



Byron Shire Council is holding a School Colouring In Competition to celebrate the release of the Bundjalung Language Colouring Book and the upcoming World Water Day.

Your school is invited to participate in a Colouring In competition

Byron Shire Council has recently produced the Bundjalung Language Colouring Book as part of the *Yarrabil-a Jagun Singing Up Country* project. The *Yarrabil-a Jagun Singing Up Country* project is a collaboration of culture to revive language. To celebrate the development of the Bundjalung Language Colouring Book, Byron Shire Council is holding a Colouring In Competition.

The theme of 'Water' is integrated into the competition as part of Council's efforts to raise awareness for World Water Day 2017. The United Nations 'World Water Day' is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The theme for World Water Day 2017 is 'Wastewater'. The message is "**Wetlands are Precious – they filter the water before it meets the sea**"

All wastewater from Byron Bay is highly treated at the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant before the water is 'polished' through wetland cells prior to release into local waterways and eventually into the sea. The Byron Wetlands are now well established and provides important habitat for many animals, including over 200 species of birds, with several species being rare and endangered.

Byron Shire Council will be holding an open day on Saturday 25 March 2017 at the award winning Byron Bay Integrated Water Management Reserve (Byron Wetlands) to celebrate over 10 years since the wetlands were constructed as part of the Byron Bay Wastewater Management Scheme.

The winners of the competition will be announced as part of the World Water Day celebrations at the Byron Wetlands open day on Saturday 25 March 2017. Art work received will be displayed at the event which will feature speakers, artwork and photography, activities and tours of the Byron Wetlands.

If your school is interested to be involved in the Colouring In competition you need to:

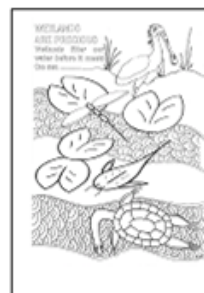
- Contact Councils Aboriginal Projects Officer Belle Arnold on 6626 7226 to obtain the artwork. Belle has a variety of resources to support children and young people to engage with local Aboriginal Culture and Belle will visit your school to help develop these opportunities for cultural exchange
- Submit all artwork entries to Council by 5 pm Friday 17 March 2017

There are four entry levels on which the artwork will be assessed:

1. 5 years and under age group
2. 6 – 9 years age group
3. 10 – 12 years age group
4. 12 years and greater age group

Prizes include:

- One major prize to the school that submits the most entries into the competition - \$200.00 Art Pack
- One individual prize for each age group - \$50.00 Art Pack
- All individual entries will receive the Bundjalung Language Colouring Book



If your school is interested to learn more about wastewater management in the Byron Shire please contact:

Byron Shire Council Environmental Systems Officer Bryan Green on 66859322

Tours of the Byron Wetlands are available for school groups which include the Byron Bay Sewerage Treatment Plant and the award winning wetlands. The Byron Wetlands has an interpretative centre and bird hide for educational purposes. Activities such as the 'Catchment Model' and 'Water Bug identification' are integrated into the educational tours.