



SPIRIT OF THE LAND LOCKHART

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026

**CELEBRATING
20 YEARS IN 2026**

The National Farm Art Sculpture Award is for sculptures that showcase and capture the uniqueness of the Australian landscape, flora, fauna, and lifestyle of living on the land.

These sculptures must be created predominantly from metal and represent the art form “farm art”. The re-use of old machinery and equipment is encouraged.

We invite you and your associates to participate in this non-acquisition award. First prize in the National Farm Art Sculpture Award receives \$20,000 prize money, with their art work remaining their own property.

SCULPTURE INFORMATION

CATEGORIES

Nomination of Category and Entry Fees

Artists may nominate a category for their entry, but the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee reserves the right to refuse any artwork entry into a specified category. This would only occur after consultation with the artist.

The Youth and the Small Sculpture entry fee is \$5, all other entry fees are \$25. **The same sculpture may be entered into more than one Award category**, but will be charged accordingly, i.e. entry into the National Farm Art Award, and the Local Artist Award would cost \$50. Multiple sculptures may also be entered. The entry fee is \$25 for each of the first two sculptures and \$10 for each sculpture thereafter.

Sculpture Categories

1 National Farm Art Sculpture Award

Our major award is the \$20,000 National Farm Art Sculpture Award. It is a non-acquisitive award, and award winners will retain ownership of their artwork. However, the winning piece must stay on display in the Lockhart Shire for a period of twelve months. It may be sold (and indeed the display may well engender a sale) but the new owner cannot take possession until the twelve months have passed, unless special permission has been sought from the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee.

The Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee will have a 'First Right of Refusal' with respect to any sale / purchase of the National Farm Art Sculpture Award winning entry.

The National Farm Art Sculpture Award must be created predominately from metal, and we encourage the re-use of old machinery and farm equipment. There are also two Highly Commended awards in this category.

National Farm Art Sculpture Award entries should:

- **Reflect connection to Australian rural and/or bush landscape**
- **Be constructed predominately from metal.**
- **Have a significant portion of its materials of agricultural origin.**
- **Demonstrate ingenuity and resourcefulness through the use of materials.**
- **Be principally constructed by the artist.**

2 Creative Cocky Award

This Award is for art that must have been made by a practicing or retired farmer and which clearly shows the origin of the steel. We expect that pieces in this category would be refashioned farm scrap metal, but this is not mandatory. In this prize category 'imagination' is the goal, not the most beautiful or skilfully made

3 Local Artist Award

Sculptures entered into this category will have the same criteria as the National Farm Art Sculpture Award and must be made by an artist who resides within 50 km radius of Lockhart.

4 Small Sculpture Award

Sculptures entered into this category will have the same criteria as the National Farm Art Sculpture Award, and are less than 1m high, wide and long.

5 Youth Artist Award

Sculptures entered into this category will have the same criteria as the National Farm Art Sculpture Award and must be made by an artist under the age of 18 years. The judges will be looking for an artist who shows potential in the field of Farm Art Sculptures.

There are two (2) categories

- Youth Under 12 years
- Youth 12 - 18 years

6 Free Spirit Award

This category is aimed at more contemporary sculptures that do not reflect “farm art”. Sculptures entered into this category: -

- Must be constructed predominantly out of metal;
- Can have plasma cut elements;
- Must be principally designed by the artist, but can be manufactured/cut elsewhere;
- Do not need to be of agricultural origin;
- Cannot be entered in any other category as sculptures entered in the Free Spirit Award will not fit the criteria of all other categories.
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7 Female Farm Sculpture

Sculptures entered into this category will have the same criteria as the National Farm Art Sculpture Award and must be constructed by a female artist.

8 People’s Choice Award

There will also be a People’s Choice Award for the Sculptures.

REGISTRATION

- The Youth and the Small Sculpture entry fee is \$5, all other entry fees are \$25.
- The same sculpture may be entered into more than one Award category, but will be charged accordingly, i.e. entry into the National Farm Art Award, and the Local Artist Award would cost \$50. Multiple sculptures may also be entered. The entry fee is \$25 for each of the first two sculptures and \$10 for each sculpture thereafter.
- A brief resume and personal photograph are requested for promotional purposes and to use with displays during the Festival.
- Early registration will assist with our national/ international promotional campaign and photographs of artworks would also be appreciated. These can be emailed or posted.
- To assist us with planning please email an 'Intention to Exhibit' to the coordinators. An 'Intention to Exhibit' will enable us to complete the paperwork for you, allowing easy registration on the day of installation. Please email info@spiritofthelandlockhart.com.au. It would be appreciated if this could be done by **Monday 7 September 2026**.
- Entries close on **Monday 28 September 2026**. Late entries will be accepted at the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee's sole discretion.
- Whilst all care is taken, artists are responsible for insurance. Please see Terms and Conditions of Entry below.

