

GreenWay Art Prize Guidelines

Applications open
until 3pm,
Monday 3 November 2025

*Only Through Darkness,
We See the Blinding Light*
(detail)

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INNER WEST

GreenWay Art Prize 2025

Guidelines

A notable event on the Inner West arts and culture calendar, the GreenWay Art Prize celebrates the qualities of the Goolay'yari (Cooks River) to Iron Cove GreenWay—a precious 5.8km urban environmental and sustainable transport corridor in Sydney's Inner West.

Introduction

Located on the lands of the Gadigal Wangal clans, the GreenWay follows the route of the Inner West Light Rail and Hawthorne Canal and features bike paths and foreshore walks, cultural and historical sites, cafes, bushcare sites, and a range of parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities.

The Art Prize was established in 2010 to capture the essence of the GreenWay through visual art and to celebrate the vibrancy, creativity, and community spirit of the Inner West. The Art Prize offers a total of \$15,000 across six awards, celebrating creativity in all forms, and is open to young people and adults. There is no entry fee to apply for the non-acquisitive GreenWay Art Prize (GWAP).

Themes

Art Prize entries should reflect one or more GreenWay themes, including the local environment, urban ecology, waterways, and sustainability. With exciting new [in-corridor upgrades](#) underway, applicants are invited to celebrate and reimagine this vital green space—drawing on personal experiences of the GreenWay to explore how it connects people and nature across time.

Entrants are asked to address one or more GWAP theme in the artist statement included in their application. More information about the GreenWay can be found on Council's [website](#).

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Prizes

Prize	Criteria	Value
1 st place GreenWay Art Prize	Ages 18+, all artforms	\$6,500
2 nd place GreenWay Art Prize	Ages 18+, all artforms	\$3,000
Highly Commended GreenWay Art Prize	Ages 18+, all artforms	\$1,500
Cooks River Small Sculpture Prize	Ages 18+, sculpture	\$3,000
Youth Prize (ages 12-15)	All artforms	\$500
Youth Prize (ages 16-18)	All artforms	\$500
Total Prize money		\$15,000

Artform size requirements

Artform	Requirement
Photography	Maximum 100cm x 100cm
Painting	Maximum 100cm x 100cm
Sculpture	Maximum 20cm w x 30cm h, 20cm d, 20Kg
2-Dimensional mixed media works (watercolour, drawing, collage, printmaking, mosaic on board, fabrics)	Maximum 100cm x 100cm, weight 10Kg All 2-dimensional <u>hangable</u> works accepted

Process

Entries will be assessed online and shortlisted. A shortlist will then be asked to deliver their work in person to be judged by an independent panel including one artist, one visual arts industry professional, and a GreenWay Forum representative. Approximately 30 works across award categories will be displayed at Chrissie Cotter Gallery, 6 - 13 December 2025. Prizes will be awarded from this pool of works. Winners must invoice Council for the awarded sum (including GST for winners who are eligible for GST) by 15 December 2025.

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Applications

Applications must

- be submitted as a photographic representation online via [smartygrants](#)
- provide a written artist statement responding to a theme of the GWAP that describes your work
- provide an original non AI-generated work produced in the last year
- include a high-quality landscape photo (1,500 x 1,000 pixels) of the artwork you are submitting (please ensure it has [300ppi resolution](#)) photographed with a white background and using good lighting (applications with poor quality samples of work may not be considered) – file size should not exceed 2MB per photo
- include a description of the materials used in the artwork as well as its dimensions
- submit only one entry to the GWAP
- provide social media accounts to enable tagging of artists on Instagram in the event of the entrant being awarded a Prize.

Who can apply?

- This is a national prize, open to all artists submitting work within the **terms of the prize** – see Appendix.
- Applicants under 18 must provide written approval from their legal guardian to take part in the prize.

Shortlisted artists

Shortlisted artists' works:

- must be dropped to Chrissie Cotter Gallery (CCG), 3 – 4 December, between 8am – 6pm
- will be displayed at CCG from 6 to 13 December
- that are 2-dimensional must be framed, tagged with artist name, contact number and artwork title, and ready for hanging (i.e. with a suitable cord or wire attached between two D-rings on the back of the artwork)
- that are sculptures must have a flat/stable bottom and be clearly tagged with artist name, contact number and artwork title.

