

Gosford Art Prize 2026 Key Dates and Terms and Conditions

The annual Gosford Art Prize has been a feature of the Gosford Regional Gallery's exhibition program for the past 26 years, and a cultural highlight on the Central Coast since the early 1970's.

Open to practicing artists across Australia working in any medium, the major acquisitive prize presents the winner with \$25,000 and the winning artwork enters the Central Coast Council Art Collection. Other awards include the First Nations Artist Prize \$10,000, Gosford Ceramics Prize \$10,000, and the Moving Image Art Award \$10,000. Two Highly Commended prizes and a Viewer's Choice Award complete the prize pool of over \$55,000.

PRIZES

Major Award (acquisitive) \$25,000

First Nations Artist Prize \$10,000

Gosford Ceramics Prize \$10,000

Moving Image Art Award \$10,000

Highly Commended x 2 \$1,000

Viewer's Choice Award \$500

KEY DATES

Entries open Monday 25 May 2026

Entries close 4pm Monday 20 July 2026

Finalists announced 7 August 2026

Delivery of finalist artworks 8 and 9 September 2026

Award announcement Friday 25 September 2026 6pm

Exhibition runs from 26 September to 22 November 2026

Collection of artworks following exhibition 23 and 24 November 2026

Prior to entry:

Please prepare your artwork images smaller than 5 MB and ensure the file is a jpg, png, tif, or pdf. For Apple users, please ensure your image files has been converted from a HEIC file to the correct file type and take your image with the 'live' function turned off.

PLEASE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY TO GOSFORD ART PRIZE 2026 BELOW

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ARTWORK

Gosford Art Prize 2026 is open to artwork in any medium, Gosford Ceramics Prize is limited to works that are predominately ceramic medium, the Moving Image Art Award is limited to artworks that are predominately made with moving images.

All artworks must have been finished within 12 months prior to July 20, 2026, Work must not exceed two (2) metres in any one direction and should be easily lifted by two people. Moving Image artworks may be displayed larger than two meters square at the discretion of Gosford Regional Gallery staff due to the nature of variable screen or projection size. Work must be presented ready for exhibition with appropriate display fixtures. The artist's name, address, telephone number, title of work and retail price (or "NFS" if not for sale) must be noted on the back or bottom of each work.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entries must be submitted online via the website, entries will open 25 May 2026

For an entry to be valid it must:

- be correctly filled out and submitted by 4:00PM on 20 July 2026
- include at least one uploaded image of the entered artwork
- have appropriate entry fee paid

ENTRY FEE

Gosford Art Prize 2026 entry fee is \$50 per entry (max. two entries per artist per category)

Entry fees are non-refundable and only works with paid entry fees are eligible for prizes and for selection for exhibition inclusion.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

A panel of judges including staff from the Gosford Regional Gallery will select finalists from the entries submitted online.

The names of the finalists will be promoted on 7 August 2026

Finalists will be contacted and asked to deliver their entries to the Gallery in person on 8 and 9 September 2026 or by courier prior to 9 September 2026.

Only selected finalists will be invited to deliver work for the exhibition. Delivery may be in person or via a courier service. Finalists are responsible for all costs associated with packing and delivery.

An external judge or panel of judges selected by Gallery Management will award prizes. The judge or judges will view the work of the selected finalists in person at Gosford Regional Gallery before awarding prizes. In the event of a dispute arising regarding the rules and conditions of entry, a decision made by Gosford Regional Gallery Management shall be final.

EXHIBITION

The exhibition runs from 26 September 2026 until 22 November 2026.

All works selected for exhibition must remain on show for the full duration of the exhibition.

Finalists are responsible for the collection of their work at the close of the exhibition unless the work is sold.

SALE OF WORK

Artwork exhibited in the Gosford Art Prize 2026 exhibition can be for sale.

Artist must indicate on the online entry form whether the work will be for sale or not for sale. If the work is for sale the Gallery will take a 35 percent commission (inc. GST). The price inclusive of commission must be indicated by the artist in the entry form.

Artists who sell work will be required to register as a Supplier of Central Coast Council.

Money owed to an artist due to an artwork sale will be paid within 30 days of the conclusion of the exhibition.

COPYRIGHT

By entering the Gosford Art Prize 2026, the entrant agrees to grant Gosford Regional Gallery a non-exclusive licence to photograph the artwork and publish images of the artwork, and/or an image detail of the artwork, for the purpose of documentation and the promotion of the Gosford Art Prize and/or Gosford Regional Gallery.

PRIVACY

Information provided on the Gosford Art Prize 2026 online entry form will be used solely for the purpose of running this competition, unless the entrant elects to receive further promotional material.

The details of selected finalists including name, artwork title, medium, size, price and artist statement will be used to create a catalogue of the selected finalists, exhibition signage and an archive of Gosford Art Prize finalists. This information may also be used to promote the Gosford Art Prize.

INSURANCE

While on exhibition artwork will be insured against fire, theft and vandalism. Gosford Regional Gallery will not be held liable for minor accidental damage that may occur to artwork during the storage or judging of the Art Prize or deterioration due to inherent vice.

COLLECTION OF WORK

If not sold during the exhibition artworks are to be collected on 23 or 24 November 2026, unless alternative arrangements have been made with Gallery staff.

Any artwork not collected within two months of the close of the exhibition will be disposed of unless alternative arrangements have been made with Gallery staff. The Gallery will endeavour to contact artists prior to disposal.

ELIGIBILITY

The Gosford Art Prize 2026 is open to all permanent residents of Australia, except for employees of Central Coast Council.

All artworks must have been produced within the 12 months prior to 20 July 2026.

The First Nations Artist Prize is awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander entrant only.

Selected finalists must be able to deliver the selected artwork to Gosford Regional Gallery before 10 September 2026.