

Terms & conditions Love the Coast 2026 Photography Competition

- The competition runs from 1 November 2025 to 18 January 2026.
- Entrants may enter up to Entries (3) in total. Each entry must be submitted separately, [via a Smartsheet form](#), and meet the eligibility requirements. However, no entrant may win more than one prize.
- The competition is free and open to all ages. Entrants under the age of 18 must gain permission from their parents or guardian to enter the competition. Permission must be provided to us via email secondnature@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Photos being entered MUST:

- Be taken in the Waverley Council Coastal area. Photos outside of area are illegible.
- Include a background story (up to 100 words) of your photograph and how it represents either connection to nature or human movements.
- Be the independent creation of the entrant, and free of any claims that infringe any third-party rights. You agree to indemnify Waverley Council against any costs that Waverley Council may incur as a result of any intellectual property rights infringement.
- Be taken with any camera, drone or phone. Drone photography must be undertaken in accordance with [Council requirements](#) and [laws around drones and marine life](#).
- If showing faces, you must have permission of any people in the photo.
- Be submitted on JPEG format and at a high-quality resolution to be used for printing and exhibition purposes (300 DPI, 2mg minimum).
- Be submitted by 5pm (AEST) on the 18 January 2026 via [Smarsheet Form](#)

Entrants and entries

- Ineligibility: Waverley council employees including councillors, the general manager, directors and council officers and their immediate family members (including spouses, parents, children and siblings), are not eligible to enter this competition.
- Entrants consent to their full names and/or their entries being used in all media, reports, promotional purposes by Waverley Council at no cost for Waverley Council. Entrants acknowledge and agree they may be required to participate in promotional activities while taking up the Prize.
- Photos being entered must not have been published previously and/or have been used to win prizes in other competitions.
- The winning entrant must agree to be contacted by the Council via email

provided when submitting images.

- Waverley Council reserves the right to request proof of identity and residence at the nominated Prize delivery address and proof of entry validity, to claim a Prize.
- Acceptance of proof of eligibility is at the discretion of Waverley Council. If an entrant cannot provide proof, their entry will be deemed invalid.
- All valid entries will be automatically entered into the Winner Selection process.
- Waverley Council reserves the right to disqualify any entrant submitting an entry which, includes objectionable content.
- Safety of entrants is a key priority. Entrants must not do anything that puts themselves and/or other people in dangerous situations to secure an image. This includes jumping safety fences and standing close to cliffs. Except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, Waverley Council (including its officers, employees and agents) excludes all liability (including negligence), for any personal or permanent injury or loss of life; or any loss or damage (including loss of opportunity); whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising in any way out of the competition.
- Entrants must not injure, harm or do anything to put wildlife under distress to secure an image.
- Any entrant found to be using multiple social media accounts to enter the competition will be disqualified at Council's discretion.
- Waverley Council assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft, destruction or unauthorised access to, or alterations of entries, and reserves the right to take any action that may be available. If for any reason this Competition is not capable of running as planned, due to causes including, but not limited to tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Promoter which corrupt or affect the administrative security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Competition, the Promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion, to take any action that may be available to the fullest extent permitted by law, including to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition. Subject to state regulations.

Winners Selection

- The Overall Winner will be selected from all valid entries by the judge, an experienced photographer selected by Waverley Council.
- Each entry will be judged based upon creative merit, visual impact and how well the image captures the categories of Natural Connections or Human Movements.
- The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

- The People's Choice winner will be selected by the local community voting via online platform PollUnit.
- Voting for the People's Choice award will close at 12pm on Monday 23 February.

Prize Winner Notification

- The Overall Winner will be announced at the exhibition opening on Friday 30 January 2026.
- The People's Choice Winner will be announced via social media channels on Tuesday 24 February.
- If the winners cannot be contacted by 12pm on the day of the opening, the prizes will be given to the runner ups in each prize category (overall winner and people's choice).
- If the winner is not at the awards at the time of announcement, Council will contact them via the email address provided when entering the competition.
- If the Winner is not able to redeem the Prize on the specified date/s, Waverley Council may determine another Winner in its absolute discretion.

By entering, you grant Waverley Council the right to:

- Maintain a digital copy of the photograph.
- Reproduce the photo in any media format, including but not limited to advertisements, postcards, brochures, posters, television/print media, website, social media, strategies and annual reports. Waverley Council will acknowledge you in all publicity as the creator of the Photograph.

Entry into the Competition is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions. Information relating to the Competition and the above Schedule form part of the terms and conditions for the Competition. Waverley Council may vary these terms and conditions from time to time at its sole discretion.