



Newcastle Airport Photography Competition 2026

Show the World Our Home

Terms and Conditions

1. General

- 1.1 These Terms and Conditions apply to the Newcastle Airport Show the World Our Home Photography Competition 2026 (**Competition**).
- 1.2 The Competition is promoted by Newcastle Airport Pty Limited (**Newcastle Airport**), ABN 30 060 254 542 of [Williamtown Drive, WILLIAMTOWN NSW 2318] (**Promoter**).
- 1.3 Entry into the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.4 Information published by Newcastle Airport about how to enter, Competition categories, prizes, judging and key dates forms part of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.5 If there is any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and other promotional material relating to the Competition, these Terms and Conditions prevail.
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2. Competition theme

- 2.1 The theme of the Competition is *Show the World Our Home*.
- 2.2 The Competition invites the community to capture the people, places, landscapes, experiences and moments that showcase what makes the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast home.
- 2.3 Entries may include, but are not limited to, photographs of:
- landscapes, beaches and waterways;
 - wildlife and nature;
 - towns, communities and local landmarks;
 - food, wine and local produce;
 - sport and community events;
 - aviation;
 - people and everyday life;
 - culture and traditions; and
 - places, experiences or moments that represent "home" to the entrant.
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3. Competition categories

- 3.1 The Competition comprises five categories:
- a. Junior Photographer
- Open to primary school-aged entrants aged 5–12 years at the time of entry, requires parent or legal guardian consent for entrants under 18 years.
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b. Youth Photographer

Open to secondary school-aged entrants aged 13–17 years at the time of entry, requires parent or legal guardian consent for entrants under 18 years.

c. Community Photographer

Open to amateur photographers aged 18 years and over.

d. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Photographer

Open to eligible entrants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

e. Aviation Photographer

Open to eligible entrants of all ages, subject to parent or legal guardian consent for entrants under 18 years.

3.2 Entrants may enter more than one category where they meet the eligibility requirements for each category.

3.3 A separate People's Choice Award will be determined from shortlisted entries by public vote.

4. Competition period

4.1 Entries open at 9.00am AEST on Wednesday 19 August 2026.

4.2 Entries close at 11.59pm AEDT on Sunday 18 October 2026.

4.3 Entries received outside the Competition period will not be accepted.

4.4 Judging will take place between 19 and 30 October 2026.

4.5 Finalists are expected to be announced on or around Monday 2 November 2026.

4.6 People's Choice voting is expected to open on Monday 2 November 2026 and close at 11.59pm AEDT on Sunday 15 November 2026.

4.7 Category winners and the People's Choice Award winner are expected to be announced on or around Thursday 19 November 2026.

4.8 Newcastle Airport may amend these dates where reasonably necessary and will publish any changes through its official channels.

5. Eligibility

5.1 Entry is open to Australian residents who meet the eligibility requirements of the category entered.

Eligible photography area

5.2 Photographs must have been taken within one of the following eligible Local Government Areas in the Hunter, Central Coast or Mid North Coast regions of New South Wales:

Hunter

- Newcastle
- Lake Macquarie
- Port Stephens

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- Maitland
- Cessnock
- Dungog
- Singleton
- Muswellbrook
- Upper Hunter
- MidCoast

Central Coast

- Central Coast

Mid North Coast

- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Kempsey
- Nambucca Valley
- Bellingen
- Coffs Harbour

5.3 Newcastle Airport may request information reasonably required to verify where a photograph was taken.

5.4 Employees and directors of Newcastle Airport, members of the Competition judging panel and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter.

5.5 For the purposes of clause 5.4, immediate family includes a spouse, de facto partner, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, sibling or step-sibling.

5.6 A separate photography competition may be conducted for Newcastle Airport employees and their families and is not governed by these Terms and Conditions.

6. Entrants under 18

6.1 Entrants under 18 years of age must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian to enter the Competition.

6.2 A parent or legal guardian must accept these Terms and Conditions on behalf of an entrant under 18.

6.3 Newcastle Airport may contact the parent or legal guardian in connection with the entrant's participation, judging, publicity, exhibition or prize.

7. How to enter

7.1 To enter, entrants must complete the official Competition entry form and submit their photograph/s in accordance with the instructions provided by Newcastle Airport.

