

2025 Waste to Art COMPETITION



Fraser Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL

FREE
TO
ENTER

NEW
wearable
art
category

\$5000
PRIZE
POOL

Entries close: 16 October 2025

Entries are now open for the 2025 Waste to Art Competition!

Council invites artists of all ages to create a work of art using items destined for landfill.

Entry is free, with a \$5,000 prize pool up for grabs.

We're looking for standout creations that inspire others to see value in the things we often throw away.

KEY DATES

Entry forms due: 16 October, 2025.

Delivery of artwork: From 25 October to 3 November, 2025, 10am to 3pm weekdays (except Monday), and by appointment only on weekends.

Exhibition Opening, Fashion Parade and Winners Announcement:

Saturday 15 November, 2025 (4pm – 7pm).

Exhibition Closes: 3 January, 2026.

Collection of artwork: From 4 to 11 January, 2026, 10am to 3pm weekdays (except Monday), and by appointment only on weekends.

Please contact Gatakers Artspace on (07) 4190 5818 to book a weekend appointment.

DELIVERY OF ARTWORK

All artworks must be delivered to **Gatakers Artspace, 311 Kent Street, Maryborough**, at the artist's expense.

Artworks must be clearly labelled upon drop-off. Post-it notes are not accepted as labels.

Artworks will remain with Gatakers Artspace for exhibition purposes until 3 January 2026, after which they must be collected by the artist at their own expense.

Any artwork not collected by 17 January 2026 will become the property of Fraser Coast Regional Council, unless prior arrangements are made.

Failure to collect artwork will result in ineligibility for the 2026 Waste to Art Competition.

PRIZES

Winners will receive Buy Local Gift Cards loaded to the values listed below.

Category 1 (18 years +)

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| 1st Prize | \$1,500 |
| 2nd Prize | \$500 |
| 3rd Prize | \$350 |

Category 2 (12-17 years)

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| 1st Prize | \$300 |
| 2nd Prize | \$150 |
| 3rd Prize | \$100 |

Category 3 (8-11 years)

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| 1st Prize | \$200 |
| 2nd Prize | \$100 |
| 3rd Prize | \$75 |

Category 4 (under 8's)

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| 1st Prize | \$150 |
| 2nd Prize | \$75 |
| 3rd Prize | \$50 |

Wearable Art Category (18 years and over)

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| 1st Prize | \$500 |
| 2nd Prize | \$250 |

(Under 18's)

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| 1st Prize | \$150 |
| 2nd Prize | \$100 |

People's choice award (18 years and over)

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| Prize | \$300 |
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People's choice award (Under 18's)

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| Prize | \$150 |
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ENTRY FORM

If you have any questions, please contact 1300 79 49 29 or email wastetoart@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

When your artwork is ready, please complete the online entry form at: frasercoast.qld.gov.au/waste-to-art



JUDGING CRITERIA

- Demonstration of reuse and repurposing
- Creativity and innovation
- Durability and functionality
- Overall visual impact

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

- Entrants must reside within the Wide Bay area.
- A maximum of one entry is allowed per individual, or up to five entries per group or organisation.
- Artworks must be created specifically for the Waste to Art Competition 2025 and may not be entered in multiple categories.
- If a group or organisation enters, the entry must be submitted in the age category of the oldest member.

Artwork Requirements

All entries must:

- Be made primarily from materials destined for landfill or repurposed materials sourced from tip shops, op shops or second-hand stores.
- Minimise the use of newly purchased materials, even if recyclable, to encourage genuine reuse.
- Not weigh more than 40kg (or by negotiation).
- Not exceed dimensions of 2m high by 1.2m wide.
- Contain no live or mouldy materials (e.g. plants).
- Be free of sharp objects (e.g. cut metal with sharp edges).
- Be exhibition ready, with a stable base to prevent artwork from falling over and all heavy components securely attached.
- Include a hanging system if the piece is intended to be hung. D-hooks are the preferred hanging solution.
- Have any electrical components tested and tagged prior to submission by qualified election.

