



2025 DIWALI LIGHTS COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

Residents can enter by taking a photo of their decorated home, submitting it via the official entry form on Council's website with their address, full name, and contact number.

- Nominations open 1 October 2025 and close on 3 November 2025.
- Panel will meet 4 - 5 November 2025 for finalists.
- Voting will take place on Council's Website from 7 November to 11 November 2025.
- Winners will be announced on Council's website and social platforms.
- Winner, Runner Up and Highly Commended, will be awarded to the most festive house in each of our city's five wards. As part of the criteria, the use of energy-efficient lighting and environmentally friendly materials, aligning with Council's sustainability objectives will be taken into consideration.
- 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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Application

- 1.1.** Information on how to enter the Diwali Lights (Competition) and a description of the prize form part of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.2.** By entering the Competition, you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.3.** The promoter is Cumberland City Council (Council), located at 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands, NSW 2160.
- 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 be open for entries at 9:00am (AEST) on Wednesday, 1 October 2025 and concludes at 12:00pm (AEST) on Monday, 3 November 2025.
- 2.2.** Top five entries for each ward will be announced at 12:00pm (AEST) on Friday, 13 November 2025, with voting open for public until 12:00pm (AEST) Tuesday, 11 November 2025.
- 2.3.** To be eligible, you must:
 - a)** Submit a picture via the official entry form during the Competition period.
 - b)** Be a resident of Cumberland Local Government Area, over 18 years of age, or if under 18, have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

- 2.4. Only one entry per person is permitted.
- 2.5. Employees and contractors of Council and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.
- 2.6. Council reserves the right to verify the identity and eligibility of entrants and to disqualify any entry that does not comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- 2.7. 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.
- 3.2. The top five entries for each of the five wards will be selected by a panel within Council. The decision of the panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 3.3. Voting then will be open to residents to pick their favourite images from the five shortlisted entries for each of the five wards. Individuals who vote will have their names put into a draw to win a \$50 gift card.
- 3.4. The nominee/s who put forward the **winning** image that received the most votes, will win a **\$500** gift card.
- 3.5. The nominee/s who put forward the **runner-up** image that received the most votes, will win a **\$250** gift card.
- 3.6. The nominee/s who put forward the **highly commended** image that received the most votes, will win a **\$100** voucher.
- 3.7. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email by Thursday, 6 November 2025.
- 3.8. After seven (7) days, unclaimed prizes will be forfeited.
- 3.9. 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 or suspend the Competition if it becomes necessary due to circumstances beyond its control.

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

- 6.1. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales.
- 6.2. Entrants submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales.