

DIWALI LIGHTS COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

Competition: Residents and local businesses can enter the annual Diwali Lights Competition by submitting a photo of their light-decorated home, shopfront or business premises via the official entry form on Council's website. Entrants will need to provide their address, full name, and contact number as part of the submission.

1. Competition Entry

- 1.1. The information contained in this document and a description of the prizes form part of these Terms and Conditions (**T&Cs**).
- 1.2. By entering the Competition, you agree to be bound by these T&Cs.
- 1.3. The promoter is Cumberland City Council (**Council**):

Cumberland City Council
16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands NSW 2160
Ph: (02) 8757 9000
<https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au>
- 1.4. This Competition is a gratuitous lottery (game of skill) and does not require a permit under NSW law. For more information, refer to the [NSW Fair Trading](#) website.

2. Eligibility and How to Enter

- 2.1. The Competition will open for entries at 9:00am (AEST) on Monday, 12 October 2026, and close at 12:00pm (AEST) on Monday, 9 November 2026 (**Competition Period**).
- 2.2. To be eligible, you must:
 - (1) Submit a photo via the official entry form on Council's website during the Competition Period.
 - (2) Be a resident or a business owner/operator of the Cumberland Local Government Area and be over 18 years of age. If you are under 18, you must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian to enter.
- 2.3. Only one entry per residential household or business premises is permitted.
- 2.4. Employees and contractors of Council and their immediate family members are not eligible to win. Businesses owned or operated by Council employees or contractors are not eligible.
- 2.5. Council reserves the right to verify the identity and eligibility of entrants and to disqualify any entry that does not comply with these T&Cs.
- 2.6. All entries become the property of Council and may be used in future promotional and public materials.

3. Judging and Prizes

- 3.1. All valid entries will be judged based on creativity, originality, use of energy-efficient lighting and environmentally friendly materials, and alignment with Council's sustainability objectives.
- 3.2. The Finalists will be selected by a judging panel convened within Council. The decision of the judging panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 3.3. The judging panel will meet on Tuesday, 10 November, and Wednesday, 11 November 2026, to review all entries and select the top ten (10) entries for each ward (**Finalists**).
- 3.4. The public will vote from the Finalists to determine the winners. Individuals who vote will have their names put into a draw to win a \$50 voucher.
- 3.5. Voting will take place on Council's Facebook page from 12:00pm (AEST) on Friday, 13 November 2026, to 12:00pm (AEST) on Tuesday, 17 November 2026.
- 3.6. The most festive house, shopfront or business premises in each of our city's five wards will be awarded with a Winner, Runner Up and Highly Commended prize.
- 3.7. One Winner in each ward will receive a \$500 gift card; one Runner Up in each ward will receive a \$250 gift card; and one Highly Commended in each ward will receive a \$100 gift card.
 - The nominee/s who put forward the *Winning* image that received the most votes, will win a \$500 voucher.
 - The nominee/s who put forward the *Runner-up* image that received the most votes, will win a \$250 voucher.
 - The nominee/s who put forward the *Highly Commended* image that received the most votes, will win a \$100 voucher.
- 3.8. Winners will be announced on Council's website and social media platforms of Friday, 20 November 2026.
- 3.9. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email by Friday, 20 November 2026.
- 3.10. After seven days, unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.
- 3.11. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and are not redeemable for cash.

4. Risk and Liability

- 4.1. Council is not liable for any loss, damage or injury arising from entry into the Competition or acceptance of the prize.
- 4.2. Council may cancel, modify, suspend or extend the Competition in its absolute discretion.

5. Privacy

- 5.1. Council collects personal information in accordance with its Privacy Management Plan and the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW).
- 5.2. Your personal information will be used to administer the Competition, contact winners, and for promotional purposes related to the Competition.

- 5.3. By entering the Competition, you consent to the use of your name and suburb being published in Council communications.

6. Governing Law

These T&Cs are governed by the laws of NSW, and each entrant submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of NSW.