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7.2 Entrants may submit up to three photographs per category.

7.3 Each photograph must:

- a. be the entrant's original work;
- b. have been photographed by the entrant;
- c. have been taken within an eligible LGA listed in clause 5.2;
- d. have been taken on or after 1 July 2025 and before the Competition closing date of 18 October 2026;
- e. not be generated by artificial intelligence or contain AI-generated photographic elements;
- f. not contain a watermark;
- g. be submitted in PNG, JPG or JPEG format;
- h. meet any file size, resolution or other technical requirements specified on the Competition entry page;
- i. be of sufficient quality for digital, print and potentially large-format reproduction;
- j. not infringe the copyright, moral rights, privacy or other rights of any third party; and
- k. comply with these Terms and Conditions.

7.4 Standard photographic editing, including cropping, exposure adjustments, colour correction and similar enhancements, is permitted.

7.5 Editing must not introduce AI-generated elements or materially alter the photograph in a way that misrepresents the original scene.

7.6 Newcastle Airport may request the original source file.

8. People depicted in photographs

8.1 Entrants are responsible for obtaining any permission or consent reasonably required from identifiable people who are a prominent subject of a photograph.

8.2 Where an identifiable person under 18 years of age is a primary subject of a photograph, the entrant must have permission from that person's parent or legal guardian.

8.3 Newcastle Airport may request evidence of consent before shortlisting, displaying, publishing or otherwise using a photograph.

8.4 Newcastle Airport may deem an entry ineligible if appropriate consent cannot be demonstrated.

9. Aviation photography and safety

9.1 Photographs entered in the Aviation Photographer category must be captured safely and lawfully.

9.2 Entrants must not:

- a. enter restricted, prohibited or unauthorised areas to obtain a photograph;
 - b. trespass on airport, Defence or private property;
 - c. interfere with aircraft, airport or airfield operations;
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- d. operate a drone contrary to applicable laws or restrictions;
- e. engage in unsafe or unlawful behaviour; or
- f. encourage another person to engage in unsafe or unlawful behaviour to obtain a photograph.

9.3 Newcastle Airport may disqualify any photograph it reasonably believes was obtained through unsafe, unlawful or unauthorised activity.

9.4 Photographs that disclose or could reasonably compromise aviation, airport or Defence safety or security may be deemed ineligible.

10. Content standards

10.1 Newcastle Airport reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry that, in its reasonable opinion:

- is unlawful, offensive, discriminatory, defamatory or obscene;
- contains inappropriate or exploitative content;
- promotes unsafe or unlawful behaviour;
- infringes another person's intellectual property, privacy or other rights;
- compromises aviation, Defence or public safety or security;
- contains unauthorised commercial advertising;
- has been submitted fraudulently; or
- is otherwise inconsistent with the purpose or community nature of the Competition.

10.2 Newcastle Airport accepts no liability for receipt of submissions that are offensive, improper, unlawful, or otherwise in breach of these Terms and Conditions or any other applicable law or guideline.

11. Judging

11.1 Eligible entries will be considered by a judging panel appointed by Newcastle Airport.

11.2 Entries will be assessed against criteria including:

- connection to the Show the World Our Home theme;
- storytelling and emotional impact;
- originality and creativity;
- composition and visual impact;
- authenticity; and
- ability to showcase the character and diversity of the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast.

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11.3 Technical photographic skill may be considered but will not necessarily be the determining factor, particularly in the Junior and Youth categories.

11.4 Newcastle Airport and/or the judging panel may create a shortlist before determining the winner of each category.

11.5 One winner will be selected for each of the five Competition categories.

11.6 Decisions of the judging panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

12. People's Choice Award

12.1 Newcastle Airport will select shortlisted photographs to participate in the People's Choice Award.

12.2 Shortlisted photographs may be displayed on Newcastle Airport's website, social media channels, within the terminal and/or on another nominated voting platform.

12.3 Public voting is expected to open on 2 November 2026 and close at 11.59pm AEDT on 15 November 2026.

12.4 The photograph receiving the highest number of valid public votes will be declared the People's Choice Award winner.

12.5 Newcastle Airport may impose reasonable voting limits and verification measures to protect the integrity of the vote.

