

INFORMATION BOOKLET 2026



Kimberley
**Art and
Photographic
Prize**

Presented by



**Shire of Derby /
West Kimberley**

The Kimberley Art & Photographic Prize

Step into the vibrant world of the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize (KAPP), a celebration that traces its roots back to 1970 when the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley (SDWK) conceived the idea of an annual art competition for the talented residents of the Kimberley region. What began as a local initiative has blossomed into one of Australia's most remote and enduring art prizes, leaving an indelible mark on the nation's arts landscape.

In the early years, the art prize was a non-acquisitive award until 1978 when the SDWK embraced the winning artworks into their collection, giving birth to a treasure trove of talent from the region's most gifted artists. Now, the KAPP stands tall as a beacon of artistic excellence, not only in the Kimberley but across the vast canvas of Australia.

This prestigious award, with its \$10,000 acquisitive prize for the overall winner, has served as a springboard for up-and-coming artists and an avenue for awareness of Aboriginal art. The KAPP has transformed into more than just a competition; it's a cultural phenomenon that has etched its place in the Australian arts industry.

The exhibition runs for two weeks after the opening night.



KEY DATES 2026

Mon 2 March	Entries open
Fri 15 May	Entries close
Mon 25 to Thurs 28 May	Artist to deliver their entries to the Regional collection points
Thurs 28 May	All artwork sent via post must be en route before this date
Mon 15 to Sat 20 June	Local drop availability listed below
Sat 4 July	Awards Night (Derby Airport)
Mon 6 - Fri 17 July	Exhibition open daily - 10:00am to 3:00pm
Tues 21 July	People's choice and snap & send winner's announced
Mon 20 - Fri 24 July	Collection of entries from Derby Airport
Mon 20 July	Courier begins collecting artwork for Regional return

NOTE: Dates and times are subject to changes

Regional Collection Points

All other locations **Monday 25 May to Thursday 28 May:**

- **Shire of Broome Administration Office** : 27 Weld St, Broome WA 6725
- **Kimberley Arts Network Office** : 7 Orr St, Broome WA 6725
- **Shire of Halls Creek** : 2 Hall St, Halls Creek WA 6770
- **Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley** : 20 Coolibah Dr, Kununurra WA 6743

Derby Airport Terminal - Drop off and Collections

Artworks and photographs can be delivered & collected on the following dates:

Drop off Dates and Times	Mon 15 - Tue 16 June 1-3pm	Wed 17 June 3-5.30pm	Thurs 18 - Fri 19 June 1-3pm	Sat 20 June 8.30-10.30am
Collection Dates and Times	Mon 20 July 3.30-5.30pm	Tue 21 - Thur 23 July 10am-1pm	Fri 24 July 7.30-9.30am	

Unsold artworks and photos will be returned to the same location they were dropped off for pick-up unless previously arranged with the KAPP team.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Each entry shall be the original work of the artist/photographer and not copied in full or part from any production or published work or article.
2. The Artwork/photography can only be entered into the competition by the artist/photographer themselves or by an Art Centre previously authorised by the author of the piece. A statutory declaration may be required.
3. Works previously entered in the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize will not be accepted.
4. The artworks/photographs must not have been a winner of any other Art Award/Prize.
5. A limit of **one entry per person** will be admitted for each prize; one for the Art Prize and one entry for the Photographic Prize.
6. The "Overall Winner" can be awarded to any entry from any category.
7. The Shire reserves the right of judges and curators to re-assign artworks/photographs to another category.
8. Entry fees apply and are non-refundable under any case.
9. Entries must be Kimberley related or themed.
10. The **maximum acceptable size of an artwork is 1.5m X 1.5m** (including framing). Sizes exceeding this limit will be automatically disqualified from judging.
11. Artists/Photographers are required to submit a written description or interpretation of their work, at the time of entry. (no more than 100 words).
12. No entry forms will be accepted after **15 May 2026** at 4pm AWST.
13. No entry delivery will be accepted after **20 June 2026** (unless special dates have been added or agreed to by the KAPP team).
14. Late entries and deliveries will be automatically disqualified from judging but may be exhibited at the discretion of the curator.
15. If not collected within 60 days, the artwork/photograph will become the property of the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Shire.
16. All artworks/photographs must be delivered to one of the specified drop off points.
17. Only artworks/photographs that have the entry label provided firmly attached to the back of the entry will be exhibited. The artwork/photograph may be disqualified if it cannot be identified.
18. The piece awarded Overall Winner will be acquired by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley. Should the winning piece carry a sale price in excess of the prize for that category the artists/photographer agrees to accept the lesser amount.
19. All submitted works are required to be available for exhibition for the duration of the competition.
20. Entries must comply with exhibition presentation standards. Any entry not considered to be well presented by the curator, will be automatically disqualified and the artist will be informed of the decision.
21. Artworks/photographs must have the proper hanging system required (see visual examples in HANGING SYSTEM). Failure to comply may require a new system to be attached for which a **\$40 fee** will be charged.
22. If the work has specific exhibition requirements the Shire should be notified and the artist will be consulted on installation. If the artist is unable to consult on installation the Shire will install to its best abilities, within venue and exhibition constraints.
23. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and sponsors reserve the right to purchase artworks/photographs prior to the official Awards and Exhibition opening event.
24. All entries must be 'FOR SALE' except those which are required to be returned for educational purposes. This needs to be specified on the form.
25. Proceeds of sales and winnings will be processed by the end of August.
26. The Prize money will only be paid to the artist who created the entered piece.
27. Artists/photographers are encouraged to attend the Awards and Exhibition opening evening on **Saturday, 4 July 2026** or arrange for a representative to accept the award on their behalf if they win their category.
28. All entries are automatically entered in the People's Choice Awards.
29. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley shall endeavor to contact the winners via their supplied contact details within one week of the prize results.

