

MEDIA RELEASE

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And the poster competition winners are.....

Students from Lindenow, Noorinbee, Gippsland Grammar and Bairnsdale Christian Community schools are the East Gippsland region winners in this year's National Water Week poster competition, with one student also scooping first prize at state level.

The double winner is Bethany Hickey from Gippsland Grammar's Bairnsdale campus who has topped the Grades 3-4 category for both East Gippsland and Victoria with her thought-provoking poster incorporating the message - *Keep our water clean for every human being!*

The other East Gippsland region winners, who also impressed the judges with their imaginative posters, are:

- Grade Prep Jacob Hulme, Bairnsdale Christian Community School
- Grades 1-2 Bella Rogers, Lindenow Primary School
- Grades 5-6 Brianna Shipton, Noorinbee Primary School

In addition, congratulations go to the runners-up: Brooke Connley, Cann River P-12 College - Grade Prep; Matthew Wood, Bairnsdale Christian Community School - Grade Prep; Zack Peters, Lindenow Primary School - Grades 1-2; Pippa Young, Gippsland Grammar - Grades 1-2; Ruby Young, Gippsland Grammar - Grades 3-4; Cameron Edwards, Buchan Primary School - Grades 3-4; Alex Wenn, Eagle Point Primary School - Grades 5-6; Zoe Cross, Lindenow Primary School - Grades 5-6.

Targeted at primary school students, the competition is coordinated each year by VicWater - the peak body for water businesses in Victoria - to raise awareness of water as our most precious resource.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond: "It's great to see how well informed our younger residents are about the importance of water, of looking after this scarce resource properly and using it efficiently. Local schools are clearly committed to maintaining and increasing student awareness, which is reflected by the excellent standard of entries received for this year's competition."

The corporation is presenting the competition winners and their schools with their prizes this week and each participant is also receiving a certificate.

The region's winning posters are now on display at our Bairnsdale office, 133 Macleod Street.

More follows/...

East Gippsland's winning posters

Grade Prep



By: Jacob Hulme
Bairnsdale Christian Community School

Grades 1-2



By: Bella Rogers
Lindenow Primary School

Grades 3-4



By: Bethany Hickey
Gippsland Grammar
(also a winner at state level)

Grades 5-6



By: Brianna Shipton
Noorinbee Primary School