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East Gippsland Water announces winners of this year's National Water Week poster competition

It's National Water Week, and the team at East Gippsland Water is very excited to announce the winners of this year's National Water Week poster competition.

Designed to inspire learning, creativity and action around water conservation, this year's competition had the theme of 'Water Heroes: Save Every Drop'.

Scores of entries were received from across East Gippsland.

National Water Week, which this year runs from 20-26 October, celebrates the vital role water plays in our lives, our communities and our future.

East Gippsland Water's General Manager Customers, Community and Communications David Radford said the poster competition is a fun and engaging classroom activity that also helps students learn about the importance of water in their community.

"Water sustains our community across generations. It's inspiring to see children learning about its vital role and growing into the environmental leaders of tomorrow," Mr Radford said

"We're delighted to have been involved in the National Water Week Poster Competition since 2010. The competition encompasses 11 other water corporations across Victoria, and is supported by the Victorian Government and the Australian Water Association.

"Every year, participating children always surprise us with their imagination and talent, and this year was no exception.

"We received stacks of fantastic entries from schools across the region and it was a real challenge for our judging panel to select the winning posters."

Winners of each category receive a \$100 bookshop gift card and a professionally-made, fully boxed 60-piece jigsaw of their artwork. Second-place winners are awarded a \$50 gift card, with those in third place receiving a \$25 gift card.

Winners and placegetters – Years 1-2

Winner: Frankie Kutek - Swan Reach Primary School

Second place: Wren Kenny - Swan Reach Primary School

Third place: Felicity Pepperell - Swan Reach Primary School

Winners and placegetters - Years 3-4

Winner: Adeline De Freitas - Gippsland Grammar – Bairnsdale Campus

Second place: Eddie Kutek - Swan Reach Primary School

Third place: Maya Riley - Gippsland Grammar – Bairnsdale Campus

Winners and placegetters - Years 5-6

Winner: Rachel Salisbury - Swan Reach Primary School

Equal second place: Edith Wijsma - Swan Reach Primary School

Equal second place: Archie Brownlie - Mallacoota P-12 College

Third place: Karla Miller - Bairnsdale Primary School

Mr Radford congratulated all the winners and placegetters, and he thanked all the children, schools and caregivers who “enthusiastically embraced this year’s competition”.

Schools with winners and/or placegetters will be contacted shortly by East Gippsland Water to arrange prize presentations.

Artwork from winning entries will also feature in a 2026 wall calendar, available free from East Gippsland Water offices from the start of December.

Images of the 2025 winners’ and placegetters’ posters are shown on following pages. Individual image files are available on request.

Winners



Winner, years 5-6: Rachel Salisbury - Swan Reach Primary School



Winner, years 3-4: Adeline De Freitas - Gippsland Grammar – Bairnsdale Campus



Winner, years 1-2: Frankie Kutek - Swan Reach Primary School

Placegetters



Equal second-place, years 5-6:
Edith Wijsma – Swan Reach Primary School



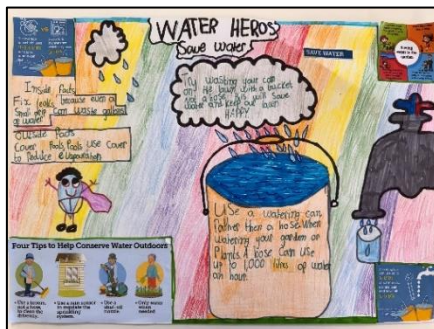
Equal second-place, years 5-6:
Archie Brown – Mallacoota P-12



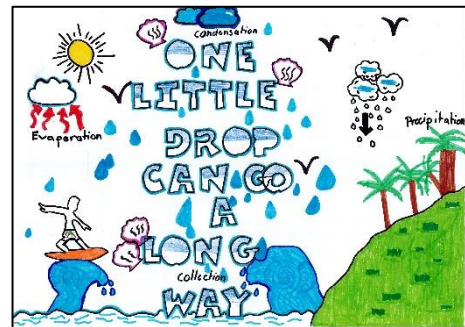
Second place, years 3-4: Eddie Kutek, Swan Reach Primary.



Second place, years 1-2: Wren Kenny, Swan Reach Primary



Third place, years 5-6: Karla Miller, Bairnsdale Primary School.



Third place, years 3-4: May Riley, Gippsland Grammar, Bairnsdale



Left: Third place, years 1-2: Felicity Pepperell, Swan Reach Primary School

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