COPYRIGHT, INSURANCE & LEGALITIES

1. Artists/photographers submit entries at their own risk and insurance is the responsibility of the artist/photographer. No responsibility will be accepted for loss or accidental damage of any works submitted or entered. Council does not accept or insure against any liability for loss or damage of artworks/photographs submitted or entered, before, during or after the exhibition.

2. By entering the artwork/photograph for inclusion in the Exhibition, the artist/photographer agrees to allow the Shire to:

- Reproduce, publish, and display the artwork or photograph, in whole or in part, for inclusion in non-commercial promotional materials and publications, including the promotion of the Shire's future art and photography exhibitions.
- Publish the artist's or photographer's name, the title of the artwork or photograph, and any statement provided by the artist or photographer related to the work.
- Share photos and details about the artwork or photograph, along with information about the artist or photographer, with the media for promotional purposes.

3. The artist/photographer is responsible for satisfying any copyright requirements concerning the artwork/photograph.

4. It is the entrant's responsibility to confirm that each person depicted in any entry has granted permission to be portrayed.

SALES

1. The artist/photographer must set their own price, taking into account a 20% commission paid to the Shire.

2. The event organiser will contact the artist/photographer to advise of their artwork/photograph sale and will request for a creditor form and a statement by the supplier form to be filled in and returned to proceed with the payment.

3. Payment of prizes and sales monies will be made to the bank account provided in the entry form (Cheque payment by request only).

4. Proceeds of sales will be processed by the end of August if all forms required have been returned to the Shire. Please contact the Shire should you not have received funds by 1st of September 2026.

JUDGING

- Judging will take place at the venue. The winner of the Prize will be announced at the Awards and Opening Evening event.
- We reserve the right of the judges to withhold prizes in any section should the supporting information be found to be false.
- The judges' decisions are final and cannot be contested.

HANGING SYSTEMS/ DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

The Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize accept no responsibility for any damage to artworks and photographs not properly prepared for hanging as illustrated in this guide.

All pieces are required to have a hanging system attached to their piece to allow the artwork to be displayed at the exhibition. If your piece does not have an appropriate system the Exhibition Curator will attach one for you and a fee of **\$40** will be incurred. Items not suited for hanging (Eg: Boab Nuts, boomerangs, sculptures, fabrics) are exempted from this requirement.

Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize exhibition space has an existing hanging system that uses cables and adjustable hanging hooks. The curator needs your artwork to have a very specific hanging device fixed into the back of your artwork. Please carefully note the instructions below:

You will need to attach a pair of D-rings or triangle-rings approximately 15cm down from the top of the back of your artwork. Please ensure that they are able to support the weight of your artwork and that they are not visible above the frame. (Please see picture below)

Thread, picture-quality cord or braided wire through the two rings, make sure its tight so that the wire or cord does not droop. This would prevent the loose ends of the wire catching in the hanging system or damaging your artworks.



TRANSPORT AND FREIGHT

1. The packing of the entries for delivery and return is the responsibility of the artist/photographer, including all associated costs. Please refer to the sections HANGING DEVICES REQUIREMENTS and PACKING FOR TRANSPORT for further details of requirements.
2. Return freight and postage must be pre-arranged and paid by the participant. Return instructions should be included with your entry form.
3. No responsibility is taken for damage to artworks/photographs that are not packaged to protect the work. The transport company and/or Shire of Derby/West Kimberley reserves the right to refuse to transport the artworks/photographs should it not be packaged appropriately.
4. All physical artwork or photographic entries must be delivered to the Derby Airport Terminal by Saturday 21 June 2026 or earlier for the nominated drop-off point dates above.
5. Items transported to the regional collection points will be automatically returned to the original drop off point, unless otherwise advised. This will occur as soon as practicable after the exhibition closes.
6. To ensure proper identification, a label containing the following information must be affixed to the front of the package:

From: Joan Smith
Entry Title: Kimberley Sunset
Category: Landscape Photography
To: Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize (KAPP)
Drop-off Point: Ex. Derby Airport

- From: Who sends the piece (Artist or Art Centre)
- Entry Title: Name of the entered piece
- Category: Any of the categories for Art Prize or Photographic Prize
- To: KIMBERLEY ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZE or KAPP
- Drop off point: Any of the points mentioned above on the key dates page.