KEY DATES

- **'Intention to Exhibit'** to be submitted by **Monday 7 September 2026**.
- **Entries close on Monday 28 September 2026**.
- **Installation of sculptures** must be completed by **4pm on Thursday 8 October 2026**.
- **Judging** is on **Friday 9 October 2026**.
- **Collection of Exhibits** between **2pm and 5pm on Sunday 11 October 2026**.

AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

- National Farm Art Sculpture Award - \$20,000
- National Farm Art Sculpture Award, Highly Commended - \$1,000
- Creative Cocky Award - \$1,000
- Local Artist Award - \$1,000
- Small Sculpture Award - \$1,000
- Youth Artist Award (under 12 years of age) - \$100
Youth Artist Award (12 – 18 years of age) - \$500
- Free Spirit Award - \$1,000
- Best Female Farm Sculpture - \$1,000
- People's Choice Award - \$1,000

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1 Closing Date The Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee must receive the Entry Form by **Monday 7 September 2026**. Late entries will be accepted at the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee's sole discretion. A late fee of \$10 per entry will apply.
- 2 Number of Entries Exhibitors are permitted to enter any number of artworks.
- 3 Entry Fees Entry fee of \$25 or \$5 (for "Youth" and "Small Sculpture" categories only) for each entry. The same sculpture may be entered into more than one Award category, but will be charged accordingly, i.e. entry into the National Farm Art Award, and the Local Artist Award would cost \$50. Multiple sculptures may also be entered. The entry fee is \$25 for each of the first two sculptures and \$10 for each sculpture thereafter.
- 4 Sales of Sculptures Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. will receive 15% commission on all sales. The Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee will direct the artist to the potential purchaser if delivery of works by freight is required, to organise between themselves.
- 5 Installation of Sculptures All sculptures must be in place at the exhibition area by **4pm on Thursday 8 October 2026**.
- 6 Collection of Sculptures All sculptures must be collected from the sculpture exhibition area between **2pm and 5pm** on **Sunday 11 October 2026**. Distant entrants will need to make arrangements to collect or transport any unsold works. Each unsold work not collected by specified time and date will incur a \$25 storage and handling fee.
- 7 Promotion and Publicity Entrants shall allow their sculpture to be reproduced in any media coverage related to the exhibition.
- 8 Removal of Sculptures Purchased sculptures may not be removed during the exhibition.
- 9 Disputes Should any disputes arise for which no ruling has been laid down, the matter shall be determined by the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 10 Winning Sculpture The Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. Committee will have a 'First Right of Refusal' with respect to any sale / purchase of the National Farm Art Sculpture Award winning entry. Irrespective of whether or not the 'First Right of Refusal' is exercised by the Committee, the winning sculpture must remain on display in the community for a period of 12 months. The winning sculpture may be sold during this period however the purchaser cannot take possession of the sculpture until the expiration of 12 months.
- 11 Insurance Entrants are responsible for their own insurance, should they require it. All entries are accepted by the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. on condition that it shall not be responsible for loss or damage to any item submitted for exhibition, whether during transport, exhibition, or in the possession of the Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc.
- 12 **The Spirit of the Land Committee reserves the right to cancel a category of award if not enough entries are received**

LIST OF SUBMITTED WORKS

Approx. Size	Title	Category (e.g. Farm Art Sculpture Award)	Selling Price	Entry Fee
Total Entry fees				
Signed			Date	

YOUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

This is to assist us in paying you the proceeds of any sales or Award prize money.

Account Name: _____

BSB: _____

Account No: _____

Spirit of the Land Lockhart Inc. will endeavour to pay all proceeds from sales within 14 days.

If you choose not to provide your bank account details this may result in additional delays.

AUTHORISATION FOR PROXY COLLECTION

I hereby authorise _____ to collect my artwork at the completion of the Festival between **2pm and 5pm** on **Sunday 11 October 2026**.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require additional information regarding the Sculpture sections of the Festival, please contact info@spiritofthelandlockhart.com.au or 0458 295 222