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Wet Tropics art on display

Budding young artists have submitted over 150 pictures and posters to celebrate 20 years of Wet Tropics World Heritage.

Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) executive director, Andrew Maclean, said the artwork shows that students in the area have a real appreciation for their natural environment.

“We hope that children in the region will continue their connection with the Wet Tropics into their adult lives and become responsible caretakers for our environment.”

“It’s really fascinating to see how children interpret their environment through art. All entries are on display in the public foyer of the Cairns Regional Council Chambers during August and September and the community can get involved and vote for the people’s choice award,” he added.

One winner will be selected to receive a class trip on Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.

Skyrail managing director, Ken Chapman, said the poster competition was a great way to engage the community’s youth.

“This has been a great way to get children interested in their environment and to think about the important role the World Heritage Area plays in their lives. We were delighted that so many students and schools participated in the competition. The entries are all very creative and it is clear that a lot of hard work went into them,” Mr Chapman said.

“Skyrail is very proud of its role in introducing and engaging visitors in the Wet Tropics rainforests and educating them about their World Heritage values. We look forward to welcoming the winning class to Skyrail and providing them with a fantastic experience in the Barron Gorge National Park,” he said.

“I’d encourage people to visit the display at Cairns Regional Council and vote for the people’s choice before the end of August. I look forward to announcing the winner at Cairns Regional Gallery on 19th September.”

“Skyrail was very pleased to be a part of this initiative,” Mr Chapman said.

The poster competition was proudly supported by the Wet Tropics Management Authority, Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Cairns Regional Gallery, The Cairns Post, The Townsville Bulletin and the Cairns Regional Council.

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