

NQPHN Indigenous Youth Art Competition

Connection to Country 2021



Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) invites up and coming local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people between the ages of 12 and 18 to take part in the annual art initiative presented by the NQPHN CEO and Board of Directors.

NQPHN invites you, as a young, aspiring Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists to express your knowledge, understanding, and interpretation of the importance of maintaining and growing a Connection to Country. Connection to Country includes your ties with culture and kin and how these promote good health and wellbeing in your life, family, and community.

Questions to help you get started

- » What medium do you prefer to use to make sense of your world? (e.g. photography, film, painting, drawing, textiles, printing, sculpture, or digital mediums.)
- » What activities and actions need to be undertaken to Heal Country?
- » What does a healthy Connection to Country, culture and kin look, sound, and feel like to you?
- » How can we strengthen our Connection to Country to stay strong and healthy together?

Connection to Country is important, so be imaginative, creative, and courageous in joining other young artists and craft makers from North Queensland to give voice to your hopes and dreams for our world, land, country, culture, and survival, for a healthy and sustainable future.

“Healing Country means finally resolving many of the outstanding injustices which impact on the lives of our people”

– NAIDOC 2021

The competition launch coincides with two significant historical events on the National Indigenous calendar, they are:

1. **National Reconciliation Week** from Thursday 27 May to Thursday 3 June 2021—*Theme: 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.'*
2. **NAIDOC Week** from Sunday 4 July to Sunday 11 July 2021—*Theme: 'Heal Country!'*

Connection to Country 2021 relates to more than our relationship with a physical place. It can also include the relationships that we have with our culture and kin.

“Country is the land, the waters, and the skies. It sustains every aspect of our health and wellbeing. Our connection to Country is spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and cultural. The language, culture, identity, kinship, and ceremonies we honour connect us to Country. A loss of connection to our Country, its exploitation, desecration, and destruction are contributing factors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s ill health. Only then can our Nation start to Heal.”

– NQPHN Senior Project Officer, Reconciliation Action Plan Kerry Hollingsworth

The closing date has been extended. Submissions close Sunday 15 August 2021.

Find more information about the art competition and submit an entry at:

www.nqphn.com.au/indigenous-youth-art-competition

e: support@nqphn.com.au

w: www.nqphn.com.au



NQPHN acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia’s First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We respect their continued connection to land and sea, country, kin, and community. We also pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging as the custodians of knowledge and lore.

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Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) invites young and upcoming local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists between the ages of 12–18 years to enter a piece of artwork as part of NQPHN's Indigenous Youth Art Competition 2021.

This year, the theme is Connection to Country.

Eligibility

We are seeking submissions from artists across the NQPHN region from Sarina in the south, west to Croydon and Kowanyama, and up to the northernmost point of the Torres Strait Islands. This year's competition has two categories—a junior competition where artists must be between the ages of 12-14 years and a senior competition where artists must be between the ages of 15-18 years.

The theme

The artwork should represent Connection to Country in our communities.

The prizes

There will be prizes for first, second, and third place for each category in this competition:

- » first prize is an Apple iPad Pro 11-inch 128GB Wi-Fi AND an Apple Pencil, valued at \$1,398
- » second prize is a \$500 art supplies voucher
- » third prize is a \$250 art supplies voucher.

Use of artwork

The three successful artwork pieces from each category, (first, second, and third places) will be displayed in NQPHN's offices, website, showcased in the next Annual Report (along with the artist's photo and bio), and other potential NQPHN collateral.

Artwork rules and guidelines

The artwork must be hand drawn, sketched, painted on paper or canvas, sculpted, made from textiles (with allowances for the artwork to be captured digitally via high resolution photography or film), or created in digital form.

The size of the artwork must be A3 (297mm x 420mm—portrait or landscape) or larger.

The artwork must have an underlying theme of Connection to Country.

Either new or existing artwork that fit the brief are welcome for submission.

Submission

You must read and accept the terms and conditions on the following page to participate.

The submission deadline has been extended. Please submit your artwork by **Sunday 15 August 2021**.

