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**Shorebirds Competition 2021**

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ANSTO is proud to host the Shorebirds Competition for the fourth year. This unique environmental poster competition is **free to enter** and offers over **$4000 in prizes** (insert link to prizes button)for students and schools!

**Now open** to **Year 3 to 6 primary students across Australia** - enter through your school or as an individual. The **closing date is 6 August.**

We invite students to **create an ecotourism poster for a local wetland or coastal area (or one in your State or Territory) that provides an important habitat for shorebirds and other animals.**

Teachers can involve their classes in this engaging learning opportunity, with free NESA accredited professional development and comprehensive **lesson plans** (insert link to button), linked to the Australian Curriculum for Science, Geography and English.

We hope to draw attention to Australia’s many wetlands and coastal areas for their great natural beauty and importance in supporting diverse animal and plant life. We also celebrate the 50th anniversary of *The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance –* an important agreement between nations signed in 1971 to protect wetlands.

**Register your interest & put your town or school on the map!**

Insert “Individuals register here” button here and link to a Google Form

Insert “Schools register here” button here and link to a Google Form

Insert Google map

**Important Dates:**

**Competition Closes: Friday 6 August 2021, 5pm**

**Winners Announced: Monday 6 September 2021 – World Shorebirds Day**

**Purpose of your poster:** (Note to Jared: can you try putting this section & the next 3 in white font on mid-blue background, to break up the page?)

Your poster must grab people’s attention! It must make them want to visit your chosen wetland or coastal area to appreciate and help conserve its natural beauty and the shorebirds that live there. Importantly, it should show how the area is special and worth protecting for the future!

**Your poster must include:**

A **shorebird** species that lives in your chosen area. You can show an individual bird, several birds, or or a whole flock!

A **message or slogan, in 30 words or less.** Encourage people to visit your area with a *persuasive* written message!

The **natural environment**. Show some non-living (shoreline, rocks, water) or living features (plants and other animals) of your chosen area.

The **area name** and **shorebird name** on the front of the poster.

**Entry Form glued to the back,** with a little information about your area and shorebird.

**Your poster must be:**

Created **by hand** and **your own work!** This means that you have designed and created it yourself! Created on **A4 paper** using **pencils, pens, textas or paint**. **No digital images allowed**.

Created in **portrait** orientation. This means the narrow edge of the paper is at the top.

**About shorebirds:** Shorebirds rely almost entirely on wetland and coastal areas for their survival as they feed, rest and raise their chicks on the shoreline. They wade in the water (and are sometimes called *waders*), but don’t swim or ever land on water, unlike seabirds!

Australia has 54 species of shorebirds (insert link to *Information for students* button). Numbers of shorebirds are in fast decline, with several species now *threatened,* due to habitat destruction and changes caused by humans.

**Mail your (original) poster to:**

**ANSTO Shorebirds Competition**

**C/- ANSTO Discovery Centre (B65)**

**New Illawarra Road,**

**LUCAS HEIGHTS NSW 2234**

**Original entries must be received at the address above by 5pm, Friday 6 August 2021. Scanned copies not accepted. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of entries.**

**Let us know when your entry is in the post, so we can look out for it:** **competition@ansto.gov.au**

*Good luck!* Stephanie, Kim, and Matt, Competition Coordinators, ANSTO Education Team.

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**Questions?** Please contact the ANSTO Education Team: competition@ansto.gov.au or 02 9717 3090

The Shorebirds Competition is endorsed by the following organisations: (insert logos from last year)