Copper Coast Youth Art Competition
Submission Guidelines and Selection Criteria

Copper Coast Council is inviting young people to submit an original artwork that celebrates the people, places, culture, environment and community of the Copper Coast.

The winning artist will receive a $100 Copy King gift voucher and their artwork featured on the cover of the 2027 Copper Coast Exhibition Guide.

Who Can Enter?

The competition is open to young people:

- Aged 12 to 18 years.
- Living, studying or working within the Copper Coast Council area.
- Working in any visual arts medium, provided the final submission meets the digital requirements outlined below.

How to Enter

Complete the Artwork Submission Form and email it together with your artwork to kperry@coppercoastcouncil.sa.gov.au

Submissions must include:

- Completed submission form.
- High-resolution PNG artwork file.
- Parent/guardian consent.

Artwork Guidelines

Artists are encouraged to explore what they love about life on the Copper Coast, including:

- Local landscapes and coastlines
- Community life and events
- Heritage and history
- Arts and culture
- The natural environment
- Recreation and lifestyle
- Connections to place and community

The interpretation of the theme is intentionally broad and artists are encouraged to be creative and original.

Artwork Requirements

Entries must:

- Be the original work of the artist.
- Not have been generated by artificial intelligence (AI).
- Not infringe on the copyright or intellectual property rights of another person.
- Be suitable for a broad public audience.
- Reflect the theme of the competition.
- Include no advertising, marketing or commercial promotion.
- Include no discriminatory, offensive, defamatory, hateful or otherwise inappropriate content.
- Be provided as a high-resolution PNG file.
- Be designed to suit a portrait A5 publication cover.

Selection Criteria

Entries will be assessed by a panel appointed by Copper Coast Council and evaluated against the following criteria:

Criterion	Considerations
Artistic Quality	Demonstrated creativity, skill, effort and visual impact relative to the artist's age and experience level.
Relevance to the Copper Coast	How effectively the artwork reflects the people, culture, environment, heritage or identity of the Copper Coast.
Originality	Uniqueness of concept, perspective and artistic approach.
Suitability for Publication	Effectiveness as a front cover image and suitability for reproduction in print and digital formats.
Communication of Theme	How clearly the artwork expresses the competition theme.
Presentation and Technical Quality	Quality of image resolution, composition and overall presentation.
Artist Statement	Consideration of the artist's written explanation and connection to the work.

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.

Copyright and Use of Artwork

Artists retain copyright ownership of their artwork.

By entering the competition, artists grant Copper Coast Council a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual licence to:

- Reproduce the artwork.
- Publish images of the artwork in print and digital formats.
- Use the artwork for promotional, educational and reporting purposes.
- Display the artwork online, in exhibitions and in Council publications.
- Resize or crop images of the artwork for publication and design purposes.

Where practical, Copper Coast Council will acknowledge the artist whenever the artwork is used.

Competition Conditions

Copper Coast Council reserves the right to:

- Reject entries that do not meet the eligibility or submission requirements.
- Decline artworks that contain offensive, discriminatory, political campaigning, commercial advertising or inappropriate content.
- Use the winning artwork on the 2027 Exhibition Guide cover and associated promotional materials.
- Cancel, modify or extend the competition if necessary.

Key Dates

Submissions Open: Monday 16th November 2026, 9am
Submissions Close: Monday 14th December 2026, 9am
Winning Artist Announced: Monday 23rd December 2026

For further information, please contact:

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