



Winter Arts Competition 2026 Frequently Asked Questions

What is the competition?

The Winter Arts Competition is an initiative to encourage the Epworth Community to get creative this winter!

Is there a theme?

There is no theme for the Winter Arts Competition, feel free to let your imagination run wild and let your creative minds wander!

Who is eligible to enter?

Entry is open to current Epworth employees, students and Visiting Medical Officers (Eligible Entrants). Members of the judging panel and anyone directly involved in administering the promotion or selecting winners are not eligible to enter or win a prize.

When are entries open?

Wednesday 12.01am (AEST) on July 1st, 2026

When do entries close?

Friday 7th August 2026, 11:59pm

How do I enter

Entries must be submitted via the submission form available through our online portal by Friday 7th August 2026, 11:59pm.

You must register with the online form and then complete each page of the online form and press 'submit'.

Does it cost to enter?

Entering the Winter Arts Competition is completely free.

What types of artwork are accepted?

Artworks must be original, suitable for display in a public hospital environment and appropriate for general audiences. Artworks must not be graphic, explicit, violent, adult in nature, discriminatory, defamatory, unlawful, unsafe, offensive or otherwise unsuitable for display at Epworth.

All mediums are welcome. However, EMF may decline to shortlist, display or acquire any artwork that presents a hygiene, safety, infection control, operational or public access risk, including artwork with sharp edges, unstable components, liquids, perishable materials, messy or shedding materials, odours, contaminants, or surfaces that cannot be appropriately cleaned or safely handled.

Can I enter an artwork that has been exhibited or been in another prize before?

Yes, you can enter artwork you have previously made or exhibited, the art work must be original though.

Are there limits to how many Times I can enter?

You are welcome to submit up to 5 works into the competition, granted that they comply with the terms and conditions of the competition.

What's the prizes?

This promotion has two prizes:

- Major prize: a panel of Epworth representatives will judge eligible artworks for creativity, originality, artistic merit, connection to the theme and/or Epworth community, and suitability for display in Epworth facilities. Chance plays no part in deciding the major prize winner. The major prize is \$1,500, or \$2,000 if the winner agrees to permanently donate the winning artwork to EMF for inclusion in the Epworth Art Collection.
- Random draw prizes: all valid entries will also go into the draw to win one of 40 \$50 EFTPOS gift vouchers during the Promotion Period. Random draw winners will be selected at random. Skill plays no part in deciding random draw winners.
- As a finalist you are eligible to receive a range of Epworth merchandise.

What are the key dates to remember?

The promotion opens at 12.01am (AEST) on the 1st July, 2026 and closes at 11:59pm (AEST) on Friday 7th August 2026.

Winners and Finalists will be chosen on August 17th, 2026 and contacted afterwards for showcase details.

The artwork showcase will open from the 31st August 2026 until September 16th unless you are apart of Epworth Geelong, which will run from the 1st August and closing on the 17th September.

What happens if I am selected as a finalist?

Finalists' artworks will be featured in a showcase at four Major Sites of Epworth, Richmond, Geelong, Eastern and Freemasons in a public area from the 31st August 2026 until September 16th unless you are apart of Epworth Geelong, which will run from the 1st August and closing on the 17th September.

If you have been selected as a finalist, you will be contacted by Epworth's Art Curator for further details and information on the Showcase and prizes. If you have won, you will also be contacted in regards to acquisition selection.

Do I need to frame my artwork if selected?

No. Artwork must be packaged appropriately to be transported safely.

Will my artwork be photographed or promoted?

By entering, you grant permission for your artwork to be photographed and used for promotional purposes related to the Winter Arts competition and exhibition if selected as a finalist.

If your artwork is selected as the winner and acquired by the Epworth Medical Foundation, you will enter into an acquisition agreement with the Epworth Medical Foundation which grants the Epworth Medical Foundation a licence to use images of your artwork for newsletters and other internal Epworth Promotional material.

How are the Weekly Lotteries Chosen?

Every week a randomised online selector will choose a name from the pool of entrants that have already submitted and 10 \$50 Eftpos Gift vouchers will be randomly awarded.

