conduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the competition or the reputation of the Council.

Privacy Notification:

Some of the information that you are asked to provide on this form is personal information, such as your name and contact information. This information is being collected for the purpose of identification; judgement; communication in relation to; and promotion of this entry in the Your World Your Way "YWYW" Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition ('Competition').

The information will be accessible by Council staff, and other third parties who form part of the judging panel for the competition. It is voluntary to provide personal information on this form, however if the information is not provided, Council will not accept the entry in the competition.

Applications to access or amend the personal information provided on the application may be made to Central Coast Council.

Key Dates

Your World Your Way Competition and Exhibition Key Information		
27 Nov – 29 Feb 2024	Competition Entry Period	Online Entry
23 Jan	Skill Development Workshop	The Hub Erina, Erina Fair
24 Jan	Skill Development Workshop	Blue Haven Community Centre
18-25 Mar	Shortlisted Confirmation	Email Notification
01 Apr- 30 Apr	Top 20 Finalist Photos Exhibition Period	The Erina Centre, exhibition space
03 April	Award Presentation	The Erina Centre, exhibition space
01 Apr – 21 Apr	People's Choice Vote Period	Online and Ballot Box
30 Apr	Announcement People's Choice and Voter's Prize	Online Announcement
Apr-May	Collection of Works	By Appointment
May – Sep	YWYW Mentorship Program	Prize Winners Only
Sep/Nov	Award Winners Exhibition Period	The Erina Centre, exhibition space

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

1. Entry is open to:
 - i. Entrants aged between 12 – 24 years at the time of submitting their entry.
 - ii. Entrants who live, work or study on the Central Coast.
 - iii. Australian citizens or permanent resident of Australia.



2. Employees of Council and their immediate families are eligible to enter Council competitions where there is independence in the judging (e.g., independent panel members, entries are anonymous etc.) or a random judging process (e.g., barrel draw). Outside of these conditions, Directors must approve the conditions.

3. Entry to the competition is free.

4. Entry must be uploaded in its entirety (i.e., all required details, digital image(s) and written consent documentation), by 29 February 2024 no later than 11.59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted.

How to enter the Competition:

5. The YWYW Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition opens on 27 November 2023 and closes 29 February 2024.

6. All entries are to be submitted online at: [2024YourWorldYourWaySubmissions](#)

7. Council does not accept any responsibility for any late or lost entries, or any other entries not properly received.

8. Council has absolute discretion; and reserves all rights; to verify the validity of all entries to the competition and exhibition, and to disqualify any entrant who tampers with the entry process or who submits an entry that is deemed to not be in accordance with these terms and conditions.

9. Council will not be liable for any damages or loss suffered as a result of entry to the competition and exhibition.

10. Each Entrant releases, and hereby indemnifies to the full extent permitted by law, Council, its employees, agents and assigns, from any and all liability which may arise from and/or all claims in connection with their entry, participation or the prize in the competition and exhibition.



11. Council may cancel or vary the Competition at any time. Council will not be responsible for any loss or costs incurred by the entrant or businesses in relation to such cancellation or variation.

Entry requirements of work:

12. Entries submitted must include imagery of young people.

13. Entries submitted should depict young people's lived experiences on the Central Coast.

14. Entries must have been photographed in the past 12 months.

15. Entries must be the original work of the entrant.

i. Guidance and collaboration in the development of image(s) is acceptable.

16. Entries must include a title and a brief description of the image(s).

i. Parents and other people can assist in writing a caption that expresses the Entrants' thoughts on their photograph.

ii. The formatting, spelling, grammar and structure of any caption will not be a consideration in judging the photograph.

17. Entries must not contain any name or other identifying material of an individual, without that individual's consent (See Clause 26 Written consent).

18. Entries must not contain any offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory content.

19. Entries submitted must be high resolution digital images of at least 300ppi in quality.

20. Entries submitted must be digital images at 3510 x 4950 pixels, equivalent to A2 in size.

21. Entries submitted must be in the following format: JPEG, TIFF, PDF, PNG.

22. Images must not be watermarked or contain any information or feature from which the entering photographer can be identified. This does not include the young person/people as the subject, which can be identifiable.



23. All entrants understand and relinquish the rights to the images submitted to be used in Council advertising and promotional materials ongoing.

24. Entries must not contain content which is: unlawful, inappropriate, constitutes harassment, defamatory, abusive, threatening, harmful, obscene, profane, sexually orientated, politically motivated, extreme views, racially offensive, demonstrating criminal behaviour, drug use, alcohol misuse, showing neglect, violence or abuse of children. It is Council's absolute discretion to deem an entry unsuitable.

