

I was very impressed with the high standard of entries received again this year, the diversity of approaches to the theme of life in the City of Glen Eira and the innovative use of the photographic medium. Many works explored themes relating to the urban and natural environment, parks and gardens, family life, play, childhood and the diverse cultural landscape of our local community. During the judging process, I was searching for images that were engaging and provided an insight into life in the local community.

The winner of the Open Photography Section *An Armful of Chooks* successfully celebrates sustainable gardening practices in the local community, reflecting a strong sense of wellbeing, place and engagement with community values.

The winner of the Youth Photography Section *Sibling Rivalry* captures the recreational opportunities available to members of the local and wider community through the provision of many wonderful gardens and parks. The photograph depicts siblings playing in Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick and addresses notions of family life, play, enjoyment and community engagement with our local gardens.

The winner of the Junior Photography Section *Things I love Murrumbeena* celebrates the joy and spirit of childhood enjoyment, our local public transport system and the pleasure of living in Murrumbeena.

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