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Shortlisted artists are asked to attend the opening, 6 December, (2pm – 4 pm), where winners will be announced. First Prize winners and their artworks will also be announced on Council's social media during the exhibition period.

Timeline

GWAP opens via smartygrants	9am, Monday 15 September 2025
GWAP closes	3pm, Monday 3 November 2025
GWAP entries shortlisted	Mid November 2025
GWAP shortlisted artists notified	28 November 2025
GWAP entries judged by assessors	November/December 2025
GWAP entries dropped to Chrissie Cotter Gallery (CCG)	8am – 6pm, Wednesday 3 December & Thursday 4 December 2025
GWAP Opening at CCG & GWAP winners announced	2pm – 4pm, Saturday 6 December 2025
Shortlisted entrants and artworks listed on Council's website	By Saturday 6 December 2025
GWAP exhibition	11am – 4pm, Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 December 2025
GWAP winners announced on Council's Social Media	Between Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 December 2025
Invoices from winning entries/artists to be sent to Council	By 5pm, Monday 15 December 2025
Artworks collected from CCG	By 5pm Sunday 14 December 2025

Support and Accessibility

Please get in touch to discuss any access needs you have about the GWAP. Council is committed to showcasing diverse voices from our community and welcome those who may need access regarding disability, language barriers, and navigating application processes.

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Contact

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Appendix:

Terms and Conditions

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to these Terms and Conditions:

- a) "Closing Date" means 3pm, Monday 3 November 2025
- b) "Commencement Date" means 9am, Monday 15 September 2025
- c) "Competition Period" means the period between the Commencement Date and the Closing Date.
- d) Winners will not be notified until the Awards presentation (2pm – 4pm), Saturday 6 December 2025.
- e) Shortlisted entrants will be notified by Friday 28 November 2025.
- f) "Entrant" means a person who enters the Competition.
- g) "Entry Criteria" means the entry must be original and not be late; incomplete; incomprehensible; obscene; defamatory; libellous; threatening; pornographic; harassing; hateful; racially or ethnically offensive; or breach any law. Entries must not be partly or wholly generated by Artificial Intelligence.
- h) Prize means:

Prize

\$6,500 The GreenWay Art Prize 1st Place (all artforms, 18+)
\$3,000 The GreenWay Art Prize 2nd Place (all artforms, 18+)
\$1,500 The GreenWay Art Prize Highly Commended (all artforms, 18+)
\$3,000 Cooks River Small Sculpture Prize (18+)
\$500 Youth Prize (all artforms for 12 –15 year olds)
\$500 Youth Prize (all artforms for 16 –18 year olds)

- i) "Entry" for all categories must in some way be inspired or reference the GWAP themes as outlined in the 2025 Guidelines.
- j) "Entry" for the GreenWay Art prize means submitting a photo or photos of an artwork which can be a painting, photograph, small sculpture or works on paper/ 2 dimensional mixed media hangable works.
- k) "Entry" will be submitted online via smartygrants.
- l) Entrants will retain original copies of art works to be made available to the promoter upon request.
- m) Original art works will be required to be ready to be hung or exhibited with suitable wiring, D rings or other mechanism to enable hanging, as per the guidelines. For sculptural works this includes having a flat/balanceable surface for the sculpture to sit on.

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- n) If suitable original works may be requested to be exhibited in the Chrissie Cotter Gallery 6 –13 December.
- o) “Winner” means an Entrant who wins a Prize.
- p) “Unclaimed Prize Determination” means a further selection of a Winner/s by the panel of judges.
- q) “Unclaimed Prize Determination Date” means Monday 15 December 2025.
- r) All times and dates are AEDT for Sydney and times are stated using the 12-hour clock.

PARTICIPATION

- 1. The Competition is conducted by Inner West Council ABN 19 488 318 987 (**Council**).
- 2. The Competition is a game of skill, and chance plays no part in determining the Winner.
- 3. Entry to the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 4. All entry instructions and prize information published by Council form part of these Terms and Conditions.
- 5. This Competition will be advertised during the Competition Period.
- 6. An Entrant is eligible to win a Prize if they:
 - a. meet the criteria of each prize, i.e. age and artform requirements
 - b. are under 18 and have their parent’s or guardian’s permission before entering the Competition (in this instance a signed letter by the guardian is to be uploaded to smartygrants)**are not:**
 - c. an employee of Council; or
 - d. a parent, child or sibling (whether natural or by marriage or adoption) of a person who is an employee of Council.
- 7. Entry to the Competition commences on the Commencement Date and closes on the Closing Date.
- 8. The entrant must enter the age category that fits their age on the Closing Date.

