

Media Release



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Young residents can get creative to celebrate our threatened species

Young residents, aged five to 12 years, are encouraged to submit their creative artwork or short story to the annual Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition, with entries now open!

Council runs the regional educational competition, which celebrates National Threatened Species Day on 7 September, in partnership with Campbelltown City and Wollondilly Councils. It aims to encourage young residents to learn about a local threatened species and represent it in their entry.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the competition was all about raising awareness about how, together, we can help to protect these species.

“Camden is home to some incredible biodiversity,” Cr Fedeli said.

“Cumberland Plain Woodland and Elderslie Banksia Scrub Forest can both be found right here and are listed as Critically Endangered Ecological Communities. The River-Flat Eucalypt Forest, Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest and Moist Shale Woodland are also located in Camden and are Endangered Ecological Communities. Not to mention the 557 native flora and 225 native fauna species that call Camden home, many of which are either threatened in NSW or threatened nationally.

“Working together through this competition is a great way to form ideas to protect threatened species.

“I’d like to thank our two major sponsors, the Australian Botanic Gardens and Symbio Wildlife Zoo, who are providing some great prizes and additional activities as part of the competition.”

Prizes, which include a family pass to Symbio Wildlife Zoo and sustainability packs, will be presented to winners at a ceremony on Thursday 5 September at Plant Bank, at The Australian Botanic Gardens Mount Annan. There will be:

- Three winners crowned in each of the three age group categories (five to six years, seven to nine years and 10-12 years);
- An overall writing competition winner; and
- An overall school winner.

Following the ceremony, award winners will have the opportunity to participate in a Nocturnal Tour of the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland.

The art component is open to residents aged five to 12 years and the writing component is open to residents aged eight to 12 years. The 2019 Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition will close on Friday 23 August.

For more information, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search ‘Threatened Species Art and Writing Competition’ or call Council’s Natural Resource Project Officer on 4654 7777.

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