12.6 Newcastle Airport may disregard any votes it reasonably believes are automated, fraudulent, manipulated or otherwise inconsistent with fair public voting.

12.7 In the event of a tie, the Competition judging panel will determine the People's Choice Award winner from the tied entries.

13. Prizes

13.1 The winner of each of the five Competition categories will receive one Newcastle Airport Travel Voucher valued at up to \$500.

13.2 The People's Choice Award winner will also receive one Newcastle Airport Travel Voucher valued at up to \$500.

13.3 The total maximum prize pool is \$3,000, comprising six travel vouchers valued at up to \$500 each.

Travel Voucher Conditions

13.4 Each Newcastle Airport Travel Voucher is subject to the following conditions:

- a. The voucher may only be used towards the purchase of flights departing from or arriving at Newcastle Airport (NTL).
 - b. The voucher is valued at up to \$500. Any flight cost above \$500 must be paid by the recipient.
 - c. Flights are subject to availability at the time of booking.
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- d. The voucher may only be redeemed by the named recipient and is non-transferable.
 - e. The voucher is not redeemable for cash.
 - f. If the total \$500 value is not used, the remaining balance will not be refunded or credited.
 - g. The voucher is redeemable for flights only and cannot be used for accommodation, transfers, travel insurance or other travel products or services.
 - h. The voucher is redeemable through italktravel & Cruise The Junction only.
 - i. The passenger travelling must hold valid and recognised identification and comply with all applicable airline, immigration, travel and entry requirements.
 - j. The voucher must be redeemed into a confirmed flight booking no later than the expiry date listed on the voucher.
 - k. Travel may occur after the expiry date provided the booking is made before expiry.
- 13.5 Where a winner is under 18, the voucher will be issued to and administered by their parent or legal guardian for travel by or including the winning entrant.

14. Finalists and winners

- 14.1 Newcastle Airport will contact shortlisted entrants and winners using the details provided on their entry form.
- 14.2 Entrants are responsible for ensuring their contact information is accurate.
- 14.3 Newcastle Airport may require a shortlisted entrant or winner to provide:
- a high-resolution version of the photograph;
 - the original image file and/or metadata;
 - evidence of when and where the photograph was taken, including the original image file and/or metadata if requested;
 - evidence of age or category eligibility;
 - relevant consent forms; and
 - other information reasonably required to verify the entry.
- 14.4 If an entrant cannot be contacted, does not provide requested information within a reasonable period or is subsequently found to be ineligible, Newcastle Airport may select an alternative finalist or winner.

15. Exhibition and promotional opportunities

- 15.1 Winning and shortlisted photographs may be:
- displayed on digital screens throughout Newcastle Airport;
 - featured in a dedicated Newcastle Airport exhibition;
 - reproduced as large-format artwork throughout the terminal;
 - featured on Newcastle Airport's website and social media channels;
 - used in tourism and destination marketing campaigns;
 - included in Newcastle Airport corporate publications and annual reports;
 - used in advertising, media, public relations and promotional materials; and

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- used in other activities promoting Newcastle Airport and the region.

15.2 Newcastle Airport may establish a permanent or evolving gallery featuring Competition entries and celebrating the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast through the eyes of the community.

15.3 Selection as a finalist does not guarantee that a photograph will be displayed or used in every channel described above.

16. Copyright and image usage rights

16.1 Copyright in each photograph remains with the entrant.

16.2 By entering the Competition, each entrant grants Newcastle Airport Pty Limited a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive and sublicensable licence to use, reproduce, publish, communicate, exhibit, display, adapt, crop, resize and otherwise reproduce the entrant's shortlisted or winning photograph for:

- Newcastle Airport marketing and advertising;
- tourism and destination marketing;
- Newcastle Airport communications;
- websites and social media;
- digital and terminal displays;
- exhibitions and large-format artwork;
- corporate publications and annual reports;
- media and public relations;
- community engagement;
- promotional campaigns and materials; and
- promotion of Newcastle Airport and the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast regions.

16.3 The licence applies in any media or format now known or developed in the future.

16.4 Newcastle Airport may authorise or sublicense third-party organisations to use shortlisted and winning photographs for purposes associated with promoting Newcastle Airport, aviation, tourism and/or the Hunter, Central Coast and Mid North Coast regions.