Random draws will occur on July 3rd 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and August 7th 2026. Winners will be notified in writing using the contact details provided at entry and may be announced on Epworth Now and potential site wide emails.

A winner of a \$50 EFTPOS gift voucher remains eligible to win the major prize. Entrants may win more than one \$50 EFTPOS gift voucher. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable for cash, except as expressly stated in these Terms.

The sooner entrants submit their form, the more opportunity to win the lottery as entrants may win multiple times.

Winning the Weekly lottery does not guarantee placement as a finalist or within the showcase.

How is the Winner chosen?

The Winter Arts Competition will be judged by a panel of Epworth representatives on August 17th, 2026, who will choose eligible artworks for creativity, originality, artistic merit, connection to the theme and/or Epworth community, and suitability for display in Epworth facilities.

Chance plays no part in deciding the major prize winner. The major prize is \$1,500, or \$2,000 if the winner agrees to permanently donate the winning artwork to EMF for inclusion in the Epworth Art Collection.

The winner and finalists of the Winter Arts Competition will be selected by:

- Callan Battley, Executive Director of Clinical Services & Chief Nursing Officer
- Scott Bulger, executive director of the Epworth Medical Foundation
- Sarah Turner, Chief Legal Officer & Executive Director Corporate Governance
- Stephanie Vieceli, Epworth's Art Curator
- And four Nurse Unit Managers, one from each Major Site

What happens if I win?

Winners of the Arts Competition will be showcased in a public exhibition at one of our Major sites and win \$1500. If the Epworth Medical Foundation decides to acquire the work as part of the permanent Epworth Arts Collection, winners may be offered a further \$500 acquire. The winner is not obliged to be apart of the Epworth Arts Collection should they choose not to.

Where will the showcases be held?

Showcases will run from the 31st of August until the 16th of September 2026. Each site will be installed on different days however, so there will be slight variation of showcase days depending on your location:

- **Richmond, Education Services Area**, Opening from the 31st August and closing on the 16th September.
- **Freemasons (Albert st) Reception area near executive**, Opening from the 31st August and closing on the 16th September.
- **Eastern, Walkway from North to South**, Opening from the 31st August and closing on the 16th September.
- **Geelong, Epworth Public Art Gallery**, Opening from the 1st September and closing on the 17th September.

Where do I bring my work if I am selected as a finalist and involved in the Showcase?

Entrants are responsible for delivering shortlisted artworks to the Epworth Medical Foundation, Epworth Richmond by the 20th of August as notified by EMF (unless you are based in Epworth Geelong, which will be the drop-off and pick-up point) for collecting works after the Showcase Period from Epworth Richmond or Epworth Geelong . Unless EMF agrees otherwise, artworks must be collected within 14 days after EMF notifies the entrant that the artwork is available for collection on the 2nd of October, 2026.

Can I post my Entry?

Submissions to enter the Winter Arts Competition must be made online. If you are selected as a finalist, we request that your work be brought to the Epworth Medical Foundation 34 Erin St, Richmond, VIC 3121 or Reception at Epworth Geelong, 1 Epworth pl, Geelong, VIC, 3216.

Before the 28th of August You are welcome to post your work however, if the deadline is missed, you will not be permitted to showcase your work.

What happens to my artwork if I'm selected as a finalist, but I am not the winner?

By entering the Epworth Medical Foundation Winter Arts Competition you agree that if your artwork is selected as a finalist for your Epworth Site it will be displayed at one of our site showcases in a public exhibition from the 31st August to the 16th September.

If your artwork is selected as a finalist and showcased Epworth Medical Foundation may determine not to acquire the work and your work will be moved to the Epworth Medical Foundation office at 34 Erin St, or to the Reception of Epworth Geelong, available for pickup from the until 14 days post showcase on the 2nd of September, 2026.

What are the terms and conditions?

Before entering, please familiarise yourself with the Terms and Conditions of the Epworth Winter Art Competition. Attached here.

Who do I contact for more information?

Email EMFART@epworth.org.au or our Art Curator Stephanie Viececi at Stephanie.viececi@epworth.org.au

Full entry Guidelines and Terms and Conditions are available on the Epworth Medical Foundation website <http://www.emf.org.au/artcompetition>