

EcoFest Photo Competition – Terms and Conditions of Entry

Entrant Eligibility

1. The EcoFest Competition (“the Competition”) is open to all residents of the Gladstone Regional Council local government area.
2. The Competition has four judging sections; Professional, Amateur, Youth and Children.
3. The ‘Youth’ category is open to photographers who are aged between 12 and 18 years at the time they submit their entry.
4. The ‘Children’ category is open to photographers who are aged between 0 and 12 years at the time they submit their entry.
5. Entrants are permitted to submit any number of entries to categories for which they are eligible.

Photograph Requirements

6. Photographs must be in JPEG (.jpg), PNG or SVG format.
7. Photographs must be at least 400 x 300 pixels.
8. Photographs should not include watermarks or other branding.
9. Digital manipulation of the image is permitted.
10. Photographs containing an image of a living person must be accompanied by a photo consent form signed by that person.
11. Photographs must not contain inappropriate content.

Submission Requirements

12. Entries should be submitted through the Conversations Gladstone Platform: Our Coast Our Future – Coastline Photo Competition Gather Tool through completion of the e-form.
13. Entry is free.
14. The closing date and time for entries is 5pm on 7 August 2020. No late entries will be accepted.

Copyright

15. Each photographer retains copyright of their image(s).
16. In submitting a photograph as part of the Competition, the entrant:
 - a. Warrants that they are the photograph is their original work and that they are the copyright owner of the photograph;
 - b. Provides Gladstone Regional Council with a royalty-free, irrevocable, unconditional and exclusive licence under the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth) to use any photograph submitted for display, archive, publicity and/or promotional purposes; and
 - c. Acknowledges that the photograph may be used within Council publications, promotional and marketing material, including in videos, catalogues, magazines, newspaper articles, brochures and social media and on Council’s website. Images will be credited with the name of the photographer if used by Gladstone Regional Council.

Judging

17. Except for photographs which are later published by Gladstone Regional Council, photographs submitted will be displayed anonymously on the Conversations Gladstone Platform and judged through the Our Coast Our Future Coastline Photo Competition Gather Tool:
- a. The photograph with the most likes will be declared the overall winner.
 - b. The photographs with the next highest number of likes in each category will be declared the winner for each respective category.
 - c. The photographs with the next highest number of likes after the category winners will be declared the runners up for each respective category.
 - d. In the event of a tie, the winners/runners up will be judged by a person nominated by Council (not a Council employee or Councillor).
 - e. An entrant can only win once. The next highest number of likes will therefore be determined by reference to the likes relevant to a photograph of an entrant whose photograph has not already been selected in one of the higher or other categories.

Winners Announcement

18. The overall winner, winners of each category and runners up for each category will be notified by email after 7 August 2020 and invited to a morning tea to be held on 21 August 2020.

Prizes

19. The overall winning photograph will be published on the front cover of the Our Coast, Our Future Strategy and the entrant's name will be credited.
20. In addition to the overall winning photograph, the photographs of the winners of each category and runners up will be used within the Our Coast, Our Future Strategy and the entrant's name will be credited.

General

21. The entrant indemnifies Gladstone Regional Council against any claim, legal or otherwise, that may arise out of publication of image(s) or this Competition.
22. Gladstone Regional Council reserves the right to disqualify and remove from the Conversations Gladstone Platform any entry deemed to be in breach of the above Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to the Photograph and Submission Requirements.
23. Gladstone Regional Council is under no obligation to publish the Our Coast, Our Future Strategy within any timeframe and entry to the Competition does not confer any right of approval to entrants.
24. By entering images into this Competition the entrant guarantees to Gladstone Regional Council that all of the above Terms and Conditions have been met. Any entry found to breach the above Terms and Conditions will be disqualified and will be ineligible for a Prize.

I declare that I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of entry, and the details that I have provided on this form are true and correct.