

# DISCOVERED Competition 2024

## Terms and Conditions

DISCOVERED (supporting young singers since 2011), is a professional development program series for singers and singer/songwriters aged 7–24yrs. Comprised of a contest, a professional development program and performance opportunities, Discovered is a platform that provides feedback and skill development for young people, who aspire to follow their dreams in an intimate performance space to a live audience.

Competition events and professional development workshops will be held at The Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue, North South Rd, Erina Fair\*. All events held in the venue, will be broadcast (livestreamed) onto social media.

The competition component is comprised of three (3) heats showcasing performances across three (3) months from May to June, followed by two (2) semi- finals in July and August with the final competitive event in September. Winners are announced and awarded at the Creative Engineers Showcase event at Laycock Street Theatre in November, that will also incorporate the Battle of the Bands Competition finalists.

The professional development component is comprised of free workshops, along with verbal feedback by the panel of judges, allowing performers to develop as they progress through the program.

Dedicated to professional development and invaluable performance opportunities, the Discovered program has a commitment to nurturing artistic growth and fostering a community of aspiring artists. Opportunities have been strategically scheduled in line with key events and the project allows for flexibility to offer additional support as new opportunities arise.

The Discovered program provides a pathway for younger participants through the Discovered Voices Youth Choir (for singers aged 7-14 years) to build their confidence performing and to develop their vocal ability by attending free weekly group singing sessions starting from April. The singing group continues throughout the year on a term basis to help young singers prepare for performances and at various community events.

Beyond the program series opportunities are available to entrants as part of Council's Music Pathways Program, which aims to increase exposure, broaden audience base and provide opportunities within the industry with performance opportunities. Opportunities may include events such as Lakes Festival, New Years Eve, Australia Day, Love Lanes and Central Coast Youth Week Awards.

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## **Key Details**

Registrations Open	1 May	Enter Online
Registrations Close	7 June	
Heat 1	10 May	<b>Venue</b> The Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue North South Rd, Erina Fair <b>5.30pm:</b> Participant Arrival <b>6:45pm:</b> Audience Arrival <b>7pm:</b> Event Start
Heat 2	24 May	
Heat 3	14 June	
Semi-final 1	12 July	
Semi-final 2	09 August	
Final	13 September	
Creative Engineers Showcase Event	15 November	<b>Venue</b> Laycock Street Theatre, Wyoming

**Refer to Clause 2 'How to Enter the Competition' for details on how to enter the DISCOVERED program.**

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 2 Hely St Wyong NSW 2259 in-conjunction with Gina Jeffreys Academy of Music (GJAM), Damien Gerard Studios, MAHERAW Vocal Coaching, Musicians Making a Difference (MMAD), Central Coast Music and Arts Inc and The Skill Engineer Inc.

The Council reserves the right at any time to disqualify any individual who the 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 the 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 the Discovered program competition.

## **1. Eligibility**

1.1 Entry is open to:

- a) Singers aged 7-24 years
- b) Live, study or work in the Central Coast region
- c) Australian citizens or permanent resident of Australia
- d) Unsigned singer/songwriters and vocalists.

1.2 The competition is comprised of two (2) divisions.

- a) Kids Division: 7–12 years
- b) Youth Division: 13–24 years
- c) In the instance where an entrant has a birthday during the period of competition, the entrant should select the age division according to how old they are before 12 July 2024.

1.3 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.

1.4 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.

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

1.6 Entry to the competition is free.

1.7 Competition entry must be submitted between 1 May and 7 June 2024 by 11.59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.

- a) Entries submitted after the specified dates will not be accepted.
- b) Short-listing of entries may be undertaken dependant on entry numbers prior to the heats.

## **2. How To Enter Competition**

2.1 Completed entry forms may only be submitted online.

- a) Entrants register online, via Council website [www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered](http://www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered)
- b) Applicants receive a confirmation email to confirm receipt of their entry and with information of the next steps to take.

2.2 Allow up to 14 days following registration to receive an email confirmation to participate in the Competition.

- a) Entrants will need to confirm their acceptance or non-acceptance within seven (7) days
- b) Entrants will receive documentation that must be completed and returned.

2.3 The confirmation email will include an electronic copy of the DISCOVERED Terms and Conditions and Central Coast Council Digital Media Consent forms for completion; and a link to complete the entrant's performance details.

- a) Return signed and completed forms seven (7) days prior to the assigned heat via the link provided
- b) A copy of photo identification proof of their birth date (School ID / License) may be requested.

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

2.5 Council has absolute discretion; and reserves all rights to verify the validity of all entries to the DISCOVERED 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.

2.6 Council will not be liable for any damages or loss suffered as a result of entry to the DISCOVERED Competition.

2.7 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 DISCOVERED Competition.

2.8 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 All requested information must be provided for entries to be complete and accepted into the competition.

