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Local students get creative about water

More than 340 students from 12 schools throughout East Gippsland designed, created and submitted entries for the annual National Water Week poster competition.

In what was the highest participation rate since 2015, students used the theme 'Our Water Stories' as inspiration to create their artworks for the competition.

Once submitted, East Gippsland Water's staff of around 100 people across seven sites were invited to view the posters both in person and via an online portal and vote for their favourites.

East Gippsland's winning posters are now being judged against the winners of other Victorian water corporations, for the state prizes.

East Gippsland Water's Executive Manager Customers, Community and Communications David Radford said this year's competition entries were particularly impressive.

"We were blown away by the amount of entries we received and the quality of the artworks," he said.

"To have 12 local schools take part was just fantastic, especially since participation rates dropped during Covid.

"This competition has brought the school communities back together and has been a great boost for our re-launch of water education in the community post Covid lockdowns.

"Good luck to all the entrants, it would be fantastic if we could have a local winner pick up a state award for their work."

The winners and runners-up of the competition will be presented with their prizes during National Water Week (17th - 23rd October).

Schools who took part in the competition: One School Global, Cann River P-12 College, Omeo Primary School, Buchan Primary School, Orbost North Primary School, Orbost Primary School, Newmerella Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School Orbost, Metung Primary School, Swan Reach Primary School, St Mary's Primary School Bairnsdale, Bairnsdale Primary School.

Caption: East Gippsland Water staff Judd Boeker, Adam Hudson and Colleen Roach inspect some of the hundreds of entries to the National Water Week poster competition.

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