



FISH CREEK TEA COSY COMPETITION 2026 GUIDELINES / CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Hello! And welcome to the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Competition! We look forward to seeing your creation at our festival in 2026. Please read these guidelines and Conditions of Entry prior to submitting your entry form.

This year we are moving to an online entry submission, and we would prefer to receive entries through our website www.teacosyfestival.com.au, however we understand that not all of our excellent crafty folk want to do that. If you are not able to submit an online entry form, please use this form.

Please complete a separate entry form for each tea cosy you are submitting.

1. Tea cosies must:

- be the original work of the entrant.
- be completed between **1 August 2025** and **13 April 2026**.
- meet the category guidelines and be suitable for general exhibition.
- not have previously been exhibited in competition.

While entries are not restricted in size, tea cosies fitting a teapot 110mm - 160mm are preferred. This size fits the pots that are used to display the tea cosies. Oversize cozies may not be able to be displayed as prominently or may need a teapot provided by the entrant.

Entries close on **13 April 2026**. Entries that arrive after this date will only be accepted if they are postmarked on or prior to **13 April 2026**.

2. Participants may enter tea cosies for competition in any of the following categories:

- **2026 Special Theme 'Life on the Farm' (Open)** a cosy made of any type of material that reflects this theme.
- **Traditional (Open)** – The tea cosy needs to be a double thickness, practical tea cosy, hand crafted from primarily natural fibres.
- **Exuberant Whimsy (Open)** – Do whatever you like and let your tea cosy imagination go wild, with no restrictions on material or method.
- **Under 18s** – no restriction on material or method. This category will be divided into the following subcategories, with prizes awarded to each age group listed below:
 - preschool age (0-5 years)
 - primary age (6-12 years)
 - secondary age (13-18 years)

We also award prizes in additional categories – see complete list below. This year we are introducing an additional prize category for **First Time** entrants to the competition. So don't be daunted, if you've never entered the competition before. We welcome you!

Category	First Prize	Honourable mention
2026 Theme - Life On The Farm (Open)	\$150	\$50
Traditional (Open)	\$150	\$50
Exuberant Whimsy (Open)	\$150	\$50
Children's preschool	\$50 gift voucher	\$25 gift voucher
Children's primary	\$75 gift voucher	\$40 gift voucher
Children's secondary	\$100 gift voucher	\$50 gift voucher
Popular choice (based on attendees' votes)	\$100	\$50
Recycled Materials prize	\$100	\$50
Packer's prize	\$100	\$50
First Time Entrant	\$100	\$50

3. Entries will be judged on artistic expression, originality, and artisanship. **All decisions of the judges are final.** The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Committee and the contest judges reserve the right to reclassify or reject entries that do not meet the conditions as stated.

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4. Once judging is complete, prize winners will be notified via email or phone submitted on the entry form. Winning entries will also be published on the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival website with the name of the entrant.
If you do not wish to have your name listed on our website, please indicate this requirement on the entry form.
5. Each entry for the competition must be accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of:
 - **\$10 for 1 tea cosy**
 - **\$12.00 for 2 cosies**
 - **\$17.00 for 3 or more cosies.**

Note: A limit of five (5) entries per individual entrant applies.

ENTRY PAYMENTS

Payment can be made by direct deposit to our bank account listed below. If this is not possible, please contact the Festival organisers via email to arrange alternative payment or entry form submission methods.

Banking Details

Account Name:	TEA COSY FESTIVAL
BSB:	633 000
Account number:	147728422
Reference:	Your Surname