Exhibition and Judging

- This is a curated exhibition and organisers may limit the number of works displayed.
- Entries may be refused if deemed unsafe, unsuitable or inappropriate.
- While reasonable care will be taken, the organisers accept no responsibility for loss or damage to artworks or materials during the competition or exhibition.
- The decision of the judges is the final decision should any disputes arise.

Sales and Commission

- A 25% gallery commission applies to all sold works.
- Payments for sold artworks will be made within 30 days after the close of the exhibition.

Publicity and Copyright

- All entrants grant permission for their names, artworks and images to be published or broadcast by the organisers through print and digital media.
- Artworks and copyright remain the property of the entrant.

People's Choice Award

- Each individual is permitted to cast only one vote in the People's Choice Award.
- Any attempt to vote multiple times will result in disqualification of all that person's votes.

Fraser Coast Regional Council reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions, or cancel or amend the competition at any time without notice.

CONTACT DETAILS

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**\$500
FIRST
PRIZE!**

WEARABLE ART CATEGORY

Introducing the Wearable Art category and fashion parade, to highlight the growing issue of textile waste!

We're inviting designers, makers, and visionaries to reimagine fashion by transforming discarded materials into bold, beautiful, and unexpected garments.

This new category celebrates innovation and creative use of unconventional materials as well as durability and demonstration of reuse and repurposing.

Entrants will showcase their one-of-a-kind designs in a live fashion parade at the Exhibition Opening, with prizes awarded to standout creations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

- Entrants must reside within the Wide Bay area.
- Entrants may be individuals, collectives, or school/community groups.
- A maximum of one entry is allowed per person, or up to five entries per group.
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant and not previously exhibited.

Design Criteria

Entrants are encouraged to think creatively and push the boundaries of traditional fashion – surprise us with how you transform everyday or unexpected items into bold, expressive, and wearable works of art.

- Designs must be suitable for a runway parade and safe for the model to move in.
- Garments must be primarily made from upcycled, recycled, or reworked materials, with a strong preference for items that would otherwise be discarded or overlooked.
- Please limit the use of new materials to only what is absolutely necessary for structural support, closures, or stitching.
- Acceptable materials include (but are not limited to):
 - **Upcycled** – e.g. old doona covers and tablecloths transformed into wearable designs.
 - **Reused** – e.g. tinsel, ribbon scraps, old jewellery, buttons, zippers, or elements salvaged from disused items.
 - **Reworked** – e.g. second-hand clothes that are modified, deconstructed, or rebuilt into something new.
 - **Unconventional** – e.g. lampshades, cane chairs, plastics, or industrial waste sculpted for the body.

Parade Participation

- Designers are responsible for providing their own model for the runway on Saturday 15 November.
- All garments must be wearable, safe, and suitable for a public audience.
- Fitting rooms will be made available.

Organisers may need to limit the number of works displayed or amend the competition at any time without notice.

Judging and Awards

Entries will be judged at the fashion parade, based on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of reuse and repurposing
- Creativity and innovation
- Durability and functionality
- Overall visual impact
- Judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Prizes will be awarded:
 - 18 years + 1st prize: \$500 Buy Local Gift Card
 - 18 years + 2nd prize: \$250 Buy Local Gift Card
 - Under 18's 1st prize: \$150 Buy Local Gift Card
 - Under 18's 2nd prize: \$100 Buy Local Gift Card

Health and Safety

- Designs must not include sharp or hazardous materials.
- All materials used must be clean and safe to wear.
- Outfits should allow safe movement for the model on stage.
- Entries may be refused if deemed unsafe, unsuitable or inappropriate.
- While all care will be taken, organisers accept no responsibility for any damage to garments or personal items.

Permissions and Use

- By entering, participants grant the event organisers permission to:
 - Photograph and film the garments during the event.
 - Use images and footage for promotion, marketing, or documentation.
 - Display the winning garments after the event as part of the exhibition.

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