



# DISCOVERED

VOCAL COMPETITION

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## Discovered Competition Guidelines

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.

Following strict adherence to Government regulations and restrictions, weekly vocal development workshops, competition events and professional development workshops 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 is comprised of three (3) heats showcasing from May to June, two (2) Semi- Finals across July and August and one (1) Grand Final event in September.

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.

With the current Public Health Orders (PHO) in place the Discovered program will be delivered face to face.

In the instance of any changes to Public Health Orders, showcase performances, judging events and a selection of professional development workshops will be delivered online. Online heats will take place in the week leading into the heat date as specified in key dates and the judge events will be held online the Sundays following each heat.

The audience WILDCARD online vote will be reintroduced to encourage online involvement to select two (2) places into the semi-finals and two (2) places into the grand final event (viewing performances via the live-stream or on the uploaded content in the instance the program moves online).

The Discovered program also provides a pathway for young participants with the Discovered Voices Choir providing weekly group singing sessions starting up on 20 January 2022. The singing group will continue throughout the year as the group prepare for performances at various community events and the Discovered grand-final.

Beyond the program series opportunities are presented as part of the Council's Music Pathways Program; to increase participants exposure, broaden their audience base and provide opportunities within the industry with performance opportunities.

Council encourages entrants to follow social pages and join groups to keep up to date with: what's happening, key Discovered information, music industry information, professional development opportunities, Music Pathways performance opportunities or any changes to the competition. Links will be provided via email.



**Key Dates:**

Registrations Open: 25 February 2022

Registrations Close: 13 June 2022

Heat one (1): 13 May.; Heat two (2) 10 Jun.; Heat three (3) 24 Jun.

Semi-final one (1): 08 Jul. Semi-final two (2): 12 Aug.

Grand-final: 09 Sept.

Council aims to run all events face to face. Online delivery may be initiated due to Public Health Orders. Participants will be informed via email of any changes to program delivery.

**Alternative Key Dates** (online delivery) \*

Heat one (1): 09 May. – 13 May. Heat two (2) 06 Jun. – 10 Jun. Heat three (3) 20 Jun. – 24 Jun. 2022

Judging Panel 4pm SUNDAYS: Heat one (1): 15 May. Heat two (2): 12 Jun. Heat three (3): 26 Jun. 2022

**Further Information**

Refer to 'How to enter the Competition' for details on how to enter the 2022 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 2 Hely St Wyong. NSW 2259 in-conjunction with Rod McCormack (The Cellar Studios), Gina Jeffreys Workshops (GJW), MAHERAW Services 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 remains responsive to current regulations; online delivery of the program and competition will continue if deemed necessary due to precautionary measures with COVID-19.

Please note the online program delivery variations stipulated throughout the Terms and Conditions and only occur if the program is delivered online.



## Discovered Terms and Conditions

### **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.

### **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 06 May 2022.
  - 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 1) and email through before participation.
4. Entrants over the age of 18 must sign their consent to enter (Attachment 2) and email through before participation.



5. Entry to the competition is free.
6. Entries submitted after the specified dates will not be accepted.
  - i. Entry forms must be submitted between 25 February and 13 June 2022 by 11.59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.
  - ii. Online program delivery variation: Videos must be uploaded to YouTube 1 week prior to the heat start date.

**How to enter the Competition:**

7. Completed entry forms may only be submitted online.
  - i. Entrants register online, via Council website [www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered](http://www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered)  
Applicants will receive a confirmation email to confirm receipt of their entry and with information of the next steps to take.
  - ii. Online program delivery variation: The Entrant must upload YouTube video recordings of their two (2) nominated songs (See Point 19. For more information. A link will be provided via email to share.
8. 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.
9. The confirmation email will include an electronic copy of the DISCOVERED Terms and Conditions and Central Coast Council Digital Media Consent forms for completion; and a link to complete the entrant's performance details.
  - i. Return signed and completed forms 7 days prior to the assigned heat via the link provided
  - ii. A copy of photo identification proof of their birth date (School ID / License) may be requested
  - iii. Online program delivery variation: 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.



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

16. Entries must be complete.
17. 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.



18. Council will try and provide all the necessary sound equipment for each event held in the Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue.
- 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 during the performances:
    - 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 Sound and Lighting Engineer.
  - iii. Each entrant is expected to provide their required musical equipment inclusive of capo, spare strings, leads, music stand and/ or licenced backing tracks
19. 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 can be supplied by either:
    - a. Electronic upload via the performance details form, due one week prior the heat. Songs must be titled correctly; or
    - b. USB device, due upon arrival for sound checks. USB must be labelled with the Entrant's full name. Songs must be saved in a folder named 'DISCOVERED', 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 confirming details
20. 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. To help build audience engagement we recommended you promote the Online WILDCARD Audience Vote:
    - a. WILDCARD audience voting via [www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered](http://www.info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered).
    - b. Registration of voters' details required to vote for WILDCARD.
    - c. See Term 43 for more information on the Online WILDCARD Audience Vote





