

# CREATURE FEATURES COMPETITION



Did you know that the first explorers that discovered the platypus thought it was a hoax because it was such a strange looking animal?

Platypus are strange, wonderful Australian creatures and are also Camden Council's logo. The Platypus was chosen to highlight Council's commitment to improve the water quality of the Nepean River and to allow the platypus to live in its natural habitat.



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## Invent your own creature with strange features!

Your task is to design your own strange creature using pencils, crayons, paint and natural elements e.g. sticks, leaves, flowers.

*If you could make a new strange animal to roam Camden's land or waterways, what would it look like and how would it move? What will your animal eat? How will your animal communicate?*

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## Tell us why your creature has those features...

You also need to explain in 50 words or less, why you have given the creature its features and why you think this will make it a successful animal in Camden.

## COMPETITION DETAILS

The Creature Features competition is open to Camden local government area residents aged **5 to 12 years**.

The competition opens on **Monday 1 June** and closes **Friday 26 June at 5pm**.

## HOW TO ENTER

Creature Features is an online competition. Hard copies will **not** be accepted. To enter your artwork, you need to either take a photo or scan a copy of your artwork and email it through to **[sustainability@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@camden.nsw.gov.au)**

## PRIZES

The two most creative artworks and accompanying explanation will win one of two sustainability themed prize packs.

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### What you'll need:

Paper, pens, pencils, crayons, paint, paint brush, glue, sticky tape.

### Include natural elements

Go outside and collect natural elements that you find on the ground so you can use these in your artwork. For example: sticks, leaves, seed pods, flowers. Look for different textures that can be incorporated into your creation i.e. smooth or rough bark, leaves, seed pods etc.

Leaf rubbings using crayons or pencils are a good way to add different textures to the creature or landscape in your artwork.

### Research different animals for inspiration

You can use your favourite features from real-life animals to help create your new strange creature.



## COMPETITION RULES

1. All entries must be submitted online by emailing a scanned copy or photo of the artwork to [sustainability@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@camden.nsw.gov.au)
2. Electronic copies of the artwork must be in either PDF or JPEG format.
3. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020 at 5pm. No late entries will be accepted.
4. Entrants in this competition must be between the ages of 5 to 12 years of age on 26 June 2020 and live within the Camden local government area.
5. Artwork entries can incorporate any medium, including painting, collage and drawing and should aim to include natural elements i.e. sticks, leaves, flowers.
6. Entrants in this competition give permission for their artwork to be publicly displayed and reproduced by print and electronic media by the competition organisers for not-for-profit publications, advertising and promotional purposes, and for their name to be published if they are a winner.
7. All personal information gathered by the competition organisers will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Creature Features Competition.
8. The judging panel will include a representatives from Council's Sustainability Team and their decision will be final.
9. Winners will be notified by telephone or email on 1 July 2020.
10. Councillors, competition organisers, the judging panel and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the competition.