

2026 Alice Springs Beanie Festival International Competition

Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you Beanies of Gratitude

Celebrating THIRTY years of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival

Our final and best Beanie Festival ever. We invite you to create the most magnificent beanie you ever did dream of. Let the juices run wild and your imagination explode. This a time to celebrate the world's most famous Beanie Festival. And we can't wait to see your works!

Beanie Competition and Exhibition: Gallery One, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Ali19ce Springs

Opening: Friday 19th June 2026 at 6pm. Then open daily until Sunday 19th July

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Beanies and entries must be **received** before the close of business, **Friday 29th May 2026**.

Late entries will be returned COD Please note it takes 3 weeks for parcels to arrive in Alice Springs so prepare early. Please send a pre paid post pack for return beanies or we will send it in a box COD which can be expensive. Please do not send hat stands or teapots with your entry.

1 The Favourite Beanie Festival Memory Prize

For a beanie that tells a story of your favourite beanie memory from the past 30 years...a moment, a friend made, the colour, the joy spread.

2 Your Dream Beanie Prize

This is the beanie you have always dreamed of making..go wild...this is your moment to shine!

3 The Beanie of Gratitude Prize

We are so humbly grateful for your involvement in the festival for so many years...what are you grateful for in your life?

4 The Most Glorious Beanie Ever Prize

What is the most exquisite beanie you ever imagined...attention to detail, colour, form and imagination...perfection in a beanie.

5 Our Favourite Animal Prize

Everyone loves a beanie that celebrates the animals, birdies, reptiles, fishies and bees...always a crowd pleaser these ones.

6 Mrs Haggie's Spirit of the Land Prize

For a beanie celebrating the spirit of our vast Australian country.

7 The Eileen Bladon Tea Cosy Prize

For a marvellous tea cosy that Celebrates Tea! Anything goes here.

8 Heart Felt Prize

The Prize for wet felting, nuno-felting, needle felting or knit and felted masterpiece.

9 Stitched Up Prize

For an incredible piece of work made using knitting or crochet.

10 Embellishment Prize

For a remarkable piece of work incorporating seeds, feathers, tjanpi, embroidery, stitching or other embellishment.

11 Beanie Festival Committee Acquisition Prize

For wonderful piece of work that we add to the festival collection.

12 Kids' Prize

A prize for a beanie-maker 18 and under, whose work shows talent and potential.

13 Central Australian Prize

For a magnificent work, made by an artist from the Central Desert and surrounds.

14 2026 People's Favourite Beanie Award

A prize for the favourite beanie, as voted by festival visitors.

Our beanie definition includes any hat that provides warmth and sits well on the head.

No fascinators or string hats will be exhibited in 2026.

The committee reserves the right to not exhibit works that they deem offensive or derogatory.

NOTE: All beanies will be judged in all categories.

Everyone can have a go at entering a beanie – not just designers!

PRIZES

★ Prizes include a \$200 cash prize, a handmade trophy.

★ \$500 Centred in Choice Cash prize for the People's Favourite Beanie winner.

★ Winners will be announced on Friday 19 **June 2026** at the opening. The winners will be posted on the website www.beaniefest.org The People's Favourite Beanie Award will be announced at 1pm Monday 22nd 2026.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 29th May 2026

All Enquiries: For advice, encouragement or swing tags:

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1) **All entries must have arrived by last mail 29 May 2026.**

No discussion will be entered into. No extensions possible.

2) **Each competitor may enter two pieces into the competition. The First entry must be for sale, the second can be for sale or not for sale.**

3) **Sales:** There is a tendency to underprice the work, so please consider all your costs - materials, postage, entry fees, commission, effort etc.

4) **Entries to be sent to: Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Araluen Arts Centre, PO Box 3521, Alice Springs NT 0871**

5) **Each entry must be delivered with:**

i) **Entry fee: a non-refundable entry fee of \$20 per beanie/teacosy.** Payment can be made by cash or money order to the Alice Springs Beanie Festival. International entries payment made by bank deposit Pls email beaniefestival@gmail.com for details..

ii) **Return of unsold work:** Send a **prepaid** postpack with your name on it for us to return your work, or we will box it up and send it COD (this can be expensive) Please tick box below.

iii) **Identification Label:** The artists name, address and price must be marked and firmly stitched (not pinned) to the inside crown of the beanie. Please use a cloth tag (you only need to do this for competition beanies).

iv) **Beanie Festival Swingtag must** also be attached so that it hangs out of the beanie from the inside crown in an obvious way, with the price clearly written.

v) **Barcode** We will attach a barcode to your entry as we receive it and note it on your entry form.

vi) **Entry Form:** a completed and signed entry form.

vii) **Artists statement/Beanie Stories** (optional): Please send an artist statement with your work in a one page A4 format.

Detach and send with entries - All Enquiries call 0408 436 928 or email: beaniefestival@gmail.com

ENTRY FORM: Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you - Beanies of Gratitude

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I hereby certify that the entries are my own hand-made originals, produced after July 2025 and I agree to the above conditions:

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

ENTRY 1 Title:

(Judges decide categories for each entry)

Price (include commission) \$

barcode number

ENTRY 2 Title:

Price (include commission) \$

barcode number

Signature

Date

*******Return postage options:** (please tick your chosen option)

☐ **Express post bag.** We will post each beanie back in a post bag **please send prepaid postpack with your entry.** We will return postpack if your beanie sells.

☐ **Boxed Cash-On-Delivery.** We will box up your beanie and send it COD

If your work is in a particular cultural/family tradition we would love to know the origins of your work, e.g. send a story about your work, a story about your making. This will be placed in an A4 folder within the exhibition space and possibly used in festival publications.

6) **All entries will be seen by the judges.**

7) **Any entries that are not displayed within the Araluen Gallery** will be displayed as part of the Beanie Central Exhibition.

8) **50% commission will be taken from the asking price by the Araluen Gallery (40%) and the Beanie Festival (10%).**

9) **Payment from sold work:** Payment for sold works will be made by bank transfer as soon as possible after the close of the exhibition (July 20th) Please double check your bank details as incorrect numbers will cause delay in payments

10) **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.

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, copy right resides with the entrant.

12) **All entries must have been produced after 1 July 2025 and not previously exhibited.**

14) **Unsold work:** All unsold work will be returned to the artist. Please note on the entry form how you would like your piece returned **and include a PREPAID post pack or COD paperwork with entry fee if appropriate.**