- II. For all events held in the venue, live audience attendance is highly recommended. Performers should aim to have at least 5 people to support their performance.
- a. Guests must register on the audience guest list link, provided to the performer in their confirmation email.
  - b. All Public Health Orders must be adhered to.
  - c. Pending Public Health Orders, specific timeframes may be provided to allow audience members access to view the performances.
21. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize recipient of previous DISCOVERED Competitions cannot submit to re- enter the DISCOVERED Competition. The exceptions being where:
- a) The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> place award is shared amongst two recipients.
22. 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:**

23. Each entrant consents to Council taking photographs and/or video footage of the entrant for the purpose of the DISCOVERED Competition. Digital Media Consent Form provided.
24. 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.
25. Semi and Grand final performances as recorded live at the Hub Erina Youth Entertainment Venue may be uploaded to Central Coast Council YouTube channel by Council.
26. 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 (and if relevant, their original work) 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/](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/) and [www.thehuberina.com](http://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.
27. On all the above occasions, Council will credit the entrant.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. Council have secured OneMusic licensing for playing backing tracks to the venue audience.
31. Council recommends the acquiring of Easy Song Licensing as best practise. Song licensing is required for cover songs to be streamed to social media. You will need to check with the backing track supplier that the use of their sound recording in an audio visual production is included in the purchase agreement. Music licensing information will be captured in the song submission form. If you need assistance obtaining the sound recording owners information, please contact [PPCA](#).

Online event program variation (Terms 32-41 apply if the competition moves online): **Video Recordings, footage, photographs, and licences:**

32. 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).
33. Each entry must be presented as a completed unedited take.
34. The recording must be made after July 2021 and should not be edited or artificially enhanced. Postproduction affecting sound quality is not permitted.



35. Recordings should be made at home. Videos filmed prior to isolation measures are not eligible and no singer should travel to another location to record their video.
36. 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
37. Recordings should be uploaded to YouTube privacy set to "Public".
38. Videos should be titled CCC\_DISCOVERED2022," Division", "Entrants Name" sings "Song name", cover / original". For example: CCC\_DISCOVERED2022 Kids, Mathew Todd sings This Place, Original work; OR: CC\_DISCOVERED2022, Opens, Mathew Todd sings Rise Up, Cover version.
39. Only original songs and songs that have been cleared with the backing track supplier for the use of their sound recording in an audio visual production is included in the purchase agreement.
40. Central Coast Council will not be held responsible for any video which is removed by Facebook, Instagram or YouTube for copyright violations.
41. 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.

**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. Online voting at <https://info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered>
  - ii. Twelve (12) positions available for the Grand Final; Two (2) of which are selected via audience WILDCARD voting. Online voting at <https://info.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/discovered>

Online program delivery variation (Terms 42iii-42iv apply if the competition moves online)



- iii. Each qualifying heat will run across five (5) days. The judging panel events will be held 4pm the following Sundays via the online platform **ZOOM**. An event link will be provided to attendees (competition entrants and registered audience members).
  - iv. Semi-Final and Grand Final events will be livestreamed to social media. Only original songs and songs that have been cleared with the backing track supplier, as per term 39.
43. Online WILDCARD Audience Vote:
- i. Round One: opens following the third heat from 12pm on Monday 27 June to 11.59PM on Sunday 3 July 2022
  - ii. Round Two: opens following the semi-finals from 12pm on Monday 15 to 11.59PM Sunday 21 August 2022.
  - 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. WILDCARDS will be announced publicly the week prior to the upcoming events.
44. Entrants should consider selecting repertoire in which they are already proficient.
45. Judging will be based on a points system.
46. 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 an audience.
47. Short-listing of entries may be undertaken dependant on entry numbers prior to the heats.
48. 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:**



49. 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.

50. 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 | **1<sup>st</sup> prize** (\$500)
- 13-24 years division | **1<sup>st</sup> prize** (\$2500) | **2<sup>nd</sup> prize** (\$1000) | **3<sup>rd</sup> prize** (\$750)
- 7-24 years division | **Inspiration Award** (\$250)
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**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 | Mentor Session

**Valued at \$300**

- 1 x MMAD Mentor Session, offering personalised in-depth feedback & guidance.



**Professional Development – Performance coaching package x 3**

**Valued at \$750** | Sponsored by WAREHAM MAHERAW Services

- 1 x performance evaluation personalised vocal assessment and 5 x vocal coaching sessions | Value of \$250 per person (3 Prizes in total).

**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.
51. Prize recipients will be invited to perform as a guest in up to two showcase events as organised by Central Coast Council Youth Services (2022 - 2023) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.
52. Acceptance of any prize in the DISCOVERED Competition is conditional on signing of Council's release form (Attachment 1).
53. 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.
54. 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.
55. 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:**



56. 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.

**Further Information:**

If you require further information,

Email: [jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.dias@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: 4304 7071

**Attachment 1: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Attachment 2: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Attachment 3: PRIZE SIGN OFF**



## DISCOVERED 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 (2022-2023) as a condition of accepting the prize awarded.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the winning artist is under 18 years of age, please complete the section below.**

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Winning Artist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

