

DISCOVERED Competition 2020

Terms and Conditions



DISCOVERED is professional development program series for singers and singer/songwriters aged 7yrs – 24yrs. The vocal professional development program series includes a contest, a professional development program and performance opportunities.

Discovered is a platform that provides feedback and professional development for young people, who aspire to follow their dreams in an intimate performance space to a live audience.

With the recent impact of the global pandemic of COVID-19, the Discovered program will be delivered both online and face to face.

Showcase performances, judging events and a selection of professional development workshops will be delivered online.

Following strict adherence to Government regulations and restrictions, weekly vocal development workshops, the semi and grand final events 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) weeks in October, two semi- finals in November and the grand final event in December.

The professional development component is comprised of opportunities leading into the competition and throughout the heats and into the semi-finals (provided as free workshops); and verbal feedback by the panel of judges, allowing performers to develop as they progress through the program.

Judging events for the heats will take place online the Sundays following each heat period; to provide feedback and announce semi-finalist recipients.

The audience WILDCARD voting component will be reintroduced to encourage online audience involvement to select two (2) places into the semi-finals and two (2) places into the grand final event.

The Discovered program also provides a pathway for young participants beyond the event series with the Music Pathways Program; to increase their exposure, broaden their audience base and provide opportunities within the industry with performance opportunities and through the DISCOVERED VOICES singing group, providing weekly group singing sessions starting on 17 September. The singing group will continue throughout the year as the group prepare for performances at various community events and the Discovered grand-final.

Key Dates:

Heat one (1): 12 Oct – 16 Oct; Heat two (2) 19 Oct – 23 Oct; Heat three (3) 26 Oct – 30 Oct.;

Judging Panel 4pm SUNDAYS: Heat one (1): 18 Oct; Heat two (2): 25 Oct; Heat three (3): 01 Nov;

Semi-final one (1): 13 Nov.; Semi-final two (2): 20 Nov.

Grand-final: 18 Dec.

Refer to 'How to enter the Competition' for details on how to enter the 2020 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 49 Mann Street, Gosford. NSW 2250 in-conjunction with Rod McCormack (The Cellar Studios), Gina Jeffreys Workshops (GJW), and Musicians Making a Difference (MMAD).

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.

*Council remain responsive to current regulations; online delivery of the program and competition will continue if deemed necessary due to precautionary measures with COVID-19.

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 Discovered professional development program competition.

The information will be accessible by Council staff and professional development partners/ or sponsor. It is voluntary to provide personal information on this form, however if the information is not provided, Council will not accept the entry in the Competition. Applications to access or amend the personal information provided on this form may be made to Central Coast Council.

Eligibility:

1. Entry is open to:
 - i. Singers aged 7 - 24 years
 - a. KIDS division: 7 – 12 years
 - b. OPENS 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 the 13 November 2020.
 - ii. Live, study or work in the Central Coast region
 - iii. Australian citizens or permanent resident of Australia
 - iv. Unsigned singer/songwriters and vocalists.
2. 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.

3. Entrants under the age of 18 must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to enter.
 - i. 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 2) and email through before participation.
4. Entrants over the age of 18 must sign their consent to enter (Attachment 3) and email through before participation.
5. Entry to the competition is free.
6. Entry forms must be submitted, and videos uploaded to YouTube between 11 September and 23 October by 11.59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. Entries submitted after this date will not be accepted.

How to enter the Competition:

7. Completed registration entry may only be submitted online for the 2020 Discovered series.
8. Registration for entries are required to submit a completed Entry Form and upload YouTube video recordings (See Point 25-41) of their two (2) nominated songs (See Point 19. For more information)
 - i. Entrants register online, via Council website www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered Applicants will receive a confirmation email to confirm receipt of their online entry.
9. Allow up to 14 days following registration to receive an email confirmation to participate in the Competition.
 - i. Entrants will need to confirm their acceptance or non-acceptance within seven (7) days
 - ii. Entrants will receive documentation that must be completed and returned.
10. The confirmation email will include links to the entrants' heat for two (2) video submissions, an electronic copy of the DISCOVERED Terms and Conditions and Central Coast Council Digital Media Consent forms for completion.
 - i. Return completed forms 7 days prior to the assigned heat
 - ii. The Entrant must send the links for two (2) performances as uploaded onto YouTube, with the correct title. Please refer to: 'Video Recordings, footage, photographs and licences' Point 30
 - iii. A copy of photo identification proof of their birth date (School ID / License) may be requested.
11. Documentation can be submitted either electronically or by hardcopy by one (1) of the following ways:
 - i. Via email, to jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au quoting: DISCOVERED_2020, the entrant's division, Competition Entry, and the entrants name in the subject line e.g. 'DISCOVERED_2020, Opens, Competition Entry Matthew Thomas'

- ii. In person, at the CCC Erina Library branch - Council Customer Service desk, Erina Fair.
- iii. By post, addressed to DISCOVERED Competition, c/o Jennifer Dias, The Hub Erina, PO Box 21 Gosford NSW 2250.

12. All Entries must be received within the competition period as outlined above.
13. Council does not accept any responsibility for any late or lost entries, or any other entries not properly received.
14. 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.
15. Council will not be liable for any damages or loss suffered as a result of entry to the DISCOVERED Competition.
16. 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.
17. 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.

Entry requirements:

18. Entries must be complete.
 - i. Refer to Page 9, Terms and Conditions, DISCOVERED Competition Entry Checklist.
19. Song selection
 - i. Entrant to sing two songs in their heat.
 - a. Each song should be between 3 and 5 minutes
 - ii. Entrant to sing two songs in their semi-final.
 - a. At least one song must be different to the previously performed heat
 - iii. Entrant to sing two songs in the grand final event.
 - a. Song selection is to be different to previously performed in in the heat and semi final
 - iv. Entrants must not perform songs that contain any offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory content.
 - v. It is Council's absolute discretion to deem an entry unsuitable.
20. In the instance where the competition returns to the HUB Erina Youth Entertainment Venue (for the semi-finals and grand final events), Council will try and provide all the necessary sound equipment for each event where possible.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Council has the following equipment available for use of performance:
 - a. Wireless microphones and covers
 - b. Microphone stands
 - c. KORG KROME WORKSTATION 88 KEY and pedal

- d. Acoustic guitar
 - e. Seat/stool
 - f. Backline and technician.
- iii. Each entrant is expected to provide their required musical equipment inclusive of capo, spare strings, leads and/ or licenced backing tracks
21. The entrants' music should be accompanied by a legally purchased and licensed backing track or by the singer themselves on an appropriate instrument.
- i. Backing tracks to be supplied on a USB device on the night of the event:
 - a. USB must be labelled with the Entrant's full name.
 - b. Song must be saved in a folder named 'DISCOVERED 2020', in order of performance and with each song titled.
 - ii. In the instance where an accompanist is required:
 - a. The accompanist's details must be noted at the time of registration.
 - b. To keep in line with the precautionary measures of COVID-19, social distancing measures must be adhered to; In the instance that the accompanist cannot appear in the same room as the singer. Entrant may perform with an accompanist via video conferencing or similar.
22. 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
- I. For online performance audience engagement is recommended with WILDCARD voting
 - a. WILDCARD audience voting via www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered
 - b. Registration of voters' details required to vote for WILDCARD.
 - c. In submitting voters details, this is consenting for Council to contact them regarding Youth related services, events and programs.
 - II. For venue performance live audience attendance is recommended.
 - a. Guests must register on the audience guest list through EVENTBRITE | search DISCOVERED.
 - b. Registration and sign in to the venue is an essential due to NSW Government regulations due to COVID-19.
 - c. Pending COVID-19 regulations, specific timeframes will be provided for audience members for access to view the performances.
23. The 1st prize recipient of previous DISCOVERED Competitions cannot submit to re- enter the DISCOVERED Competition. The exceptions being where:
- a) The 1st prize recipient in the 7 -12yr division who may submit an entry into the 13-24yr division, once eligible to enter this age division
 - b) The 1st place award is shared amongst two recipients.
24. By entering the Competition entrants agree to comply with the Terms & Conditions. If a competitor violates the Terms & Conditions, Central Coast Council reserves the right to disqualify them from the Competition.