25. The exhibiting photographer is responsible to arrange collection of their work with the project officer following the end of the exhibition via email: jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Photographs, video footage and licences:

26. Written consent is conditional in entering the competition and exhibition and must:

- i. be uploaded at time of the online entry application.
- ii. be legally signed by an adult 18 years or older. Entrants under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to enter.
- iii. be provided for the entering photographer using the Central Coast Council Public – Photo and Digital Consent and Release Form (Attachment 3).
- iv. be sought by the photographer and provided for each young person appearing any image(s); and must include key information outlining:
 - Parent/Guardian's Name, Email and Phone Number
 - Young Person's Name and Age
 - Permission is granted
 - An understanding that photographs may be used for marketing and promotional purposes
 - No financial compensation will be sought from Council in relation to any use of any photographs of the entrant.

See Attachment 4 and 5 for an example of written consent.

27. Each entrant consents to Council taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant and their imagery for the purpose of the competition and exhibition.



28. Each entrant consents, and provides an irrevocable licence, to Council using and publishing, at its discretion, their entry, including the name, and age of the entrant; and any photographs and/or video footage of the entrant and their imagery for the purpose of the competition and exhibition, including but not limited to:

- i. promotion of the competition and exhibition in the media, both print and online
- ii. display and promotion at any event associated with the competition and exhibition, including the Winners Presentation; and
- iii. other non-commercial activities related to the functions of Council.

29. On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant where possible.

30. Please limit the promotion of individual businesses as a core part of the entry. Any use or reference to private businesses will in no way imply or be perceived to imply products or services from that business are superior or favoured by Council.

31. Each entrant agrees that Council will not provide any financial compensation, in relation to any use of their entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.

32. Each entrant declares that they will not seek now or at any future time any financial compensation from Council in relation to any use of this entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.

Judging of the Competition:

33. Judging of the YWYW Youth Photography Competition and exhibition will be conducted by a panel comprised of at least one (1) Youth for Youth (Y4Y) member, (1) Council staff and (1) independent field expert

34. Judging will be anonymous. The criteria against which entries will be judged, will include, but not be limited to:

Inclusion (young people included in the image)	Impact
Technical Merit	Composition
Storytelling	Judge's discretion



35. The decisions of the judging panel in relation to any aspect of the YWYW Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition will be final and binding upon every entrant who enters the Competition. No correspondence regarding any decision of the judging panel will be entered into.

36. People's Choice prize will be open for public vote from 01-21 April 2024. The People's Choice Prize is selected by public vote.

Ways to vote for the People's Choice image include:

- Ballot box in the exhibition space, located in the Erina Centre, Erina Fair
- QR code in the exhibition space, located in the Erina Centre, Erina Fair
- QR code on promotional flyers
- Central Coast Council website.

37. Voters Choice Prize draw: One voter will be drawn at random on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at The Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue, North South Rd, Erina Fair, Erina 2250. The promoter's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Awarding winners:

38. The Winner and Highly Commended of the YWYW Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition as determined by the judging panel will be announced at the Winners Presentation on Wednesday 03 April 2024, at the exhibition space, located in the Erina Centre, North South Rd, Erina Fair, Erina 2250. Winner's names may be published on Council's website.

39. The YWYW Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition prizes are:

- Winner: \$1,500
- Highly Commended: \$750
- People's Choice: \$250
- Voters Choice Prize: \$100 Apple Gift Card

Additional Prizes:

The Winner and Highly Commended and People's Choice award recipients will share in a professional development package valued at \$4,700 comprised of:

- A personalised mentorship program to develop a body of work for a group exhibition



- A four-week exhibition in the exhibition space, located in the Erina Centre, Erina Fair
- A printed body of work (7-10 images)
- A 12-month (7 issues) magazine subscription to Australian Photography.

Council makes no warranty or representation as to the condition and suitability for use of the prize.

40. Acceptance of any prize in the YWYW Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition is conditional on providing the following signed documents:

- Council's Prize sign off form (Attachment 1)
- Council's Under 18 Consent form (Attachment 2), if relevant
- Council's Photo and Digital Consent form (Attachment 3).

41. If the prize remains unclaimed for two months from the time notice is given, Council will have the right to determine another winner or not.

42. The prizes are non-transferable and not exchangeable. Prizes cannot be transferred or on-sold at a premium, offered as a prize or inducement, packaged or otherwise used for advertising, promotional or other commercial purposes. (if tickets) The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to the bearer of any prize sold or otherwise provided or distributed in breach of this condition.

43. In the event that an awarded photographer is unable to claim the personalised mentorship program, which also includes a four-week exhibition in and printed body of work (7-10 images); this prize will be offered to the photographer with the next highest scoring photograph.

Complaints:

44. If Council receives a complaint from a person/s featured in an entry, or a complaint about the entry, Council may reject/remove the entry from the competition at its absolute discretion. No correspondence will be entered into in relation to any decision of Council in relation to the YWYW Youth Photography Competition and exhibition.

