

About

Castaways Sculpture Awards is the City of Rockingham’s signature arts and culture event, celebrating environmental awareness through artistic innovation. The annual outdoor sculptural exhibition showcases artworks created from repurposed materials by emerging and professional Western Australian artists. The Castaways Schools Exhibition is an important opportunity for young people to participate in a regionally recognised arts program.

Both primary and secondary schools within the Rockingham district are invited to design and create a sculpture from recycled materials for public exhibition alongside emerging and professional artists. Many benefits have been reported by teachers in previous years, and we hope to introduce to students how important messages can be effectively promoted through engaging channels which is important for future community leaders.

2026 Timeline

Tuesday 10 February 2026	Entries open
Mid to late February 2026	Information Session. Date TBD. Registration is required online.
Thursday 23 April 2026, 4pm	Entries close
Friday 15 May 2026	Letters of notification are sent by email
Monday 10 August 2026	High quality photo of accepted artworks (or component of the work) is due for the catalogue to the Curator
Friday 25 September 2026	Final progress update and images of artwork are due to the Curator
Wednesday 21 October 2026	Schools Exhibition artwork installation at Churchill Park
Saturday 24 October 2026	Awards Presentation at the Gary Holland Community Centre
Saturday 24 October 2026 – Sunday 1 November 2026	Castaways Sculpture Awards 2026 Exhibition
Monday 2 November 2026	De-installation

Selection Criteria

A panel will select artworks to be exhibited based on the following selection criteria:

- Thoughtful and creative use of recycled and repurposed components.
- Clear and detailed concept design.
- Succinct description of work.
- Succinct construction and installation information including how the work is secured.
- Overall strength of vision and concept.
- Consideration of public safety and interaction.



Settlers Primary School, *Prickly’s Playground*, wire, trampoline springs, placemats, icicle lights, fabric, funnel recycled clay, Castaways Sculpture Awards 2025 Primary School Award winner.

Awards and Judging Criteria

<p>\$500 Primary School Award</p>	<p>Awarded to the primary school that demonstrates overall excellence in sculpture using recycled materials in an innovative way.</p>
<p>\$500 Secondary School Award</p>	<p>Awarded to the secondary school that demonstrates overall excellence in sculpture using recycled materials in an innovative way.</p>
<p>\$250 People's Choice Award - Schools Exhibition</p>	<p>Presented to the school whose work receives the most votes from members of the public.</p>



SMYL Community College – Tesla Campus, *Bottled Up: When I Couldn't Speak, You Stayed*, plastic bottle tops, Castaways Sculpture Awards 2025 Secondary School Award winner.

Teacher Support

In 2026, two Castaways Schools facilitators will be available to provide:

- Technical guidance as required and act as a single point of contact for teachers.
- Assistance seeking an Artist in Residence at the school's expense.

Need assistance while preparing for your entry submission?

Whether its questions about the application process or guidance on your artwork, don't hesitate to contact the Schools Facilitators. Contact info below.

What will be involved for my class and me?

- The creation of one (1) recycled sculpture during Term Two.
- Complete and submit Castaways Sculpture Awards Schools Exhibition entry form online on behalf of the school class. Please ensure you have read the Terms and Conditions of entry first.
- Provide a copy of the school's Public Liability Insurance.
- Facilitate a design process driven by the students.
- Teachers are always responsible for the supervision of students during this project.
- Schools will be required to source or collect suitable recycled materials.
- Schools selected will be responsible for the installation of their sculpture on Wednesday 21 October 2026 at Churchill Park, Rockingham and de-installation on Monday 2 November 2026, at times advised by the Curator.

- Works must be able to withstand the weather elements including rain, wind and storms, for the duration of the 10 day exhibition.
- School representatives of two teachers and two students will be invited to the Awards Presentation – photo permission forms must be signed (by a parent or guardian of the student) and returned by the RSVP deadline.
- Each school can apply to be reimbursed a total fee of \$100 for a representative to attend installation and de-installation. Reimbursements are paid after the Castaways Exhibition and after teachers' feedback forms are submitted to the City. Proof of receipts are not required to receive the reimbursement.

Entry Form

Entries open on Tuesday 10 February 2026 and close at 4pm Thursday 23 April 2026. The entry form will be available online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways when entries open.

Before applying, please read the Terms and Conditions carefully to ensure your school's eligibility. Artwork size limits apply and will be strictly enforced. Any oversized artworks may be disqualified from exhibition eligibility and consideration for awards.

Information required for the entry form include:

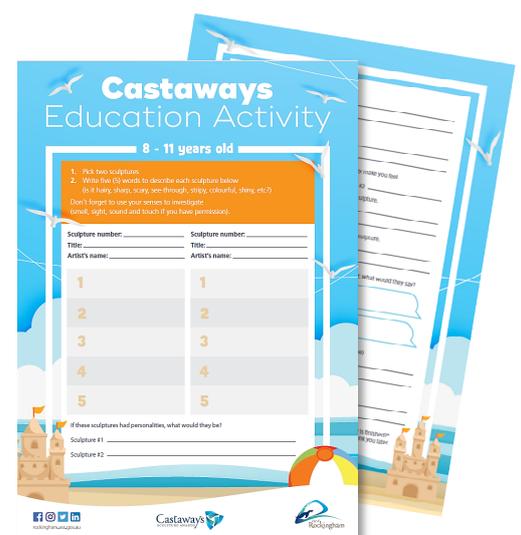
- School details, including copy of Public Liability insurance
- Lead teacher contact details plus alternate contact
- Details of vehicle delivering artwork on installation day
- Artwork details (title, medium/materials, dimensions, weight)
- Photo and paragraph of artwork concept design
- Paragraph outlining how artwork will be built
- Paragraph outlining how artwork will be installed
- Artist statement, to be included in catalogue.

School Excursions

Schools are encouraged to consider an excursion to the exhibition for participating students. Teachers always remain responsible for the safety and wellbeing of students during these excursions.

Bus reimbursement – The City is offering up to four local primary and secondary schools a reimbursement of \$300 toward bus hire fees. Please contact the City for application details.

Guided school tours – A limited number of one-hour guided tours by the Castaways Schools Facilitator are available for local schools. Recommended 20 students per tour guide. Tours may be split into 30-minute sessions to accommodate more students. Contact Curator for more info and to book.



Castaways Education Activity Sheets are available online to facilitate a teacher-led school excursion during the exhibition. Activity sheets have been developed for age groups, 3-7, 8-11 and 12-15 years, informed by Western Australian Curriculum outcomes.

Resources

REmida WA

REmida is a Perth based company that collects and cleans recyclable materials that can be safely used for art and education settings. REmida offer professional development for teachers and school incursions visit remidawa.com for more information.

Rockingham Beach Cleans

Has a wide array of salvaged objects from their beach cleaning to donate. Contact rockinghambeachcleans@gmail.com or phone 0400 661 517.

Artist in Residence

Assistance seeking an artist in residence (at the schools expense) is available for all schools. Contact the Schools Facilitators on the below details for further information.

Contact Us

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Please use the subject line: Castaways Schools Exhibition – Enquiry – “School Name”

For more information, visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways or call 9528 0333.



Rockingham Beach Education Support Centre, *Shell Shocking News*, wire baskets, metal utensils, scrap wood, plastic kitchen items, bike tubes, Castaways Sculpture Awards 2025 People’s Choice Award winner.