



Pearl Beach
ARBORETUM



PBEAT 2025

Saturday 22 March to Sunday 27 April 2025

#harmonythroughnature

CreativeArtCentral



The Pearl Beach Arboretum Environmental Art Trail 2025

Project Information for Artists

Introduction

The Pearl Beach Arboretum Environmental Art Trail (PBEAT) aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy on the NSW Central Coast. PBEAT2025 is now a biennial event building on the success of PBEAT2023, 2022 and 2021.

Environmental Art is any art form with an environmental conservation message. The theme for PBEAT 2025 is "Harmony through Nature". Community and artist installations are to be inspired by the natural environment of Pearl Beach and Central Coast in order to respond to this theme.

Proposals for up to 23 environmental artworks; and 10 school and community installations will be approved by the curatorial subcommittee. There also be possibilities a number of side events such as workshops in environmental art. Please see the PBEAT General Artist application form.

A special part of PBEAT2025 will be an 'Artist in Residence' (AIR) supported by the Central Coast Council through their 'Creative Art Central' Program, together with an Emerging Local Artist component. Please see separate AIR/Emerging Artist application form.

Theme: #PBEAT2025 #harmony through nature.

PBEAT2025 Artist in Residency and Local Emerging Artist ('Creative Art Central' Program)

Award for AIR Artwork (Artist's Fee)	\$5,000 (+ 2 weeks accommodation in Pearl Beach)
Emerging Local Artist Fee	\$2,500 (working alongside the main Artist in Residence)

The Artist can use the Arboretum Cottage/Workshop as their studio. At least two community or school workshops will be run by the AIR and emerging artists.

Prizes for Other PBEAT Artists and Groups

People's Choice (any category)	\$1,000
First Prize (artist or group over 16)	\$3,000
Highly commended (over 16)	\$1,500
Young Persons (artist/group (16 & under)	\$500 + \$500 to their nominated school
Highly Commended (16 & under)	\$250 + \$250 to their nominated school
School entry (years 4-6)	\$500 (to school)
School entry (years 7-10)	\$500 (to school)

The awarding of any prizes is at the discretion of the Judge and the Arboretum Steering Committee. Where there are equal winners in any category the prize money may be split between artists, schools or groups. No correspondence will be entered into.

Individual Art Installations:

- 23 artist installations in competition for prizes. Scattered through whole Arboretum.
- Art Installations which use sustainable natural and recyclable materials are preferred.

See also the video at [PBEAT2025 | PearlBeachArboretum](#)

Children/School Competition

- Prizes for artists under 16.
- Local School group entries encouraged.

Examples of Community Installations:

- Labyrinth: Woy Way Meditation Group
- Banners / Wrapped with Love: PB Art & Craft
- Environmental Art Workshop/s Community Installations
- Soundscapes
- Children's Tunnel or Wishing Installation

Timeline:

- Project Promotion From April 2024 until end.
- **EOIs for AIR and Emerging Artist close Midnight Sunday 24 November 2024**
- AIR and Emerging Artist informed of EOI outcomes Fri 29 November 2024
- **EOIs from other Artists, Community Groups and Schools close 10 February 2025**
- Artists, Groups and Schools informed if EOI successful 17 February 2025
- Installation Week Sat 15 March - Fri 21 March 2025
- Workshops Saturdays from 22 March 2025
- Harmony Day Celebration Saturday 22 March 2025 2pm
- Opening & Main Prize Giving Saturday 22 March 2025 2pm
- Opera in the Arboretum Saturday 12 April 2025 2pm
- People's Choice Award Event Easter Saturday 19 April 2025 2pm
- Pack up from Monday 28 April – Fri 02 May 2025

Note that public school holidays are Mon 14 April until Fri 25 April 2025.

The Easter long weekend is Friday 18 April to Mon 21 April 2025.

Selection of EOIs and Judge for Prizes:

Anne Flanagan, Member of the Biennale of Sydney Board of Directors.

Arboretum Subcommittee.

Artists are requested not to contact Anne or the Subcommittee about PBEAT2025.

Risk Management

- The same rules will apply to all installations as in 2021/22/23 regarding the artist being responsible for safety, and accept that there is no security at the Arboretum.
- All installation materials brought into the Arboretum must be clean (no risk of plant pests and diseases).
- Artists must consider the safety of the public and of Arboretum flora and fauna.

Funding PBEAT2025

The PBEAT AIR and Emerging Artist Program is part of the Central Coast Council Creative Art Central program. Belle Property Central Coast has funded the other PBEAT prizes. Creightons Funeral Service has provided some funding. Other sponsors are encouraged to contact Fiona Morrison, PBEAT2025 Project Manager on 0451 145 262.

A Presence at the Cottage over Weekends

It is proposed to offer use of the Cottage to art, craft or wellbeing groups on the 6 weekends of PBEAT2025 (10 am to 3 pm); except when events are already noted.

Harmony Through Nature Inspiring Links

- <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/sydney-nature/benefits-of-nature>
- <https://psychology.org.au/for-members/publications/inpsych/2018/april/natural-benefits>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/health/2022-01-21/time-in-nature-why-it-is-good-for-us/100173574>
- <https://theconversation.com/humanitys-future-depends-on-our-ability-to-live-in-harmony-with-nature-233042>

Who we Are

- Pearl Beach is a small coastal bushland village situated approximately 40km due north of the Sydney CBD (92km by road), but separated from the city by Broken Bay and the Hawkesbury River.
- The Pearl Beach Arboretum (officially known as the Crommelin Native Arboretum) is 5.5 hectares of natural bushland in the south western corner of Pearl Beach. It is managed by a committee of local volunteers and has a magnificent open area that has been the setting for many concerts. The Arboretum has charity not for profit status - its primary aim is the promotion of nature conservation.

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