



2026 Alice Springs Beanie Festival

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival Committee invites entries for,

2026 Beanie Central

The heartland of the festival, Beanie Central is FREE TO ENTER.

This is the home for over 6800 beanies of all shapes, colours and sizes, where the throngs of festival visitors come to dig for their favourites. Located in Witchetty's at the Araluen Arts Centre, Beanie Central is open everyday of the festival. Send up to 10 handmade beanies, tea cosies or lots of hand spun yarn - we love to receive your work for sale at Beanie Central. No other items accepted for sale. We recommend that artists value add to their work, with attention to detail and concepts that will sell beanies as well as increase market price.

PLEASE READ ALL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY CAREFULLY.

Beanie Central: Witchetty's, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs.

Open: Friday 19 June, 10am – 8.30pm; Saturday 20 June, 10am-5pm; Sunday 21 June, 10am – 5pm; Monday 22 June, 10am – 3pm.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. **Beanies and entries must be received before Friday 29 May 2026.** It is not guaranteed that late entries will be included in the exhibition. Note it can take 3 weeks for parcels to arrive in Alice Springs so be early!!

2. Entry of work into the Alice Springs Festival 2026 Beanie Central is FREE.

3. There is a price limit of \$120 (including commission) on beanies entered to Beanie Central (not applicable to competition beanies).

4. **The Alice Springs Beanie Festival will charge 30% commission.** Please include the commission within the price of beanie.

5. Each artist may send up to 10 beanies (beanies can be made using either wools or acrylics), 10 tea cosies or 10 lots of hand spun wool for sale at the Beanie Central or combination of 10. Do not send pairs of beanies tied together, only separate beanies can be sold. Do not send teapots only teacosies. **Booties, gloves, scarves and socks cannot be entered.** *Please do not send any other items. They will be returned to the artist, payment on delivery.* (We love your work, but this is a Beanie Festival!)

6. **Each entry must be delivered with:**
i. Completed Entry Form: see overleaf
ii. Beanie Festival Swing Tags: attached by **strong** yarn. Ensure **knots are tight** and swing tags very secure, if tags and beanies become separated it may mean your work will not be sold, please stick barcode to selling swing tag in correct position. **Please do NOT use safety pins or thin cotton . Please use your full name on tag.**

7. Beanies, yarns and tea cosies must be priced in \$5 lots (ie \$10, \$15, \$30 etc) **not** \$18, \$21.50, \$54.70 etc.

8. **Send to: Alice Springs Beanie Festival, c/- Araluen Arts Centre, PO Box 3521 Alice Springs N.T. 0871**

9. While all care will be taken with the entries, no responsibility will be accepted for lost or damaged items, by the Alice Springs Beanie Festival or the Araluen Arts Centre. Insurance remains the responsibility of the artist.

10. Payments will be made by bank transfer ONLY as cheques are no longer used by banks, please ensure your bank details are correct (double check those digits) as if incorrect it will cause delays in your

payments.

11. The Beanie Festival reserves the right to use images of the works entered free of charge for any promotion or publication. Apart from this, copyright resides with the entrant.

12. Beanies and teacosies must be handmade with either wools or acrylics. If you are entering skeins of yarns for sale they must be must be handspun.

13. **Volunteers Needed:** Do you want to sell more beanies? Do you want to have fun, learn skills, play with lots of beautiful beanies and be one of the gang??

★ Become a Beanie Volunteer! Many artists travel to Alice and have fun organising the festival. An artist may post as many as **50** beanies (or combo of beanies, spun yarns and teacosies) to sell PROVIDED you donate 10 hours of volunteer shifts to the festival. **Any unsold beanies made by volunteers must be donated to the festival or picked up at close of festival (on Tuesday 23rd June), they will not be posted.**

★ To register place your name on the Volunteers Board anytime from Wednesday 17 June to Tuesday 18 June from 10am - 5 pm. You do not need to register prior to Festival just turn up. Volunteer duties include working in the teashop, set-up, pack-up, front door duties, children's corner, gallery attendant, beanie tidier. Contact Jo Nixon for further enquiries (email beaniefestival@gmail.com or phone 0408 436 928). Unfortunately, volunteers who don't work their rostered shifts will be charged a 50% commission on any beanies they sell. Check the website for more info about volunteering www.beaniefest.org If you are over 80 and want to attend the Festival no need to volunteer, just be an ambassador and still send in 50 beanies.

DONATIONS

Upfront donations Would you like to donate a beanie/s to the festival upfront? Donated beanies will be either donated to a person in need at the end of the festival or sold through the beanie festival to go towards funding our workshops in the bush programs.

Unsold beanie donations: Would you like to donate your unsold beanie/s following the festival? You can either donate all of your unsold beanies (please tick box on entry form) or have all your unsold beanies returned at a price of \$8 or \$12 postage (depending on size of parcel required).

All Enquiries For advice, encouragement or swing tags email: beaniefestival@gmail.com or call 0408 436 928

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Bar code no. (on sticker)	Name of Work	Identifying Features (Colours, materials, stitch, bells, buttons, shapes)	Price
Example: 264578	Sunset memories	Golden yellows crochet with stripes tassel and bells on top	\$50
1			\$
2			\$
3			\$
4			\$
5			\$
6			\$
7			\$
8			\$
9			\$
10			\$

Volunteers Only (please use separate sheet for extra beanies)

11			\$
12			\$
13			\$
14			\$
15			\$
16			\$
17			\$
18			\$
19			\$
20			\$
21			\$
22			\$
23			\$
24			\$
25			\$

Entry Form: 2026 Beanie Central

I hereby certify that the entries are my own hand-made originals and that I agree to the conditions of entry:

Name				Age* (Optional)?		Years Young
Address			Town/City			
State		Country		Postcode		
Email			Telephone			
Bank Account Name						
BSB						
Account Number						

Please mark an X in the boxes below that apply to you and leave others blank.

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES - I would like to donate ALL unsold beanie/s to the festival at the close of the festival.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO - please return all unsold beanies to me at the close at of the festival at a cost of \$8 or \$12 postage and handling

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Unsold beanies will be returned as soon as practical after the festival (except for volunteers who will collect their beanies on the Tuesday after the festival closes, or donate unsold beanies). A bank transfer for sold works will be done after the Festival, it may take us a couple of weeks as we can only process 25 payments a day and there will over 500 of you to pay so please be patient.