**Rethink Waste Challenge Terms and Conditions**

**General**

1. Port Macquarie-Hastings Council invites eligible entrants to get creative in how to “rethink waste” by participating in the ConnectEd PMH “Rethink Waste Upcycling Challenge 2022”.
2. By entering the Rethink Waste Challenge (RWC) via the ConnectEd PMH webpage, participants agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions (‘Terms and Conditions’)
3. Entrants should seek adult supervision when building / creating their design, to ensure safe practices
4. Please read the Terms and Conditions carefully and contact us if you have any questions at education@pmhc.nsw.gov.au

**Eligibility**

* Entry to the RWC is free and open to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council residents between the ages of 5yrs – 18yrs
* Entrants may submit multiple entries. Each entry must be a different idea and requires a new form to be submitted. Each entry will be judged separately.
* Entrants must be the relevant age prior to the closing date (~~Monday, 5~~~~th~~ ~~December 2022~~ extended: Friday, 9th December 2022) for the category in which they submit their entry
* All entrants must obtain consent from an adult to enter, subject to the terms and conditions. This adult should be either a parent / carer or a teacher / program educator. For the purposes of entry, this adult will be referred to as “supervising adult”
* By entering the competition, the supervising adult agrees to the terms and conditions of the competition and gives permission for their child to enter
* If a teacher / educator / program coordinator is acting as the “supervising adult”, they assume responsibility for seeking permission and consent to terms and conditions from the entrant’s parent / carer
* Port Macquarie-Hastings Council reserves the right to disqualify an entrant should their entry not comply with these terms and conditions

**Entries**

To enter the competition, entrants must submit a photo of an original design that demonstrates “upcycling” (reuse of discarded objects or material in such a way as to create a product of higher quality or value than the original) in accordance with the entry criteria:

* Design must be the original idea of the entrant
* Entrants are permitted to seek assistance to physically create their idea, photograph their design, and complete the entry form
* All entries should demonstrate consideration of the marking criteria, and will be judged via:
	+ A high resolution image of the design
	+ A written description (max. 150 words) OR a voice recording (max. 1 minute) stating how the design meets the marking criteria

**Judging**

Entries will be judged via a judging panel assigned at the discretion of Port Macquarie-Hastings Council.

* Due diligence will be taken to avoid potential conflict of interest / bias within judging panel
* Judges will host a moderation session at the beginning and end of judging, to ensure equity of marking across judges
* Designs will be judged across 4 age categories:
	+ 5-8yrs
	+ 8-11yrs
	+ 12-15yrs
	+ 16-18yrs
* It is the responsibility of the entrant / entrant’s parent / carer to select the correct category in the entry form. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the competition
* Judges’ decision is final

**Use of Entries**

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council reserves the right to use submitted photos and descriptions of any entries received, whether they are awarded a prize or not.

* Only the entrants first name will be shared, as acknowledgement of entry
* Due diligence will be taken to avoid the publication of any personally identifiable information via photos or written descriptions. Steps to ensure this may include:
	+ The request for a media release form to be signed where applicable
	+ The removal / change of names referenced in any titles or descriptions
	+ Cropping or editing of photo to remove potentially personally identifiable information
	+ Should Port Macquarie-Hastings Council feel it not possible to remove personally identifiable information and has been unable to secure adequate permission to publish, the works submitted will not be published. This does not affect the entrants chances of being awarded a prize.
* Entrants and their parents / carers reserve the right to have their entry removed from publication. Any request for doing so should be made in writing, to education@pmhc.nsw.gov.au

**Prizes:**

* 8 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
	+ 4 x winner prizes, one for each age category, consisting of:
		- Certificate of achievement
		- $50 Bookface (Port Macquarie store) voucher
		- Prepaid Terracycle Zero Waste box for winner’s school\* (valued at up to $500)
		- Recognition and design on digital display via ConnectEd PMH
	+ 4 x runner-up prizes, one for each age category, consisting of:
		- Certificate of achievement
		- $25 Bookface (Port Macquarie store) voucher
		- Recognition and design on digital display via ConnectEd PMH
* Should a winner or runner-up not attend a school at the time of prizes being allocated, the following options may apply for distribution of the school prize:
	+ Winner to select an appropriate Terracycle Zero Waste box for the home
	+ Winner to select a school, workplace or other community organisation within the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area to donate the school prize to, upon agreeance by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
* Winners of the Terracycle Zero Waste box will be asked to choose a suitable box from the range of Zero Waste box options available via the Terracycle online shop
	+ Choice will be subject to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council approval
	+ Selection should be made based on unavailability of convenient local recycling options for the items that can be recycled via the chosen box
* Winners’ supervising adults will be contacted by no later than Friday, 17th December via phone or email provided on entry form
* If no response is received from a winner to coordinate prize delivery or pick up by Tuesday, 20th December, a decision may be made to reallocate the prize to another entrant, based on judging results.

**Use of Personal Information**

Participants consent to the collection of private information by Port Macquarie-Hastings Council for the purposes of correspondence to the winners of the Rethink Waste Challenge. Information about how Council collects, stores and uses private information can be found via the [Privacy Statement](https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/System-Pages/Privacy-Statement) available on Council’s website

**Liability**

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council and its affiliates, along with their respective directors, officers and employees, assume no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any participant including but not limited to any direct or indirect loss or personal injury suffered or sustained during the course of preparing, entering or promoting the Challenge, or accepting any prize, except to the extent such liability cannot be excluded by law.