ENTRY

- 9. To enter the Competition, the Entrant must submit the entry online
<https://innerwest.smartygrants.com.au/GWAP2025>
- 10. The Entrant must agree to take out insurance to cover their own exhibition content if required.
- 11. An Entrant’s entry must meet the Entry Criteria.
- 12. Only one entry per person may be submitted.

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13. One prize will be given to each winner.
14. Entrants must ensure that their entries are received by Council during the Competition Period. All entries are deemed to be received at the time of receipt by Council, not the time of transmission by the Entrant. Council takes no responsibility for late, lost or misdirected entries or for any delays or failures in any telecommunications services or equipment.
15. Should an Entrant's contact details change at any time between the date on which they enter the Competition and the Unclaimed Prize Determination Date, the Entrant must notify Council of their correct contact details immediately.
16. Council may decide in its sole discretion which documents are considered suitable for establishing eligibility to enter or win. If a Winner cannot provide suitable proof of eligibility, that Winner will forfeit their Prize in whole and no substitute or compensation will be offered.
17. Any entry that is made on behalf of an Entrant by a third party, or otherwise by proxy, will be invalid.
18. Council may, at its absolute discretion, declare any or all entries made by an Entrant to be invalid if the Entrant:
 - a) fails to establish their entitlement to win the Competition to the Council's satisfaction.
 - b) appears, to Council, to have tampered with, or benefited from tampering with, the entry process; or
 - c) has submitted an entry that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
19. Council reserves the right to copy and use any entries (artworks, photographs, small sculpture, artist statements) for non-commercial promotional purposes and for addition to the Inner West Creative Programs catalogue or archival material.
20. Council reserves the right to edit artist statements for reader accessibility / publishing and promotional purposes.

WINNERS

21. Each Winner will be selected by a panel of judges selected by the Promoter. The judges decision will be final.
22. Winners will be announced at the Awards ceremonies in December 2025.
23. All reasonable attempts will be made to contact each Winner. If a Prize is:
 - a. not claimed by the Winner by 9:00am on the Unclaimed Prize Determination Date; or
 - b. forfeited for any reason, the Prize will be awarded to another Entrant in an Unclaimed Prize Determination.
24. The Winner/s of the Unclaimed Prize Determination will be notified by phone or email within two (2) days of the Unclaimed Prize Determination Date. 15 December 2025.
25. Each Prize will be awarded to the people named in the winning entries.

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Collaborative works will receive one prize, and entrants determine sharing of the prize.

26. By entering the Competition, each Winner agrees that:
 - a. if requested by the Council will:
 - i. provide comments about the Competition and/or a photograph or audio- visual clip of themselves; and
 - ii. participate in a Competition shoot in connection with Competition
 - b. the Council may use their name, image, comments, photographs of artworks (“Materials”) for publicity and Competition purposes in any form of media, without compensation to the Winner or any other person.
 - c. The Winner will retain the intellectual property rights to the Artwork.
 - d. Council will properly attribute the artist in all reproductions of the Artwork.
27. Council may use, reproduce, edit and communicate to the public the Materials at any time in any form of media.
28. Each Prize is valid from date of issue. If they are not collected by this date the prize is forfeited. Council cannot extend these dates, and it is the responsibility of the entrant to check these dates.
29. Winners of the GWAP Awards will have their works exhibited at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery. All winners will be featured on the Inner West Council’s website. The Council reserves the right to change the location or method of exhibition.

GENERAL

30. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales. The Council and all Entrants irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of New South Wales.
31. These rules are Terms and Conditions and constitute the entire terms and conditions between the Entrant and the Promoter with respect to the Competition. The Council may alter, modify, or amend these Terms and Conditions at its sole discretion and will only provide Entrants with notice of substantial amendments.
32. All entries become the property of Council.

PRIVACY

33. Council is bound by the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW). Please refer to Council’s Privacy Policy which can be located on its website at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au