- Please note down the receipt number when you pay online and email a copy of the receipt to teacosyfestival@gmail.com.
Please remember to retain your banking receipt number when you submit your cosy via post or other delivery method.
 - If you require a written receipt, please indicate this on the entry form and include a prepaid, self-addressed envelope.
6. Tea cosies are available for sale during the festival. Please nominate a sale price on the entry form. Alternatively, the Committee can nominate the appropriate sale price on your behalf.
Please note the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Committee charges 15% commission on sales. Alternatively, you may wish to donate the entire sale amount to the Festival, which will contribute to ongoing funding for future events.
 - If you do not wish to sell your cosy at the festival, we require an appropriately sized self-addressed prepaid envelope/box to be included when submitting the Tea Cosy. The Committee will not be able to return/post any cosy that has not supplied a pre-paid envelope/box.
 - The Committee is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Insurance remains the responsibility of the entrant.
 7. Each posted/delivered tea cosy entry must be accompanied by the following:
 - Full name of the maker
 - Phone number of maker
 - Bank receipt number and date of payment (if you have made an online payment)
 - Title and details of work/s
 - Pre/paid envelope/box (if you wish to have your tea cosy returned to you).
 - Entries must be posted (at no cost to the committee) or delivered to:

**Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival
PO Box 65
Fish Creek, Victoria, 3959
Australia**

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ENTRANT DETAILS

(First Name)

(Last Name)

Name to be printed (if different from above)**Email Address****Phone Number/s**

Mobile

Landline

Mailing Address

Number & Street

Town/Suburb/City

State/Territory

Postcode / ZIP

Country

COSY ENTRIES**(please complete a separate entry form for each cosy)**

- Single Cosy** **\$10.00**
- Two (2) Cosies** **\$15.00**
- Three (3) – Five (5) Cosies** **\$17.00**

Do you require a written receipt from the festival Yes No**Entry Bank Receipt Number****TEA COSY DETAILS****Please complete an entry form for each entry if you are entering multiple cosies**

1. Title of Tea Cosy

2. Date completed

3. Tell us about the materials and/or method used in making this tea cosy.

This information will be printed on a label for the exhibition (max. 25 words)

4. Tell us a little about yourself or the inspiration for the cosy.

*A sentence or short paragraph regarding either the background of the maker or inspiration for the cosy is also required. This information will be printed and placed with the cosy on display during the Festival (max 50 words)***Further Information**

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5. This tea cosy is entered into the category of: (please tick one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Theme <i>Life on the Farm</i> (Open) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre School (Children) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exuberant Whimsy (Open) | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary (Children) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional (Open) | <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary (Young Adult/Children) |

Additional prize eligibility:

- Is this tea cosy made of 100% recycled materials?
If your cosy is made of 100% recycled materials it will be eligible for the 'Recycled' prize category.
- Is this the first time you have ever entered the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Competition? If 2026 is the first year you have entered the competition you will be eligible for 'First Timers' prize category.

SELLING YOUR TEA COSY

Is this tea cosy for sale? Yes No

Price (if cosy is for sale).

Selling is optional. If this tea cosy is for sale, please nominate your preferred price. Or you can nominate the Festival committee to assign a price on your behalf. If you wish this to occur, please write 'Committee' in the box above.

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Your Bank Details

This is required if you wish to sell your tea cosy/ies during the festival.

Your Bank Account Name:
BSB: Account number:

Alternatively, you are welcome to donate your tea cosy proceeds to the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Committee.

- I wish to donate all proceeds of the sale of my tea cosy to the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival.

Unsold tea cosy return postage options: (please tick one)

- Post (you will need to enclose a prepaid, appropriately sized, self-addressed envelope)
- I will collect my tea cosy and between **10 am and 6pm on Monday 25 May 2026**, or at a pre-organised mutually convenient time.
- I don't want my tea cosy returned to me. The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival Committee may sell the tea cosy at a later date and retain all of the proceeds for future festival organisation funds.

Age Range (years of age)- Optional:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3- 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8 – 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 61 – 70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 - 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 71 – 80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21 - 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 81 – 90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 31 – 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> 90+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 41 - 50 | |

By signing and submitting this entry form, I affirm that the above information is complete and accurate, that the entries are my own work, and that I did read, understand, and am complying with all conditions and rules of the competition as stated.

Signature		Date	
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Checklist! Have you:

- Completed payment details
- Tea cosy/ies
- Entry form for each cosy (required so that each cosy can be identified)
- Self-addressed prepaid envelope (if you require receipts)
- Self-addressed prepaid envelope (if you require tea cosy/ies to be returned by post. Please ensure the envelope/box is a suitable size for the cosy's return)

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