Further Information:

If you require further information, please email youthservices@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Attachment 1: PRIZE SIGN OFF

Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition

I _____ of _____ hereby confirm I have received the following prize for my winning entry in the Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition.

Winner's Prize \$1500 and share in a professional development package valued at \$4,700.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____



Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition

I _____ of _____ hereby confirm I have received the following prize for my winning entry in the Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition.

Highly Commended Prize of \$750 and share in a professional development package valued at \$4,700.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____



Your World Your Way Youth Photography and Exhibition

I _____ of _____ hereby confirm I have received the following prize for my winning entry in the Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition.

People's Choice Prize of \$250 and a share in a professional development package valued at \$4,700.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____



Your World Your Way Youth Photography and Exhibition

I _____ of _____ hereby confirm I have received the following prize for my winning entry in the Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition.

Voters Choice Prize - Apple Gift Card valued at \$100.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____



Attachment 2: Under 18 Consent Form

Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration for the

Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition

This section is only required to be completed where the entrant is under the age of 18.

1. I declare that I am the parent/guardian of the entrant.
2. I consent to the entrant entering and participating in the competition.
3. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the competition.
4. I declare that this entry has been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the competition.

Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Relationship to the Entrant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Attachment 3: Photo and Digital Consent and Release Form

Public – Photo and Digital Consent and Release Form

Date:	
Project name & location:	Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition & Exhibition
Photographer's name: <small>Photographer to complete</small>	
Description of photo or subject: <small>May be left blank</small>	
This form relates to image(s): <small>Photographer to complete</small>	

Privacy Notification:

Some of the information you provide on this form is your personal information, including for example your name, signature and contact information. This information is being collected by Council for the purpose of ensuring that you have provided consent to Council to take and use photographs and video footage of you at an event. The information will be accessible by Council staff. It is voluntary for you to provide your personal information on this form, however if you do not provide the information, Council may not accept that you have provided legitimate consent. You may apply to access or amend the personal information provided on this form at any time.

Central Coast Council uses photographs and video footage of the public on a regular basis to promote services, events and community activities, for both print and online media.

By signing this form:

1. You understand that participation in any photography and video recording undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location is voluntary.
2. You consent to Central Coast Council taking photographs and/or video footage of you at the event.
3. You consent to Central Coast Council using and publishing (for example, both in print and online media) any photographs and/or video footage taken of you at the event or location, for the purpose of promoting Council services, events and community activities now and at any stage in the future.
4. You understand that Central Coast Council will not provide any financial compensation to you for participation in any photography and/or video recording undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location; and/or for any use of any photographs and/or video footage of you from the event or location.
5. You declare that you will not seek now and/or at any future time, any financial compensation from Central Coast Council in relation to participation in any photography and/or video footage undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location; and/or any use of any photographs and/or video footage of you from the event or location.
6. You understand that you may apply for access to any photographs and/or video footage resulting from the event or location that involves you.

Child's Name & Age (if relevant)		Age:
Adult's Name:		
Contact Email:		
Contact Phone:		
Signature:		



Attachment 4:

Example of Written Consent for the use of image of a Young Person (12-18 yrs.) for the

Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition:

[Name], as the parent/guardian of [Child's Full Name], hereby grant permission for [Photographer's Name] to photograph [Child's First Name] as a subject for submission in the 2024 Council Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition. I understand that these photographs may be used for [Specify Purpose, e.g., promotional materials, educational purposes, etc.]. Photos entered into the competition will form a basis for a database of images the Council will use for advertising and promotional materials in order to move towards a model of ensuring images for young people are taken by young people.

I agree that these photographs may be used and shared by [Photographer's Name and Central Coast Council] in any medium, including but not limited to print, digital, and social media. I understand that [Child's First Name]'s privacy and safety will be respected at all times.

I agree that no financial compensation will be sought from Council in relation to any use of any photographs of [Child's First Name].

This permission is granted on [Date].

Parent/Guardian Name: [Full Name]

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Email:

Contact Number:



Attachment 5:

Example of Written Consent for the use of image of a Young Person (18-24yrs.) for the

Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition:

I, [Full Name], hereby grant permission for [Photographer's Name] to photograph myself as a subject for submission in the 2024 Council Your World Your Way Youth Photography Competition and Exhibition. I understand that these photographs may be used for [Specify Purpose, e.g., promotional materials, educational purposes, etc.]. Photos entered into the competition will form a basis for a database of images the Council will use for advertising and promotional materials in order to move towards a model of ensuring images for young people are taken by young people.

I agree that these photographs may be used and shared by [Photographer's Name and Central Coast Council] in any medium, including but not limited to print, digital, and social media. I understand that my privacy and safety will be respected at all times.

I agree that no financial compensation will be sought from Council in relation to any use of any photographs of myself.

This permission is granted on [Date].

Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

Email:

Contact Number:

