

**Greater Wellington Regional Council *Ask a Scientist* Competition
Terms and Conditions**

1. The *Ask a Scientist* Competition (**Competition**) is run by Greater Wellington Regional Council of Shed 39, 2 Fryatt Quay, Pipitea, Wellington 6011 (GWRC) on behalf of Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara (TWT) Committee. The Competition will be governed by these Terms and Conditions and by entering this Competition, you are deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions.
2. The Competition is open to all residents of the Wellington region aged 16 years and over, with the exception of GWRC employees and their immediate family members, and TWT Committee and Project Team members.

Competition Period

3. The Competition will commence at 4pm Wednesday 26 February 2020 and will be run weekly for a maximum of 10 consecutive weeks, ending at 5pm Tuesday 5 May 2020 (**Competition Period**).

Entry

4. To enter the Competition, each Entrant must:
 - (a) Submit a question about water to Whaitua@gw.govt.nz by the time and date specified in the relevant Facebook post; and
 - (b) “Like” or “follow” the TWT Facebook page www.facebook.com/Whaitua; and
 - (c) Provide their name, city of residence and a contact phone number,during the Competition Period (each an **Entry**).
5. For each week of the competition (**Competition Week**), the close off for submitting an **Entry** is 5pm of the following Tuesday, ie, the close off for the **Competition Week** starting Wednesday 26 February is 5pm Tuesday 3 March.
6. Any **Entry** submitted after the close off for that week will be considered in the following **Competition Week**.
7. Any **Entry** submitted after 5pm Tuesday 5 May 2020 (the end of the **Competition Period**) will be invalid.
8. You may submit as many **Entries** as you wish, as long as each **Entry** contains a different question, during the **Competition Period**. However, each entrant can only win one prize.

9. You are responsible for ensuring that any information provided as part of an **Entry** is complete and correct. Incomplete, incorrect, indecipherable or illegible **Entries** will be invalid.
10. An **Entry** and any copyright subsisting in an **Entry** irrevocably becomes, at the time of **Entry**, the property of GWRC held on trust to be used for the benefit of TWT Committee.
11. GWRC reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of **Entries** and entrants (including an entrant's identity, age and place of residence) and to disqualify any entrant who submits an **Entry** that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions or who tampers with the entry process. Failure by GWRC to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights.

Draw

12. For each **Competition Week** of the **Competition Period**, GWRC will select one **Entry** from all the valid **Entries** received for that **Competition Week** (each, a **Winning Entry**).
13. The **Winning Entry** will be selected based on the following criteria:
 - How relevant it is (ie, the question must be water-related, relevant to the Te Whanganui-a-Tara catchment and preference will be given to questions that are topical)
 - How constructive it is (ie, the question must be genuine, and the question and answer must be helpful to the wider community)
 - How interesting it is (ie, the answer should provide clarity around a poorly or misunderstood issue and be of interest to the wider community).
14. GWRC will use its best endeavours to contact each winner by phone or email (using the contact details supplied in the **Winning Entry**) within 24 hours of the prize draw. However, if GWRC cannot contact any winner within a reasonable time, GWRC may redraw for the relevant prize.
15. The winning question and corresponding answer will be announced on the TWT Facebook page www.facebook.com/Whaitua on the Friday following the closing of that **Competition Week**.
16. All decisions regarding this Competition by GWRC will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prize(s)

17. The prizes for the Competition will be a \$20 mojo voucher for each **Winning Entry** (ie, one per week for a maximum of 10 consecutive weeks). Prizes may be collected from GWRC or posted to a Wellington address supplied by the winner to GWRC.
18. The prizes cannot be transferred, exchanged or redeemed for cash.

19. GWRC will use its best endeavours to provide the prizes set out in these Terms and Conditions. If any of the prizes are unavailable for whatever reason, GWRC reserves the right to substitute the prize for a prize of an equivalent value.
20. By entering the Competition, you agree to GWRC using your personal information supplied to contact you if you are a prize winner. If you are a prize winner, you agree to participate in publicity organised by GWRC and/or the TWT Committee and you also agree to the use of your name, likeness and image for publicity and promotional purposes for an unlimited period in any media, without compensation. This includes, but is not limited to, social media and event websites and media releases.

General

21. You understand that GWRC will only be answering the questions in each **Winning Entry**, and reserves the right not to answer other questions submitted in any other **Entries**.
22. GWRC is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, computer equipment, software, technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participants or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation in this Competition.
23. Subject to any applicable laws which cannot be excluded, Facebook, TWT, GWRC, its employees and agents will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury of any nature incurred or suffered by any person (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss or loss arising from negligence) arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with this Competition or with winning, redeeming or benefiting from the prize.
24. By entering this Competition you acknowledge this Competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered, or associated, with Facebook. You understand that you are not providing your information to Facebook.
25. You understand that you are providing your information to GWRC and the information you provide will be collected, stored and used only for the purpose of this Competition and as otherwise set out in (and in accordance with) GWRC's Privacy Policy (www.gw.govt.nz/privacy-statement).
26. GWRC, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel, suspend, terminate or modify the Competition if fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond GWRC's reasonable control adversely affects GWRC's ability to conduct the Competition as contemplated in these terms and conditions, subject to any written directions from any regulatory authority. Any such termination or modification will be notified on the TWT Facebook page www.facebook.com/Whaitua.

27. These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of New Zealand and each Entrant agrees to submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New Zealand.
28. If you have any questions in relation to this competition, please contact Penny Fairbrother, penny.fairbrother@gw.govt.nz.