



eMergent Sounds Song Competition Terms and Conditions

The eMergent Sounds song competition initiated by the 2021 Youth for Youth (Y4Y) Youth Action Team, aims to recognise, celebrate, and value local young emerging artists and musicians.

The Central Coast Youth Strategy 2019-2024 has a focus to sustain the wellbeing of young people, celebrate their talents, strengthen community connection, and create a sense of place.

Young emerging singer/songwriters and bands from the Central Coast are invited to submit an original song as part of the online eMergent Sounds song competition. Shortlisted entries will make up the eMergent Sounds playlist for inclusion with the eMerge Big Chairs that form an art trail across the region.

The winning song will be awarded a prize of \$1000.

The eMergent Sounds playlist will be incorporated into the Big Chair Art Trail with a QR code.

Shortlisted performers will be invited to participate in the Creative Engineers Music Pathways program and perform/busk to promote the positive things young people do as part of Youth Week celebrations (20-30 April) near the Big Chair. A Buskers Licence is required for busking activities.

Key Dates:

Call for expressions of interest	03/03/23
Musicians EOI submissions due by	09/04/23
Shortlisted Musicians contacted	17/04/23
Voting Opens	20/04/23
Voting Closes – 11.59pm	30/04/23
Winning Song/Artist announced	May 2023

Refer to 'How to enter the Competition' for details on how to enter 2023 eMergent Sounds song competition.

All information on how to enter this competition forms part of these terms and conditions. Entry into this competition is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions.

This competition is run by Central Coast Council ("Council") ABN: 47 054 613 735 of Wyong Office: 2 Hely St/ PO Box 20 Wyong NSW 2259.

Council reserves the right at any time to disqualify any individual who Council reasonably believes has breached any of the terms and conditions or engaged in any unlawful or other improper conduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the competition or the reputation of Council.

Privacy Notification:

Some of the information that you are asked to provide on this form is personal information, such as your name and contact information. This information is being collected for the purpose of identification; judgement; communication in relation to; and promotion of this entry in eMergent Sounds song competition.

The information will be accessible by Council staff and professional development partners/ or sponsor. It is voluntary to provide personal information on this form, however if the information is not provided, Council will not accept the entry in the Competition. Applications to access or amend the personal information provided on this form may be made to Central Coast Council.

1. Eligibility

1.1 Entry is open to:

- a) Singer/songwriters & Musicians aged 12 - 24 years
- b) Residents or those who study or work in the Central Coast region NSW
- c) Australian citizens or permanent resident of Australia.

1.2 Employees of Council and their immediate families are eligible to enter Council competitions where there is independence in the judging (e.g., independent panel members, entries are anonymous etc.) or a random judging process (e.g., barrel draw). Outside of these conditions, Directors must approve the conditions.

1.3 Entrants under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to enter.

- a) Entrants under the age of 18 are required to provide proof of consent from a parent or legal guardian with the signed 'Under 18' consent form (Attachment 1) and email through before participation.

1.4 Entrants over the age of 18 must sign their consent to enter (Attachment 2) and email through before participation.

1.5 Entry to the competition is free.

1.6 Up to two songs may be submitted for the competition.

1.7 Expressions of interest must be submitted, and mp3 files uploaded to the link provided **between 03 March 2023 and 09 April 2023 by 11.59pm** Australian Eastern Standard Time. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted.

2. How to enter the Competition

2.1 Registration for entry is required to enter online with the following steps:

- a) Enter submission details via the hyperlink [eMergent Sounds EOI](#)
- b) Upload:
 1. Mp3 file(s) of the nominated song(s)
 2. Competition Consent & Declaration (either Attachment 1 or 2) completed and signed (PDF only)
 3. Council's Digital Media Consent Form completed and signed (PDF only).

2.2 Shortlisted entries (competition acceptance) will be contacted by email **on 17 April 2023**.

a) The email will include:

1. An electronic link to accept the shortlisting
2. An electronic copy of the eMergent Sounds song competition Terms and Conditions.

b) A copy of photo identification /proof of birth date (School ID / License) may be requested.

2.3 Shortlisted entries must confirm their acceptance **19 April 2023** by uploading details and the signed documentation with the link provided.

2.4 All Entries must be received within the competition period as outlined above.

2.5 Council does not accept any responsibility for any late or lost entries, or any other entries not properly received.

2.6 Council has absolute discretion; and reserves all rights; to verify the validity of all entries to the eMergent Sounds song competition, and to disqualify any entrant who tampers with the entry process or who submits an entry that is deemed to not be in accordance with these terms and conditions.

2.7 Council will not be liable for any damages or loss suffered as a result of entry to the eMergent Sounds song competition.

2.8 Each entrant releases, and hereby indemnifies to the full extent permitted by law, Council, its employees, agents and assigns, from any and all liability which may arise from and/or all claims in connection with their entry, participation or the prize in the eMergent Sounds song competition.

2.9 Council may cancel or vary the Competition at any time. Council will not be responsible for any loss or costs incurred by the entrant or businesses in relation to such cancellation or variation.

