

Watershed Creative Prize 2025

Introduction

The Watershed Creative Prize 2025 provides an opportunity for local artists to showcase their work to the community.

This year's theme, 'Spirit of Salisbury – a place to call home', focuses on what it means to be part of the City of Salisbury community.

Categories

Traditional

- Photography
 - High resolution photos printed on canvas or other material.
 - If framed, cannot exceed more than 10 kilograms in weight.
 - Maximum size: 1 metre x 1.2 metres.
- Painting
 - Any medium (e.g. water colour, oils, charcoal, ink, pencil, pastels) printed on canvas or other material.
 - If framed, cannot exceed more than 10 kilograms in weight.
 - Maximum size: 1 metre x 1.2 metres.

3D Arts

All submissions are required to free stand safely or a suitable supportive stand must be provided by the artist. City of Salisbury reserves the right to not accept submissions that are unsuitable or unsafe to display.

- Sculpture
 - The piece must be able to be moved, and suggestions for suitable method of transport must be provided (e.g. hand trolley, pallet lifter).
 - Maximum size: 1 metre tall.
 - Maximum weight: Dependent on movability.
- Pottery/ceramics/craft/metalwork/woodwork
 - Maximum size: 1 metre x 50cm.
- Recyclable inventions
 - Maximum size: 1 metre x 50cm.

Prizes

All finalists work will be exhibited in the John Harvey Community Hall at Salisbury Community Hub from Wednesday 25 June to Sunday 27 July 2025. Announcement of prize winners will be made at an awards night on Friday 4 July 2025.

First prize

- \$3,000 awarded to best entry in both categories.

Runner up

- \$1,500 awarded to runner up entry in both categories.

Youth Creative Artist Prize

- \$700 awarded to best entry from artist aged 12 to 25 in both categories.

Additional awards

- Editor's Choice Award – Northern Living Magazine.
- Mayors Choice Award.
- Local's Choice Award.

Submissions

Submissions have been extended until 5pm Sunday 8 June 2025.

Submit a photo of your entry at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/watershed.

Conditions of entry

- Entries are available from all community members, including those living outside of the City of Salisbury council area.
- Current Council employees or former employees who ceased employment less than six months before applying are ineligible to apply.
- All submissions must focus on 'Spirit of Salisbury – a place to call home' as the primary subject matter.
- A photo of your entry must be submitted on the City of Salisbury website for the first round of judging. A judging panel will select finalists, who will be invited to submit their work in the exhibition for final judging.
- Multiple submissions are permitted, however up to two pieces from the same artist can be selected for finalists and each piece requires a separate entrance fee.
- Artists aged 12 to 25 years are eligible for the Youth Creative Artist Prize.
- Shortlisted artists will be notified by email or phone and successful entries will form the Watershed Creative Prize exhibition for final judging.
- All decisions made by the judging panel are final and announcement of prize winners will be made at an awards night on Friday 4 July 2025.
- Finalist submissions require an entrance fee of \$30 (unless eligible for the Youth Creative Prize). Any finalist submission not accompanied by an entrance fee will be ineligible for further consideration. Fees contribute to administration, installation and handling of submissions.
- All entries must consist of a completed entry form, entry fee and ABN or GST declaration.
- Youth Creative Artist Prize finalist entrants must show an appropriate proof of age or student ID card to staff when dropping off submissions due to no entry fee.
- Submissions must be original works that have not been entered into another exhibition in South Australia within the previous 18 months.
- Submissions must be created entirely by the artist without reliance on AI-based tools or generative software.
- Hanging artworks (framed or canvas) should be supplied ready for hanging. Flat 'D' rings must be placed on the back 10cm from the top edge of the work and on both sides of the artwork.
- The artist's name and title of work must be clearly printed on the back of the artwork or clearly identified.
- Any works that infringe copyright laws will be disqualified.

- All submissions will be held for safekeeping by the City of Salisbury throughout the duration of the Watershed Creative Prize exhibition. Submissions will be handled with care and with all reasonable safety measures possible, however, the City of Salisbury will not be held liable for damages.
- The City of Salisbury is not responsible for insurance of artwork. Artists are advised to make any preferred insurance preparations before submitting the piece to the City of Salisbury's care.
- Finalists agree not to withdraw their works prior to the close of the exhibition on 27 July 2025.
- Submissions can be available for sale or not for sale by the artist. Any sale of artworks will be conducted directly between the artist and the purchaser with support from council.
- If the value of the piece is more than \$2,000 or totals over \$2,000 from one artist, the City of Salisbury will act as the mediator and manage the sale. In such cases, the City of Salisbury will deduct a 20% commission from the sale price and arrange payment to the artist.
- The winning and runner up works are non-acquisitive. These works can be sold as part of the exhibition if available for sale, not kept by the organiser or sponsor as an acquisitive prize.
- The City of Salisbury reserves the right to photograph works exhibited in the Watershed creative art prize for the purpose of documentation and promotion. Images may be cropped to meet social media formats or publicity requirements.