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HARBOUR TRUST 25TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Terms and conditions

By entering the Harbour Trust 25th anniversary photo competition, you (or, if you are under 18, your parent or guardian) acknowledge and agree to these terms and conditions:

- Entry is open to Australian residents.
- Photograph submissions must be the entrant's original work and owned by the entrant.
- Entrants may only submit one (1) photograph. Additional submissions will not be considered.
- Each photograph submission is automatically considered for both categories but may win only one (1) award.
- Photos must reflect the competition theme ('Capture the extraordinary') and be taken within a Harbour Trust location between 1 January 2026 and 31 January 2027. Entrants must identify the specific location of their photograph and the date it was taken. Eligible locations are Cockatoo Island / Wareamah, Macquarie Lightstation, Marine Biological Station, North Head Sanctuary, Sub Base Platypus and the precincts of Headland Park (Chowder Bay / Gooree, Georges Heights and Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh).
- Entries must not infringe any copyright, trademark, privacy, moral rights or other rights of any person or organisation.
- Where an identifiable person appears in a photograph, the entrant must have obtained that person's consent to the photograph being submitted and used by the Harbour Trust in accordance with these terms. If an identifiable person is under the age of 18, consent must be obtained from their parent or guardian.
- Entrants under the age of 18 must obtain a parent or guardian's consent to enter and accept these terms. Consent must be recorded in the competition entry email submission.
- Photographs must not contain unlawful, offensive, defamatory, discriminatory, or inappropriate content.
- Basic editing, such as cropping, colour correction, and exposure adjustments, is permitted. Substantial digital manipulation, including but not limited to adding or removing material elements of a photograph, is not permitted.
- Photographs must not have been created using generative AI tools.
- Entrants must follow visitor regulations and access conditions, avoid restricted areas and not disturb wildlife or damage heritage.
- Photographs taken using a drone are not permitted.
- All entrants grant the Harbour Trust a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish and promote their submitted photographs, in any format or medium (including but not limited to print publications, digital publications, presentations and online platforms), in connection with the competition and related communications, with attribution provided where reasonably practicable.
- Winners and runners-up additionally grant the Harbour Trust a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, publish, communicate and display their photographs, in any format or medium (including but not limited to print publications, digital publications, presentations and online platforms), for Harbour Trust marketing, interpretation, publications,

digital platforms, exhibitions and other public communications with attribution provided where reasonably practicable.

- The Harbour Trust may disqualify an entrant that does not comply with these terms and conditions or where the entrant has provided false or misleading information.
- Personal information collected will be used to administer the competition. The Harbour Trust collects, uses, stores and discloses personal information in accordance with its Privacy Policy and Privacy Procedure. For further information, visit harbourtrust.gov.au/privacy-policy.
- If a winner or runner-up cannot be contacted within 14 days of notification by the Harbour Trust via email, the Harbour Trust may award the prize money to the next highest ranked eligible submission.
- Prize money will be paid by bank transfer. You must provide your bank details to the Harbour Trust. Prize money will be paid by bank transfer. You must provide your bank details to the Harbour Trust. Winners and runners-up are responsible for any tax, financial or other consequences arising from receipt of prize money and should obtain their own independent financial or taxation advice about their individual circumstances.
- The Harbour Trust may modify, suspend or cancel the competition if circumstances beyond its reasonable control prevent the competition from proceeding as intended.
- Harbour Trust employees and volunteers, contractors, competition judges, and the immediate family members of any of those persons, are not eligible to enter.
- Photographs (max 1 per entrant) are to be submitted to the competition email address at photocomp@harbourtrust.gov.au along with:
    - Full name, email address, phone number, photograph title, photograph location, date taken, short caption, parent guardian details where entrant is under 18.
- Entries must be received by the closing date; late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- Entries are to be submitted in JPEG are not to exceed 5MB.
- Please name your file using your full name, photograph location and photograph title, in that order: Name_Location_Title.jpg.

Judging process and criteria

- This competition is a game of skill.
- Submissions will be assessed by the judging panel against the published criteria.
- The shortlisted entries should showcase both built and natural heritage across sites.
- Judges will evaluate entries against the following weighted criteria:
    - Creativity and originality (35%)
    - Photographic quality and composition (25%)
    - Connection to Harbour Trust places, stories, or values (20%)
    - Visual impact and storytelling (20%)
- Judges' decisions are final, subject to any rights an entrant may have under applicable law. No correspondence regarding the judging outcome will be entered into.

Prize

- There are two (2) $500 winners' prizes and two (2) $250 runners-up prizes – a total prize pool of $1,500.

- Winners and runners-up will be notified using the contact details provided with their submission.
- The winning, runner-up and shortlisted photographs will appear on the Harbour Trust's social media channels and website and may be printed for display at its places and events, subject to the licences in these terms. The photographer's name, photograph title and caption may accompany each photograph.

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