3. Entry requirements

3.1 Licences, Warranties and Indemnities

By entering the Competition, the Entrant warrants to Council in respect of each song submitted in this Competition that:

- a) He or she is the author or co-author of the Song.
- b) He or she owns the copyright in the Song and is entitled to submit the musical work as a part of and for the purposes of this Competition.
- c) The Song does not infringe the rights of any third party, including copyright, and all efforts have been taken to avoid any such infringement.
- d) He or she has obtained written permission from any co-writer or publisher controlling any rights in the entered Song.
- e) The Song is not offensive, inappropriate, defamatory, or is otherwise not against the law.

- 3.2 Successful submissions will be uploaded onto an online platform to form the eMergent Sounds playlist.
- 3.3 It is Council's absolute discretion to deem an entry unsuitable.
- 3.4 As part of the competition, entrants are encouraged to share the competition with their social media networks to maximise engagement with the voting process.
- 3.5 By entering the Competition entrants agree to comply with the Terms & Conditions. If a competitor violates the Terms & Conditions, Council reserves the right to disqualify them from the Competition.

4. Recordings, footage, photographic documentation

- 4.1 Each entrant consents to Council uploading recordings onto the selected platform as part of the eMergent Sounds playlist; taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the eMergent Song Competition. Media Consent Form provided must be completed and returned as per points 2.2 – 2.3.
- 4.2 Each entrant consents, and provides an irrevocable licence, to Council using and publishing, at its discretion, their entry, including the name, and age of the entrant; recorded entry and any photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the eMergent Sounds song competition, including but not limited to:
- a) Uploading of the entry on to the Council or the Youth Services websites: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/ and Council managed YouTube channels and social media.
 - b) Promotion of the eMergent Sounds song competition in the media, both print and online.
 - c) Display and promotion at any event associated with the eMergent Sounds song competition, as deemed suitable by Central Coast Council Youth Services.
 - d) Other non-commercial activities related to the functions of Council.
- 4.3 On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant.
- 4.4 Each entrant agrees that Council will not provide any financial compensation, in relation to any use of their entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.
- 4.5 Each entrant declares that he/she will not seek now or at any future time any financial compensation from Council in relation to any use of this entry or any photographs or video footage of the entrant.

5. Judging of the Competition

- 5.1 Each valid entry will initially be reviewed (with artists' names removed) by Council and judged on its merits to determine a shortlisted playlist of songs for the Competition. To ensure unbiased decision in the quality assurance process, artists' names will be removed for the shortlist judging process only.
- 5.1 The shortlist judging panel will be comprised of members of Council's Youth Services Team and Y4Y Team, and judging will be based equally on:
- a) Lyrics (excludes songs that do not have lyrics)
 - b) Melody
 - c) Arrangement
 - d) Overall likeability

5.3 Judging of the eMergent Sounds song competition will be conducted online (with artists' names included) with a People's Choice vote.

5.3 Online Voting will be open on 20 April 2023 and close on 30 April 2023 (National Youth Week) at 11.59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

5.4 The decisions of the judging panel in relation to any aspect of the eMergent Sounds song competition will be final and binding upon every entrant who enters the Competition. No correspondence regarding any decision of the judging panel will be entered into.

6. Awarding winners

6.1 The winning song entry of the eMergent Sounds song competition will be notified by email and by phone call and will be published on the Council's website.

6.2 The eMergent Sounds song competition prize is:

– \$1000

6.3 The winning prize recipient will be invited to perform as a guest at two (2) upcoming events as organised by Central Coast Council Youth Services (2023-2024) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.

6.4 Acceptance of any prize in the eMergent Sounds song competition is conditional on the signing of Council's release form (Attachment 3).

6.5 If the winner is aged under 18 years of age, the Parent or Legal Guardian must sign the Council's release form (Attachment 3).

6.6 If the prize remains unclaimed for three months from the time notice is given, Council will have the right to determine another prize recipient, if deemed appropriate.

6.7 To claim the prize, the winner(s) must contact Council's Youth Development Officer, Jennifer Dias to claim their awarded prize.

Complaints

7 If Council receives a complaint from a person/s featured in an entry, or a complaint about the entry, Council may reject / remove the entry from the competition at its absolute discretion. All complaints must be received in writing with contact details. No correspondence will be entered in relation to any decision of Council in relation to the eMergent Sounds song competition.

Further Information:

If you require further information, please email jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or call 0434 328 248.

Attachment 1: Under 18 Consent Form

Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration for eMergent Sounds Song Competition.

This section is only required to be completed where the entrant is under the age of 18.

1. I declare that I am the parent/guardian of the entrant.
2. I consent to the entrant entering and participating in the Competition.
3. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Competition.
4. I declare that this entry has been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Competition.

Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Relationship to the Entrant: _____

Entrant's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2: Consent Form

Participant Consent & Declaration for eMergent Sounds Song Competition.

This section is required to be completed where the entrant is 18 years of age and older.

1. I consent to entering and participating in the Competition.
2. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Competition.
3. I declare that this entry has been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Competition.

Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 3: PRIZE SIGN OFF

eMergent Sounds Song Competition

I _____ of _____ hereby confirm I accept the \$1000 prize for my winning entry in the eMergent Sounds Song Competition.

I agree to perform as a guest in up to two (2) showcase events as organised by Central Coast Council Youth Services (2023-2024) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the winning artist is under 18 years of age, please complete the section below.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Relationship to the Entrant: _____

Winning Artist's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____