

REGIONAL RECYCLED ART COMPETITION



Community Briefing Pack

Sky, Earth & Sea

Thank you for your interest in the Regional Recycled Art Competition.

This pack provides all the information you need to enter, including key dates, how to create your artwork, construction guidelines, judging criteria and entry instructions.

About the Competition

The Regional Recycled Art Competition invites residents and community groups across the North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils to create artworks using recycled or repurposed materials.

Winning artworks will be displayed at the regional Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Townsville.

The MRF is where all yellow-lid kerbside recycling from the participating councils is sorted before being sent to re-manufacturers. The upgraded education space will host selected artworks as part of its permanent display.

Theme: Sky, Earth & Sea

Create an artwork using recycled or repurposed materials inspired by Sky, Earth or Sea.

Your artwork can explore ideas such as:

- Animals that fly, live on land or swim in the sea
- Plants, landscapes, habitats or natural environments
- Reef life, marine ecosystems or underwater scenes

You are welcome to interpret the theme in any creative way.

Key Dates

- Competition Opens: Wednesday 15 April 2026
- Entries close: Monday 6 July 2026
- Winning artworks required by: Friday 31 July 2026



Who Can Enter?

The competition is open to the following in the Local Government areas of Townsville, Burdekin, and Hinchinbrook:

- Individual residents
- Artists and makers
- Community organisations and groups
- Schools

Both individual and group entries are welcome.

How to Enter via Formsite

Please submit entries online here: <https://fs6.formsite.com/townsvillecc/RecycledArt2026/>

Before starting your entry, prepare:

- Artwork title
- Theme category: Sky, Earth or Sea
- A short description of the recycled materials used
- 3 to 4 photos of the artwork (JPEG or PNG) front, bottom, sides. Include at least one photo with a plain background
- Contact name, email and phone number
- Organisation name (if applicable)
- Artwork size: Length x width x height in cm
- Approximate artwork weight
- Preference for artwork to be floor mounted, wall hung, or ceiling hung.

Construction and Safety Guidance (for classrooms)

Please consider:

- Stable and safe construction
- Strong joins and a secure base
- No sharp edges, hazardous materials or liquids
- No food-contaminated items or batteries
- Reasonable size and weight for display:
 - Nothing over 1m in length, width or height.
 - Weight: Nothing over 2kg for hanging art works (wall or ceiling).
 - If your artwork idea will exceed these limits, please reach out to discuss further.

Suitable materials include: clean cardboard, plastic containers, tins, bottle caps, wire, scrap timber, broken objects, fabric offcuts and other repurposed items.

Avoid: food contaminated items, sharp items, liquid-filled items, hazardous materials, or batteries.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged on:

- Creativity and originality
- Effective use of recycled and repurposed materials
- Relevance to the theme (Sky, Earth & Sea)
- Craftsmanship and construction quality
- Environmental messaging or interpretation



Delivery of winning artworks

Selected winning entrants will be contacted to deliver their artwork to their council by 4 pm Friday 31 July 2026.

What is the MRF?

The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Townsville is where yellow-lid kerbside recycling from our region is sorted before being sent to re-processors. The upgraded education space will display selected winning artworks as part of the upgrades, and will be unveiled at a special Materials Recycling Facility Open Day later this year.

If your artwork is not selected

Only a limited number of artworks can be displayed at the regional exhibition due to space capacity. If your entry is unsuccessful, here are meaningful ways to celebrate your creativity or share your artwork locally.

Ideas for individuals:

- Display the artwork at home, your workplace or community centre
- Share photos on local social pages or sustainability groups
- Gift the artwork to someone or donate it to a local organisation
- Keep materials for future upcycling projects

Ideas for community groups:

- Host a small exhibition in your centre, meeting space or hall
- Share your group's artwork process on social media
- Display artworks during open days, markets or events

Questions or queries regarding your entry

Contact: resourcerecovery@townsville.qld.gov.au

