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Threatened species competition highlights talented local schoolchildren

Shoalhaven City Council received some amazing entries in the 2010 Threatened Species Competition, which they run annually. This is a great competition that helps create a greater awareness of threatened species in our city. There are over \$3000 worth of prizes, including class prizes and individual awards.

This year's first prize was awarded to Classes K/1G and KD from North Nowra Public School. These classes did some really detailed research into the Green and Golden Bell Frog and produced an amazing work of art in the form of a large collage poster. For their efforts these classes have won a Wall Mounted Bubbler provided by Shoalhaven Water for the school! A display by years 1 and 2 from the same school on threatened owl species was also highly commended. The students from Class K1/G and KD have also scored a trip to the Nowra Wildlife Park and an 'animal experience with the keeper'.

Class 6W from St Michaels Primary School produced individual research project folders on a number of Threatened Species in the Shoalhaven area and won a class visit to the Nowra Wildlife Park for their efforts.

This year's prize pool also consisted of a class visit to the Bay and Basin Leisure Centre, a compost bin for a school and various book vouchers. A number of schools and individual entries including an impressive paper mache sculpture of the Green and Golden Bell Frog by Darcy and Poppy Tay and a plaster sculpture of the Green Turtle from Caitlin McKelligott have been awarded for their efforts.

Director Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Peter Adams said "the threatened species theme provides school children an opportunity to undertake study of a threatened species and then creatively depict the species in a poster drawing or sculpture."

"This is a small competition which attracts many entries from the primary schools in our city," Mayor Green said. "The competition helps to enliven children's understanding of the many wonderful yet threatened species we have in our city and in the lead up to National Water Week, continuing awareness of the importance in conserving water."

This year's entries range from colourful free standing sculptures, large collages, beautiful illustrations, stories and research projects.

Mayor Paul Green, visited North Nowra Public School to present first prize to the winning classes.

All entries in the competition can be viewed at Council's Administration Building in Graham Street Nowra during September. So pop in and see the talent of local schools on display.

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