

Cootharinga NAIDOC Art Competition Guidelines

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We are excited to be bringing back Cootharinga NAIDOC Art Competition.

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2023 is For Our Elders, celebrating Elders who are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and loved ones, and their place in community and family.

Our vision for reconciliation is to have equality and meaningful engagement between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and all Australians within the disability sector. As part of our work towards reconciliation, and in celebration of NAIDOC Week 2023 and the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within CPL and Cootharinga's service regions, we invite all artists of who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage to enter Cootharinga's NAIDOC Art Competition.

Dates

- Entries open: Tuesday 2 May 2023
- Entries close: Friday 23 June 2023

Theme

Your artwork must be inspired by the 2023 NAIDOC week theme, ***For Our Elders***

Eligibility

- Open to First Nations artists, aged 10 years or older
- Artwork must be created using painting, graphic design or drawing artistic mediums
- The artwork must be an original piece created specifically for Cootharinga's 2023 NAIDOC Art Competition
- Although we encourage people coming together, to ensure fair judging, group entries are limited to one person
- You accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions
- All application requirements are submitted with original entry

Entry categories and prizes

Entries will be accepted in two categories: **Creative Ability & Up and Coming Artist**

Creative Ability: For artists who are new to their craft and are at a beginner level

- 1st Place: \$200 VISA gift card and an art pack
- 2nd Place: \$100 VISA gift card and an art pack
- 3rd Place: \$ VISA gift card and an art pack

Up and Coming Artist: For artists who are skilled in their craft and are at an intermediate level or above

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- 1st Place: \$1000 VISA gift card
- 2nd Place: \$600 VISA gift card
- 3rd Place: \$400 VISA gift card

Judging Panel

Cootharinga plus a guest community member will be judging the art submissions on a 10-point scoring system. Each competition category will be judged on the criteria below:

- Clear representation of the NAIDOC Week 2023 theme ***For Our Elders***
- Level of creative expression and innovation
- Respect to relevant cultural protocols
- Demonstration of creative skills
- Quality of artwork

Artwork submission

You must supply:

- At least two (2) clear close-up photos of the artwork.
- One (1) photo of the artist with their artwork.
- A description of the artwork (maximum 200 words). Please tell us how your work reflects the 2023 NAIDOC Week theme: ***For Our Elders***
- Please supply photos as jpgs, with maximum 2MB file size.
- Complete the online submission on the Cootharinga website

Winners

Winners will be notified directly on Wednesday 5 July 2023 and announced online through the Cootharinga website and CPL and Cootharinga social media platforms during NAIDOC week 2023 (2 – 9 July 2023).

Intellectual Property

All artwork entered into Cootharinga's NAIDOC Art Competition will remain the property of the artist who submitted the entry, until such time that the artwork is sold in a mutual contract.

Contact

If you would like more information or are having difficulty submitting your entry, please email enquiries@cootharinga.org.au or call 07 4759 2032.