3.2 All entries must be received within the competition period as outlined above.

3.3 Song selection. Entrants should select their repertoire in which they are already proficient.

- a) Entrant to sing two songs in their heat.
- b) Each song should be between 3 and 5 minutes.
- c) Entrant to sing two songs in the semi-final.
- d) At least one song must be different to the previously performed heat.
- e) Entrant to sing two songs in the final event.
- f) Song selection is to be different to previously performed by the entrant in the heat and semi-final.
- g) Entrant to sing one song at the Creative Engineers Showcase event on 15 November.
- h) Song selection for the Showcase must be either one of the songs sung at the Final event.
- i) Entrants must not perform songs that contain any offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory content.
- j) It is Council's absolute discretion to deem an entry unsuitable.

3.4 Council will try and provide all the necessary sound equipment for each event held in the Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue.

- a) Each entrant should advise as to what equipment they will need for their venue performance in the technical specification section provided with the event RSVP confirmation.
- b) Council has the following resources available for use during Discovered performances:
  - Wireless microphones and covers
  - Microphone stands
  - KORG KROME WORKSTATION 88 KEY and pedal
  - Acoustic guitar
  - Seat/stool
  - Backline and AV engineer.
- c) Each entrant is expected to provide their required musical equipment inclusive of capo, spare strings, leads, music stand and/ or licenced backing tracks

3.5 The entrants' music should be accompanied by a legally purchased and licensed backing track or by the singer themselves on an appropriate instrument.

- a) Licensed backing tracks to be supplied either via email or supplied on a USB device on the night of the event:
  - USB must be labelled with the Entrant's full name.
  - Song must be saved in a folder named 'DISCOVERED', in order of performance and with each song titled.
- b) In the instance where an accompanist is required:
  - The accompanist's details must be noted at the time of confirming details
  - The accompanist must provide a signed copy of the Council's digital media consent form.

3.6 Having an audience to connect to is a pivotal moment in a performer's artistic work. Entrants are encouraged to develop their audience base to support all performers in the program:

- a) Guests must book online.
- b) A booking link for audience reservations will be provided to entrants in their confirmation email.

3.7 The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize recipient of previous DISCOVERED Competitions cannot submit to re- enter the DISCOVERED Competition, except in the following circumstances:

- a) The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize recipient in the Kids Division (7-12 years) may submit an entry into the Youth Division (13-24 years), once eligible to enter into the successional age division.
- b) The 1<sup>st</sup> Place award was shared amongst two recipients.

3.8 By entering the Competition entrants agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions. If a competitor violates the Terms and Conditions, Council reserves the right to disqualify them from the Competition.

#### **4. Video Recordings, footage, photographs and licences**

##### 4.1 Digital Media Consent

- a) Each entrant consents to Council taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the DISCOVERED Competition.
- b) A Digital Media Consent Form is provided with the Competition confirmation email.

4.2 It is a condition of the Competition that all broadcast and television rights of a competitor's performance in any stage of the Competition are freely available to Central Coast Council.

4.3 Competition performances recorded live at Council venues may be uploaded online by Council.

4.4 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, and any photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the DISCOVERED Competition, including but not limited to:

- a) Uploading of the entry on to the Council website: [www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/), and social media platforms; and/or affiliated sponsors website and social media platforms
- b) Promotion of the DISCOVERED Competition in the media, both print and online
- c) Display and promotion at any event associated with the DISCOVERED Competition, including workshops and the Creative Engineers Showcase event
- d) Other non-commercial activities related to the functions of Council.

4.5 On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant, where possible.

4.6 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.

4.7 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 Judging is conducted by a Judges Panel.

- a) The Judges Panel is comprised of one (1) Council staff member and two (2) to three (3) Sponsor representatives across the heats and semi-finals.
- b) The Judges Panel is comprised of one (1) Council staff member and representatives from five (5) Sponsors at the Final event, to decide the Competition winners.

5.2 Judging criteria against which entries will be evaluated, include but are not limited to the following points:

- **Vocal Ability:** Range, Falsetto, Shifting, Tune
- **Originality:** Arrangement of song and interpretation
- **Song Choice:** Appropriate choice for the singer
- **Technical/Instrumental Handling:** Musicianship- If playing an instrument, do they play it well? Are they able to recover from any incidental problems, tech issues?
- **Stage Presence/Online Performance:** Personality, Poise, Confidence, Professionalism, Ability to connect with an audience.

5.3 Competition Progression

- a) Twenty-four (24) entrants progress to the semi-final events.
- b) Twelve (12) places are available per semi-final event.
- c) Twelve (12) entrants progress to the final event and Creative Engineers Showcase event.

5.4 Judging Process

- a) Evaluation is conducted using a points system for standalone performances, allowing entrants to advance from heats to semi-finals to final event.
- b) The Competition prize winnings are determined by the Judges Panel following the final event and announced at the Creative Engineers Showcase event.
- c) Acts achieving the highest scores and/or receiving the most favourable feedback are selected with consideration given to the prizes offered in the Competition.
- d) The decisions made by the judging panel regarding any aspect of the Competition are final and binding for every entrant.
- e) There will be no correspondence entered into regarding any decision made by the judging panel.

## **6. Awarding Winner**

6.1 Announcing Winners

- a) Winners' will be announced and awarded at a combined Creative Engineers Showcase event with Finalists from the Battle of the Bands Competition.
- b) Following the Creative Engineers Showcase event, names will be published on Council's website.

