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## Mangrove Mountain Country Fair 2026 Contemporary Art Prize

Our Country Fair will be held on Saturday, 17th October.

The theme for this year's Contemporary Art Prize is: -

### "Shades of Yesterday"

The phrase "shades of yesterday" refers to something in the present that reminds a person of a person, event, or era from the past. It is a metaphorical expression used to describe a connection, echo, or haunting memory of past times.

This category, that is linked to a set theme, sparks great interest each year, and we are always thrilled with the quality of the entries.

Entries can be any medium and we encourage diversity. Our sculptural entries have been very interesting. I look forward to our first digital or film responses!

We know that there are many local artists producing work of high standard and we encourage all of you to enter this prize to showcase our area!

Entry is free and the winner will receive a cash prize of \$200 in addition to the honour of the award.

Entries from artists over 16 years of age can be delivered to the Mangrove Mountain Hall on:

- Thursday, 15th October between 3pm and 5pm or
- Friday, 16th October between 8am and no later than 11am

Please include a brief description of your work explaining its link to the theme

Please contact me for further information:

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### GET READY FOR A BUSH FIRE FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKING YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your home.

Get ready for bush fires, prepare a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save their lives, as well as your property and livestock.

**Don't wait until summer,  
start preparing now**

[https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/106814/Farm-Fire-Plan.pdf](https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/106814/Farm-Fire-Plan.pdf)

#### BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN - FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

There are four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire:

##### Step 1 Discuss

DISCUSS WHAT TO DO IF A BUSH FIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME

Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focussed.

##### Step 2 Prepare

PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET IT READY FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON

There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.

##### Step 3 Know

KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS

If there is a fire in your area you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so you know what you should do.

##### Step 4 Keep

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL BUSH FIRE INFORMATION NUMBERS, WEBSITES AND APPS

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

It's a fact. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bush fire. Download the four simple steps today at: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan>

The devastation we have seen at the 2025 Koolewong bushfire is a grim reminder to prepare because there is no second chance.

Information from the NSW RFS

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