Video Recordings, footage, photographs and licences:

25. It is not necessary to have submissions professionally recorded, entrants should do their best with the equipment they have at home (videos filmed on phones are entirely acceptable).

26. Each entry must be presented as a completed unedited take.
27. The recording must be made after July 2020 and should not be edited or artificially enhanced. Post production affecting sound quality is not permitted.
28. Videos filmed prior to isolation measures are not eligible.
29. Heat performance submissions uploaded to YouTube by participants (no earlier than 11.59pm on the Friday and no later than 11.59pm on the Sunday) prior to their allocated heat, once registration and the allocated heat are confirmed by Council
30. Recordings should be uploaded to YouTube privacy set to "Public".
31. Videos should be titled CCC_DISCOVERED_online2020," Division", "Entrants Name" sings " Song name", " cover / original". For example: CCC_DISCOVERED_online2020, Kids, Mathew Todd sings This Place, Original work; OR: CC_DISCOVERED_online2020, Opens, Mathew Todd sings Rise Up, Cover version.
32. Central Coast Council will not be held responsible for any video which is removed by YouTube for copyright violations.
33. Each entrant consents to Council taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the DISCOVERED Competition. Media Consent Form provided.
34. 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.
35. Semi and Grand final performances as recorded live at the Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue will be uploaded to Central Coast Council YouTube channel by Council.
36. 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:
 - i. Uploading of the entry on to the Council or the Youth Services websites: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/ and www.thehuberina.com; Council managed YouTube channels and social media
 - ii. Promotion of the DISCOVERED Competition in the media, both print and online
 - iii. Display and promotion at any event associated with the DISCOVERED Competition, including the Award Night / Workshops; and
 - iv. Other non-commercial activities related to the functions of Council.
37. On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant.
38. Entries must only use music that you have secured rights to use when appropriate.

39. Please limit the promotion of individual businesses as a core part of the entry. Any use or reference to private businesses will in no way imply or be perceived to imply products or services from that business are superior or favoured by Council.
40. 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.
41. 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.

Judging of the Competition:

42. Judging of the DISCOVERED Competition will be conducted during the heats, semi-finals and grand final events by a panel comprised of one Council staff and two to three independent people.
 - i. Twelve (12) places available for each semi-final; Two (2) of which are selected via audience WILDCARD voting.
 - ii. Twelve (12) places available for the Grand Final; Two (2) of which are selected via audience WILDCARD voting.
 - iii. Each qualifying heat will run across five (5) days. The judging panel events will be held 4pm the following Sundays via an online platform. An event link will be provided to attendees (competition entrants and registered audience members).
 - iv. Semi-final heats and the Grand Final event will be livestreamed (broadcasted) directly on the internet.
43. Audience WILDCARD voting:
 - i. Round One: Open following the third heat from 12pm MON 02 November and Close on 11.59pm Sunday 08 November
 - ii. Round Two: Open following the semi-finals from 12pm MON 23 November and Close on 11.59pm Sunday 29 November
 - iii. WILDCARDS will be notified via email. WILDCARDS must confirm their place within 48hrs, or their place will be passed onto the Entrant with the following highest vote.
 - iv. Semi-Final WILDCARDS will be announced publicly the Wednesdays prior to the events, respectively 11 November and 18 November.
 - v. Grand-final WILDCARDS will be announced publicly Monday 07 December.
44. Entrants should consider selecting repertoire in which they are already proficient.
45. Judging will be based on a points system. The criteria against which entries will be judged, will include, but not be limited to:
 - i. **Vocal Ability** | Range, Falsetto, Shifting, Tune
 - ii. **Originality** | Arrangement of song and interpretation
 - iii. **Song Choice** | Appropriate choice for the singer
 - iv. **Technical/Instrumental Handling** | Musicianship- If playing an instrument, do they play it well? Are they able to recover from any incidental problems, tech issues?
 - v. **Stage Presence/Online Performance** | Personality, Poise, Confidence, Professionalism, Ability To Connect With Audience.
46. Short-listing of entries may be undertaken dependant on entry numbers prior to the heats.