PACKING ARTWORK/PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TRANSPORT

1. Fragile frames need to be protected by placing sponges or other soft packing materials on solid areas of the frame, especially the corners.
2. It is recommended that for glass framed entries, masking tape is placed on the glass only, not the frame. This would prevent any damage to the piece if it breaks.
3. Bubblewrap or other packing materials are recommended as it would absorb any shock and provides a waterproof barrier. If you are using bubble wrap, put the bubbles on the outside.
4. Coloured masking tapes or cotton tape would be helpful when unpacking as it is more visible. This would allow us to repack the artwork in the same package when the exhibition is finished.
5. For added protection, you can use brown paper or builder's wrap, while boxes made of cardboard or polypropylene offer even greater safeguarding for your artwork.
6. To prevent damage of the pieces, it is very important to include any special packing/ unpacking instructions to your artwork inside the package.
7. Place a label on the back of the art piece with your information: Name or art gallery, address and phone number.

NOTES:

- It is recommended to place some tissue between your painting and the packing material.
- Ensure that the surface of your piece is completely dry before packing.
- Be aware of different material that can cause damage to the artwork such as newspapers, coloured tissues and fabrics, wool, paper clips, staples, blue tack, etc.

ENTRY FEES

Photographic Categories

Adult	\$35.00
Concession	\$30.00
Youth	\$20.00
Snap and Send	Free
Hanging system	\$40.00

Art Categories

Adult	\$55.00
Concession	\$50.00
Youth	\$20.00
Boab Nut	\$15.00
Hanging system	\$40.00



PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZE

ACQUISITIVE CATEGORIES

Overall Winner - \$5,000

NON-ACQUISITIVE CATEGORIES

1. Landscapes* - \$2,000 prize
2. Flora and Fauna - \$2,000 prize
3. Portraits - \$2,000 prize
4. Youth - \$500 prize
5. People's Choice** - \$500 prize
6. Snap & Send - 5 x \$100 prizes

* Can be natural environment or architecture.

** Non-entered category. Selected by exhibition visitors

ART PRIZE

ACQUISITIVE CATEGORIES

Overall Winner - \$10,000

NON-ACQUISITIVE CATEGORIES

1. Paintings* - \$2,500 prize
2. Works on Paper - \$2,500 prize
3. Mixed Media - \$2,500 prize
4. Aboriginal Art** - \$2,500 prize
5. Boab Nut - \$2,500 prize
6. Emerging Artist - \$1,500 prize
7. Youth - \$500 prize
8. People's Choice*** - \$1,000 prize

* On any medium

** The artist can choose to enter their piece in this category

*** Non-entered category. Selected by exhibition visitors.

All entries MUST be Kimberley related or themed.
Maximum dimensions 1.5m x 1.5m Inclusive of framing

The overall winners in each category are selected from all categories and these pieces will be acquired by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.



Snap & Send Competition



Take your smartphone photography to the next level and enter the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize. The Snap & Send competition is open to anyone with a camera phone. We're inviting all budding amateur photographers to share their best "Kimberley inspired" images. You don't need expensive equipment – just creativity and a few simple techniques to capture something stunning.

Entry Guidelines:
Maximum file size 2MB
Maximum of 2 entries per entrant

Start snapping. Start sharing. Let Kimberley inspire you.

Compose like a pro

Apply the rule of thirds by dividing your frame into a 3x3 grid. Position key subjects along the lines or intersections to create balanced, eye-catching images.

Switch on HDR to balance bright skies and dark shadows. Achieve vibrant, well-exposed images that stand out.

Capture the perfect moment

Let natural light do the work. Step outdoors and make the most of natural lighting. The right light transforms ordinary scenes into striking photographs.

Use burst mode to take multiple shots in seconds. More images mean more opportunities to select the sharpest, most dynamic photo.

Terms & Conditions

1. Snap & Send entries are NOT eligible in any other category, including the overall prize.
2. Prizes are \$100 in cash for 5 winners.
3. Only entries submitted via the designated online submission form will be accepted.
4. The winners will be chosen by the exhibition visitors and will be announced after the exhibition has finished.
5. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley reserves the right to verify entries and disqualify any submission containing unrelated or objectionable, offensive, defamatory, or misleading content, or any entrant who tampers with or misuses the entry process.
6. Entries must be received by 4:00pm (AWST) Saturday, 20 June 2026. The time of entry will in each case be the time the online entry is received by the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley database.
7. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley accepts no responsibility for any late, lost or misdirected entries due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.



SPONSORS 2025

The generous support of our sponsors has allowed us to ensure that the Kimberley's vibrant artistic spirit continues to thrive for generations to come. They have been the backbone of the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize since 1970.



In 2025 our Sponsors enabled us to showcase once again the talent of our local artist, funded impactful workshops, and fostered community connection through art.

Thank you for making this possible!

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Awards Night and Exhibition 2025

2025 was the 54th anniversary of the Kimberley Art and Photographic Prize. Opening night saw over 200 people attend and over the following two weeks more than 2000 people viewed the exhibition.





Photographic Prize Winner 2025



Art Prize Winner 2025



Submit an
Entry



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