Your artwork must be submitted online via the link below:
www.nqphn.com.au/indigenous-youth-art-comp

Entries must be supplied as a high resolution PDF, high resolution photo, or be scanned in high resolution (300 DPI) as a JPG, and follow the rules and guidelines.

Your submission should also include:

- » the artwork's title
- » materials used
- » a blurb of 150 words (minimum) explaining how your artwork relates to Connection to Country.

IMPORTANT: Artwork by an adult will be disqualified. Submitted artwork must be by the artist.

Announcement of winners

The successful artwork submissions will be announced in the second week of September (6-10 September 2021). Winners will be contacted directly and also announced on NQPHN's Indigenous Youth Art Competition page, as well as on NQPHN's Facebook page.

Certificate of participation

All participants will receive certificates of participation.

Important dates

- » Entries open Thursday 3 June 2021
- » Entries close 11.59pm, Sunday 15 August 2021
- » Winners announced second week of September (6-10 September 2021).

View the winning artworks from previous years at:

www.nqphn.com.au/indigenous-youth-art-competition



Terms and conditions



1. The art competition is opened to all people between the ages of 12-18 years who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and who live in the NQPHN region. There are two categories in the competition this year:
 - o junior competition: open to young people aged 12-14 years
 - o senior competition: open to young people aged 15-18 years.
2. The competition is open to young people 12-18 years, but those under 18 years must have the permission of a parent or a guardian to enter.
3. Current employees and directors of NQPHN are not permitted to enter.
4. While the copyright of the artwork and image remains with the entrant, the entrant grants NQPHN and any other public or private agency (authorised by NQPHN) the use and rights of the image in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation.
5. NQPHN is not responsible for any lost, late, or misdirected entries.
6. All artwork must be submitted through the online submission form.
7. The artwork must incorporate a theme relevant to Connection to Country, and be accompanied by an appropriate story/background.
8. Entries must be entirely your own original work and must not breach any copyright or third party rights. NQPHN will not be made partially or fully liable for any non-original work submitted by you. All entries must be suitable for publication for NQPHN and public viewing. The design must not include any defamatory, offensive, or unlawful content.
9. If you wish to enter this competition you must provide NQPHN with your full name, age, current residential address, mobile number, and email address. NQPHN will only use your personal details for the purposes of administering this competition and will not publish them or provide them to anyone without your permission.
10. All entrants consent to NQPHN using the winning artwork for publicity and promotion, including the name of the winning entrant, background, and the story behind the artwork. This may include, but is not limited to, media interviews, social media posts, and photographs.
11. Only one entry will be accepted per person.
12. The deadline for receiving entries for the competition has been extended to 11.59pm on Sunday 15 August 2021. NQPHN reserves the right to extend the competition deadline at its discretion. If there is a revision, the revised date will be made public and the date for announcing the result will be postponed accordingly.
13. The winners for each category will be chosen by independent judges selected by NQPHN. NQPHN's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
14. All entries will be judged on the below criteria.

A strong, imaginative Indigenous artwork which is:

 - conveys the theme of Connection to Country
 - can be reproduced easily on print/online.
15. In each category, the first place winners will receive a prize consisting of an Apple iPad Pro 11" 128GB Wi-Fi AND an Apple Pencil valued at \$1,398 at centre/location nominated by NQPHN. The second place winners will receive a prize consisting of a \$500 voucher for art supplies. The third place winners will receive a prize consisting of a \$250 voucher for art supplies.
16. The prizes must be taken as stated and cannot be deferred or transferred.
17. NQPHN does not accept any responsibility for late or lost entries due to the internet. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
18. Entrants must supply full details as required, and comply with all rules to be eligible for the prizes. No responsibility is accepted for ineligible entries or entries made fraudulently.
19. The contest may be declared void at the sole discretion of NQPHN. Furthermore, NQPHN reserves the right to cancel this contest at any stage, or change any of the rules or procedures if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside its control.
20. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and to agree to be bound by them when entering this competition.
21. This competition is administered by Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN).
22. Winning artworks will be announced in the second week of September (6-10 September 2021) via phone call, email, text, and/or social media.
23. Important dates to remember:
 - entries open Thursday 3 June 2021
 - entries close 11.59pm, Sunday 15 August 2021
 - winners announced second week of September (6-10 September 2021).