16.5 Third-party organisations may include, without limitation, airlines, tourism organisations, local councils, government agencies, regional organisations and Newcastle Airport partners.

16.6 Newcastle Airport may crop, resize, reformat or make other reasonable adaptations necessary for publication or display, provided the integrity of the photograph is not materially altered.

16.7 Newcastle Airport will credit the photographer wherever reasonably practicable.

16.8 Newcastle Airport does not acquire ownership of copyright in a photograph solely because it is entered into the Competition.

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17. Entrant warranties

17.1 By entering, each entrant warrants that:

- a. they are the photographer and copyright owner of the submitted photograph;
- b. the photograph is their original work;
- c. they have authority to grant Newcastle Airport the rights set out in these Terms and Conditions;
- d. the photograph does not infringe the rights of another person;
- e. all information provided with the entry is true and accurate; and
- f. all necessary permissions and consents have been obtained.

18. Privacy

18.1 Newcastle Airport will collect personal information from entrants for purposes including:

- administering and judging the Competition;
- verifying eligibility;
- contacting entrants, finalists and winners;
- administering prizes;
- conducting People's Choice voting;
- promoting the Competition; and
- displaying and publishing shortlisted and winning photographs.

18.2 Personal information will be handled in accordance with Newcastle Airport's Privacy Policy and applicable privacy laws.

18.3 Newcastle Airport may publish a finalist or winner's name, Competition category and photographer attribution in connection with the Competition.

18.4 For entrants under 18, Newcastle Airport may communicate with the entrant's parent or legal guardian.

18.5 Any consent to receive unrelated future Newcastle Airport marketing communications will be obtained separately and will not be a condition of entry.

19. Publicity

19.1 Finalists and winners may be invited to participate in reasonable publicity associated with the Competition, including photography, interviews, media activity, social media content, winner announcements and Competition exhibitions.

19.2 Where a finalist or winner is under 18, participation in publicity will require the consent of their parent or legal guardian.

20. Disqualification

20.1 Newcastle Airport may disqualify an entry or entrant if it reasonably determines that:

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- these Terms and Conditions have been breached;
- eligibility information is false or misleading;
- the photograph is not the entrant's original work;
- AI-generated imagery has been used contrary to these Terms and Conditions;
- required permissions or consents have not been obtained;
- an entrant has attempted to manipulate judging or People's Choice voting;
- a photograph was obtained through unsafe, unlawful or unauthorised activity; or
- disqualification is otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the fairness, safety or integrity of the Competition.

21. Technical issues

21.1 Newcastle Airport is not responsible for entries that are lost, delayed, corrupted, incorrectly submitted or not received because of technical issues outside Newcastle Airport's reasonable control.

21.2 Entrants are responsible for retaining the original photograph and a copy of their Competition entry.

22. Changes, suspension or cancellation

22.1 If circumstances outside Newcastle Airport's reasonable control affect the administration, security, fairness or integrity of the Competition, Newcastle Airport may, subject to applicable law:

- amend the Competition;
- extend or change entry or voting dates;
- suspend the Competition;
- cancel the Competition; or
- take other reasonable action necessary to protect the integrity of the Competition.

22.2 Newcastle Airport may amend these Terms and Conditions where reasonably necessary, subject to applicable law.

23. Liability

23.1 To the extent permitted by law, Newcastle Airport is not responsible for loss, damage or injury arising from participation in the Competition or acceptance or use of a prize, except to the extent that liability cannot lawfully be excluded.

23.2 Nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes, restricts or modifies any consumer guarantee, right or remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law or other applicable legislation.

24. Governing law

24.1 These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia.

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24.2 Entrants submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales.

FLIGHT VOUCHER PRIZE

This voucher is for the purchase of flights to/from Newcastle Airport (NTL)

The voucher value is up to the value of \$500, any additional flight costs must be covered by the recipient.

Flights are subject to availability at time of booking.

Only the recipients can redeem this voucher, this voucher is non-transferable.

This voucher is not redeemable for cash. If the total value is not used, there is no refund.

This voucher is redeemable for flights only.

This voucher is redeemable at italktravel & Cruise The Junction only.

The passenger travelling must hold a valid and recognised form of identification.

This voucher expires and must be redeemed into a flight booking no later than this date.