

2025 Manningham Photo Competition Guidelines Terms and Conditions

Competition Guidelines

This Manningham photo competition has gained traction and become a renowned tradition, supporting our art, community and genuinely having fun.

Submit your photo for a chance to win a voucher worth up to \$400 and have your photo showcased in the 2026 calendar. This is a great way to push yourself, get creative and get out and about in Manningham.

Can I submit a photo?

If you fancy yourself a bit of a photographer and want to get out there and have a bit of fun, we encourage you to enter this year's competition. Anyone can submit a photo as long as it is taken in Manningham within the last 12 months.

Submit your photo into one of our two age categories:

- 25 years of age and under; or
- 26 years of age and over.

What could I win?

In each of the two age categories, a first, second and third place winner will be selected:

- 1st prize, 1x \$400 Find Your Local gift card
- 2nd prize, 1x \$300 Find Your Local gift card
- 3rd prize, 1x \$200 Find Your Local gift card

The total prize pool for the Competition is \$1,800.



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All short-listed applicants, including the winners, will have their photo showcased in the 2026 Community Calendar!

Key dates:

Launch of photo competition	Monday 7 April 2025
Close of competition	11.59pm (AEST) Sunday 18 May 2025
Shortlisting (judges)	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
Voting period	Monday 2 June 2025
Voting Close	Monday 16 June 2025
Winners Announcement	Wednesday 18 June 2025

How does it work?

1. Read through our photo guidelines and terms and conditions.
2. Explore Manningham, get creative and snap some shots.
3. Choose your best photos (maximum of three photos per entrant) and submit them by 11.59am (AEST) on Sunday 18 May 2025. Each photo needs a title and short description. Make sure your photo(s) are in line with the requirements, see below.
4. Using the 'Judging Criteria' set out below, the judges will shortlist the entries down to six photos in each of the two categories. **All shortlisted entries will be showcased in our 2026 Community Calendar.**
5. These 12 short-listed photos (being six from each of the two age categories) will be opened for public voting from 10.00am (AEST) on Monday 2 June 2025. The public have two weeks to vote online, via the Manningham Website, for their favourite photo in each category. Voting closes at 5.00pm (AEST) on Monday 16 June 2025.
6. The 3 photos in each age category with the most votes will be announced as the winners (first, second and third place) on Wednesday 18 June 2025.



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Your submission

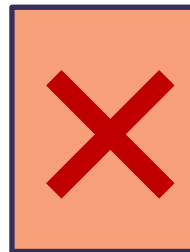
While we love seeing what you capture with your camera, there are a couple guidelines and requirements to help you with your submission:

- Must be in/of Manningham
- It needs to be taken in the last 12 months
- Photos of people – need to have provided a filled out consent form for each person featured, see details below.
- Photos can be taken on your phone or camera, with a resolution of 300dpi and 2000 pixels (or 275mm). (See entry requirements section under Terms and Conditions for more information).
- The photo needs to be in landscape orientation

This:



Not this:



Consent form

If your photo includes any person, you will need to complete and submit one consent form for each person photographed by 11.59pm (AEST) on Sunday 18 May 2025.

- Submit the consent form from website:
<https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-and-video-consent>
- Email completed form (one form per person featured) to
photos@manningham.vic.gov.au
- Email subject line includes: your name + title of photo
your photo will not be entered into the competition until we have received your completed form.

Need support?

This is a fun competition and we want to help you get involved. If you have any questions, concerns, clarifications or language barriers, contact photos@manningham.vic.gov.au

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Judging Criteria

Valid entries will be shortlisted by a panel judges on behalf of Manningham Council according to the criteria set out below.

Connection to Manningham

The image is taken within Manningham within the past 12 months (from 7 April 2024).

Aesthetic qualities

Clarity and sharpness, appropriate lighting, ideal composition (clear angle, level horizon), visibility of subject matter

Adherence to specifications

300dpi and 2000 pixels (or 275mm), no filters or effects (see entry requirements section under Terms and Conditions)

Added bonus

Storytelling qualities and thought. There is planning behind the image. Creativity and originality.

Terms and Conditions of Entry

1. The “Manningham Photo Competition” (Competition) is being run and managed by Manningham City Council, 699 Doncaster Road Doncaster Victoria 3108 (Proponent).
2. Entrance into the Competition is deemed as acceptance of these Terms and Conditions of Entry.
3. Failure by the Proponent to enforce any of its rights under these Terms and Conditions of Entry at any stage, does not constitute a waiver of those rights.
4. The Proponent may disqualify any entrant deemed to be not complying with the Terms and Conditions of Entry and the Entry Requirements at its sole discretion.
5. Entry to the Competition is achieved by uploading an original photo that captures Manningham, via manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition, in accordance with the below Entry Requirements during the Promotional Period.
6. The Proponent may, at any time, at its sole discretion, modify these Terms and Conditions, including our Privacy Policy, with or without notice. Any such modification will be effective immediately upon the Proponent publishing revised versions of the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy on its website. Continued participation in the Competition following any such modification constitutes your acceptance of the modified documents.
7. Do not put yourself at risk of injury and cause discomfort, injure animals or damage the environment while taking your photos.

