



MARGARET RIVER

**Readers & Writers
Festival**



Visual Stories

Art Competition & Exhibition

**30 April to
25 May 2026**
mrrwfestival.com



Created and Presented
by Arts Margaret River

VISUAL STORIES



Laurie Posa – 2025 competition winner

Artists are invited to submit works inspired by the power of storytelling. This special exhibition will be showcased during the Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival, Western Australia's largest literary festival.

Work can be submitted in any artistic medium and artists are encouraged to be brave, challenge conventions and create works that will stimulate new conversations, change perspectives and spark joy. The exhibition will be on display in Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART foyer gallery from Thursday, 30 April to Monday, 25 May 2026.

The entry fee is \$25 and the number of entries is capped at 60. Max one entry per person.

All proceeds from the Visual Stories Exhibition Competition go towards the MRRWFestival.

Entry is open to artists from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, City of Busselton and Shire of Nannup aged over 17. All submissions must be offered for sale at a reasonable price.

Entries open Friday, 5 February and close Sunday, 19 April 2026.

**Delivery of work on Tuesday, 28 April 10am–4pm to
Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART, 47 Wallcliffe Rd,
Margaret River WA 6285.**

Collection of work on Tuesday, 26 May, 10am–4pm.



First Prize \$1000

With thanks to Arts Margaret River



Second Prize \$500

With thanks to the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River



People's Choice \$100

With thanks to the Margaret River BookShop

ENTRY FORM

Full Name

Email

Address

Postcode

Phone

Artwork Details

Title

Medium

Total Size (h x w x d cm)

Weight (kg)

Selling Price*

* Inclusive of 25% commission & GST where applicable.

ABN

Are you registered for GST? Yes

Declaration

- I accept the terms and conditions of the Visual Stories Art Competition & Exhibition set in this entry form. (All entrants to complete).
- (Optional) I have included an artist statement as a Word Document in my submission.

Please ensure an image of the artwork is included with the form.

Signature:

Date:

Entry Fee & Payment

The entry fee for the 2026 Visual Stories Art Competition & Exhibition is \$25 (incl GST).

Max one entry per person.

Please choose your preferred payment method below.

- Direct Debit:** Arts Margaret River, Westpac, BSB: 036-127 Account: 130106
Reference: Visual Stories_Your Name
- EFT:** Visit us at Arts Margaret River, 47 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River WA 6285 (Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm) or call 08 9780 5294.

To confirm your entry please complete and return this form to: Arts Margaret River, Visual Stories Exhibition, PO Box 43, Margaret River WA 6285 or email it to info@artsmargaretriver.com by 8pm, Sunday, 19 April 2026.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry is open to artists from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, City of Busselton and Shire of Nannup aged over 17.
2. Only one entry is allowed per artist and the total number of entries is capped at 60.
3. The entry fee is \$25.
4. Arts Margaret River reserves the right to refuse any artwork based on merit, suitability for general public viewing or safety concerns. Artists will be notified if their entry is not accepted.
5. **Multiple panel works may be submitted provided they are considered a single artwork and their combined dimensions are within the applicable size restrictions. They are to be sold as one piece.**
6. **All works must be suitably framed and/or stretched with D ring and cord, ready to hang or install.**
7. A weight restriction of 10kgs maximum applies to hanging artworks; and 40kgs maximum applies to 3D works.
8. A size restriction of 150cm (h) x 150cm (w) x 10cm (d) applies to hanging works; and 120cm (h) x 60cm (w) x 60cm (d) applies to 3D works.
9. **Artworks must be delivered to Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART on Tuesday, 28 April, 10am–4pm (unless alternative arrangements have been made with Arts Margaret River). All packaging is to be removed, retained by the artist and brought back to wrap artworks at the end of the exhibition.**
10. All entries must include a photograph of the artwork. By entering, the artist agrees to their work being reproduced in print, film and digital format for promotion and funding purposes.
11. While all due care is taken with exhibits, Arts Margaret River accepts no liability for any loss or damage while the exhibits are in our custody. Artists are responsible for insuring their work.
12. Artworks must be for sale at a realistic price, with a 25% commission going to Arts Margaret River.
13. The judge's decision is final, artno correspondence will be entered into.
14. Winners will be announced at the Visual Stories Exhibition Opening Event on Thursday, 30 April from 6–8 pm at Nala Bardip Mia – Margaret River HEART. Artists and friends are invited. Winners will also be published online.
15. **Unsold Artworks are to be collected on Tuesday, 26 May from 10am–4pm. If an artist doesn't collect their artwork within six weeks of the exhibition's end, Arts Margaret River will take ownership of it. Arts Margaret River can then sell or dispose of the artwork. Arts Margaret River is not responsible for any artworks that are damaged during transit or not collected on the specified date.**
16. It will be the responsibility of the artist to arrange artwork delivery if required.