6.2 Prize Acceptance

- a) Is conditional on signing of Council's competition forms (Attachment 1 or 2, 3 and 4).
- b) Prize recipients may be invited to perform as a guest in up to two (2) events (within 12-18 months of accepting the prize) as organised by Council's Youth Services team as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.
- c) 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.

### 6.3 Claiming Prizes

- To claim the prize, the Winner(s) must contact the relevant Sponsor to claim their awarded prize.
- It is the responsibility of both the Winner(s) and Sponsor to negotiate a suitable time to book an appointment for the awarded prize.
- The prizes are non-transferable and not exchangeable. Prizes cannot be transferred or on-sold at a premium, offered as a prize or inducement, packaged or otherwise used for advertising, promotional or other commercial purposes. (If tickets) The Promoter reserves the right to refuse admission to the bearer of any prize sold or otherwise provided or distributed in breach of this condition.

### 6.4 DISCOVERED Competition Prizes

Awards		Sponsored by Central Coast Council	
Kids Division (7-12yrs)	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize		\$500
Youth Division (13-24yrs)	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize		\$2,500
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize		\$1,000
	3 <sup>rd</sup> prize		\$750
Open (7-24yrs)	Inspiration Award		\$250
<b>Awards Prize Pool Value</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>

Professional Development Prizes		Sponsored by	
Kids Division (7-12yrs)	Vocal Development Package	Maheraw Vocal Coaching	\$275
	– One (1) performance evaluation – One (1) personalised vocal assessment – Three (3) follow up vocal coaching sessions		
Kids Division (7-12yrs)	Vocal Development Package	Maheraw Vocal Coaching	\$275
	– One (1) performance evaluation – One (1) personalised vocal assessment – Three (3) follow up vocal coaching sessions		
Youth Division (13-24yrs)	Vocal Scholarship	Gina Jeffreys Academy of Music	\$3,500
	– One (1) 12-month scholarship song writers course – One mentoring session with Gina Jeffreys		
	Studio Time	Damien Gerard Studios	\$1,000
	– One studio recording and/or Mixing prize with Murray Dilger		
	Song writing workshop	Musicians Making a Difference	\$250
	– One (1) two (2) hour 1:1 Song writing Workshop		
<b>Professional Development Prize Pool Value</b>			<b>\$5,300</b>

## 7. Complaints

### 7.1 Procedure for lodging, addressing and resolving complaints.

- 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 Competition.

## 8. Further Information

8.1 If you require further information, please email the Discovered Project Officer, Jennifer Dias, at [jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

## **Attachment 1: Competition Consent Form (under 18)**

### **Parent/Guardian Consent & Declaration for DISCOVERED 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: Competition Consent Form (18-24yrs)**

**Participant Consent & Declaration for DISCOVERED 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:

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Phone / Email:

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Signature:

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Date:

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### **Attachment 3: Photo and Digital Consent and Release Form**

## Public – Photo and Digital Consent and Release Form

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Project name &amp; location:</b>	Discovered
<b>Photographer's name:</b>	
<b>Description of photo or subject:</b>	
<b>This form relates to image(s):</b> <small>Photographer to complete</small>	

#### **Privacy Notification:**

Some of the information you provide on this form is your personal information, including for example your name, signature and contact information. This information is being collected by Council for the purpose of ensuring that you have provided consent to Council to take and use photographs and video footage of you at an event. The information will be accessible by Council staff. It is voluntary for you to provide your personal information on this form, however if you do not provide the information, Council may not accept that you have provided legitimate consent. You may apply to access or amend the personal information provided on this form at any time.

**Central Coast Council** uses photographs and video footage of the public on a regular basis to promote services, events and community activities, for both print and online media.

#### **By signing this form:**

1. You understand that participation in any photography and video recording undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location is voluntary.
2. You consent to Central Coast Council taking photographs and/or video footage of you at the event.
3. You consent to Central Coast Council using and publishing (for example, both in print and online media) any photographs and/or video footage taken of you at the event or location, for the purpose of promoting Council services, events and community activities now and at any stage in the future.
4. You understand that Central Coast Council will not provide any financial compensation to you for participation in any photography and/or video recording undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location; and/or for any use of any photographs and/or video footage of you from the event or location.
5. You declare that you will not seek now and/or at any future time, any financial compensation from Central Coast Council in relation to participation in any photography and/or video footage undertaken by Central Coast Council at the event or location; and/or any use of any photographs and/or video footage of you from the event or location.
6. You understand that you may apply for access to any photographs and/or video footage resulting from the event or location that involves you.

Child's Name & Age (if relevant)		Age:
<b>Adult's Name:</b>		
<b>Contact Email:</b>		
<b>Contact Phone:</b>		
<b>Signature:</b>		

**Attachment 4: PRIZE SIGN OFF**

**DISCOVERED COMPETITION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby confirm I have received  
the following \_\_\_\_\_ prize for my  
winning entry in the DISCOVERED Competition.

I agree to perform as a guest in up to two showcase events as organised by Central Coast Council Youth  
Services (2024-2025) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.

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 Entrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_