PROMOTIONAL PERIOD

8. Entries are to be submitted to the Competition during the campaign period from 10.00am (AEST) on Monday 7 April 2025 to 11.59pm (AEST) on Sunday 18 May 2025 (Promotional Period).
9. The Proponent’s judges will shortlist valid entries according to the Judging Criteria between Monday 26 May 2025 and Friday 30 May 2025. The judge’s decisions are final and no correspondence or review of the decision will be entered into.
10. Public voting for the winners from the selected shortlist will commence from 10.00am (AEST) on Monday 2 June 2025 to 5.00pm (AEST) on Monday 16 June 2025.
11. Winners will be announced on the website and social media channels on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

WHO CAN ENTER

12. Individuals under the age of 18 must ensure they have permission from a parent and or legal guardian before submitting their entry.
13. Manningham Council staff, contractors and Councillors are not eligible for entry into the competition.
14. Entrants must qualify as amateur photographers. ‘Amateur photographer’ is defined as not currently earning primary income as a photographer.
15. Entrants in the 25 and Under category must be 25 years of age or younger at the time of entry.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

16. Entry to the Competition is free.
17. There is a limit of three (3) image entries per person. If more than three (3) images are submitted by an entrant, only the first three (3) images submitted will be considered for entry.
18. Entries can only be submitted in one (1) age category. If the same photo is entered into more than one (1) category, duplicate entries will be deemed ineligible.
19. Where an entry includes a photograph depicting a person/s, the entrant must provide a copy of a completed privacy consent form available at manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition signed by the person/s captured in the photograph. This will evidence their consent to the submission of the photograph to the Proponent for the Competition for each individual depicted in the entry. Where an entry includes a photograph depicting a person/s under 18 the entrant must provide a copy of a privacy consent form available at manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition signed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor.
20. Photographs must:
 - a. Be taken within the Manningham municipality;
 - b. Have been taken no earlier than 7 April 2024;
 - c. Be 300DPI and a minimum width of 2000 pixels (or 275mm);
 - d. Not be edited with any photo effects or photo filters;
 - e. Not contain any content that: is sexually explicit or suggestive, violent or derogatory, profane or pornographic, involves nudity, promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons; promotes any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous; promotes any particular political agenda or message; is obscene or offensive; endorses any form of hate or hate group; defames, misrepresents or contains disparaging remarks about the Proponent or its partners, other companies or people; contains materials embodying the names, likenesses, or other indicia identifying any person, including, without limitation, celebrities, and/or other public or private figure, living or dead, without permission; communicates messages or images inconsistent with positive images and or goodwill; and/or violates any law; and
 - f. Be original images captured solely by the entrant using a camera (digital, film, or smartphone). Images generated through artificial intelligence programs (such as MidJourney, DALL-E, Stable Diffusion, etc.) are not eligible. Additionally, images that have been altered using Generative AI in programs like Photoshop, Topaz Photo AI, etc., where new pixels are added that were not present in the original photograph, will not be accepted. The competition organisers reserve the right to request the original image files to confirm the authenticity of any entry. Failure to provide the original files, including any prior or subsequent images taken during the same shoot, may result in disqualification. The organisers also reserve the right to disqualify any entry if the integrity of the photograph cannot be sufficiently verified.
21. Entrants may use photo editing software only to ensure they are entering the correct file size and the correct file format.
22. All image details are final at the time of submission of an entry. Entrants are unable to make edits to an image once an entry has been submitted. Images without overlaying text are preferred.



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23. Entrants are required to retain a copy of any photographs submitted online in the highest resolution possible and provide these upon request by the Proponent.
24. Photographs may only be submitted via manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition
25. Hard copy entries received by the Proponent will be disqualified for lack of compliance with these Entry Requirements.
26. Prizes are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable for cash. The Proponent is not responsible for any lost, misdirected or stolen prize. No compensation will be payable if a winner is unable to use a prize in this form or if a prize or part of a prize expires.
27. Photographs submitted as part of this Competition may be used by the Proponent at no cost including (without limitation) across printed media, social media and broadcast media channels. As a condition of entering this Competition, entrants consent to having their entry, first name, last name, displayed by the Proponent and published in these ways including on the Proponent's website and within the 2026 Community Calendar.
28. By entering this Competition, all entrants:
 - a. Consent to the Proponent using, editing or modifying their photograph(s) to appear in Manningham Council promotional material and at no cost;
 - b. Warrant that photographs submitted are an original work that does not infringe on the copyright, trademark, intellectual property or moral rights of any third party;
 - c. Obtained all necessary consents to the use of the photograph(s) required by these Entry Requirements.

Privacy Collection Notice

The Proponent is committed to compliance with its obligations under the *Privacy and Data protection Act 2014 (Vic)*. All personal information collected by the Proponent will be used for the purpose of administering the Competition and creating and marketing the 2026 Community Calendar and associated purposes. Personal information will be kept confidential except as permitted in the above Terms and Conditions of Entry. These details will not be disclosed to third parties unless the Proponent is required to disclose the information under other legislation or disclosure is necessary to complete the purpose for which it is sought. You may access information you have provided to the Proponent at any time and make corrections if you believe that information is incorrect.



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Please contact the Engaged Communities team via email photos@manningham.vic.gov.au or call 9840 9333. Copies of the Proponent's Information Privacy and Security Policy, are located on the Proponent's website at manningham.vic.gov.au