47. The decisions of the judging panel in relation to any aspect of the DISCOVERED Competition will be final and binding upon every entrant who enters the Competition. No correspondence regarding any decision of the judging panel will be entered into.

Awarding winners:

48. The finalist contenders/winners of the DISCOVERED Competition as determined by the judging panel will be determined on the night of the grand final event. Winners' names will be published on Council's website.

49. The **DISCOVERED** Competition prizes are:

Awards | Sponsored by Central Coast Council | distributed as voucher for in store spending (floor stock only) at Macron Music | **Prize pool valued at \$5000**

- 7-12 years division | **1st prize** (\$500)
- 13-24 years division | **1st prize** (\$2500) | **2nd prize** (\$1000) | **3rd prize** (\$750)
- 7-24 years division | **Inspiration Award** (\$250)

Professional Development | Sponsored by Rod McCormack | Recording Studio Time | **Valued at \$4000**

- 1 song recorded in The Music Cellar Studio with Producer Rod McCormack
- 1 track professionally mixed, mastered and ready for release.

Professional Development | Sponsored by GJW | Vocal Scholarship (GJW) | **Valued at \$1000**

- 1 x term (10 weeks) mentoring with Gina at Gina Jeffreys Workshops.

Professional Development | Sponsored by MMAD | Recording Studio Time | **Valued at \$250**

- 5 x hours recording time in The MMAD Loungeroom Studio

Professional Development | Sponsored by MMAD | Music Industry Conference | **Valued at \$300**

- 1 x Day pass to ACCESS ALL AREAS youth music industry conference

Professional Development – Performance evaluation and personalised coaching session
Valued at \$500 | Sponsored by Central Coast Council)

- 1 x performance evaluation personalised vocal assessment and 5 x vocal coaching sessions | Value of - \$250 per person (2 Prizes available to KIDS runners up).

Professional Development | Sponsored by Central Coast Council | Song writing workshops | **Valued at \$1200**

- 1 x song writing master class for all grand finalists | Value of - \$100 per person.

50. Prize recipients will be invited to perform as a guest in up to two showcase events as organised by Central Coast Council Youth Services (2020-2021) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.
51. Acceptance of any prize in the DISCOVERED Competition is conditional on signing of Council's release form (Attachment 1).
52. 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.
53. To claim the prize, the winner(s) must contact the relevant program sponsor to claim their awarded prize.
- Both the prize winner(s) and sponsor must negotiate a suitable time to book an appointment for the awarded prize.
 - In-store spending must be completed in 1 session. Prizes can be selected from floor stock only.
54. 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.

Complaints:

55. 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 DISCOVERED Competition.

DISCOVERED Competition Entry Checklist:

| Actions | Terms and Conditions Reference Points | Entrant Reference Only Tick on completion |
|---|--|---|
| Online registration | 1,3,4,6,7,8, 47 | |
| Associated documentation allocated, signed & returned within given timeframes | 9 – 14, 52, 53 | |
| RSVP confirmation & online attendance to the allocated heat judging panel | 23, 43 | |
| Two (2) heat performance submissions uploaded to YouTube, with the correct title | 26 - 35 | |
| Email Jennifer.Dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au the two (2) links to performances on YouTube | 12 | |
| Build & engage audience, Audience WILDCARD voting | 23 & 44 | |

Further Information:

If you require further information, please email jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Attachment 1: PRIZE SIGN OFF

DISCOVERED OF 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 (2020-2021) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.

INSERT DETAILS OF PRIZE

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Council Staff Witness: _____

Attachment 2: Under 18 Consent Form

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: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 3: Consent Form |

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: _____

Phone / Email: _____

Relationship to the Entrant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____