



Murtoa's Big Weekend

Scarecrow Competition

If you want to be in the running for awards and prize money, you need to register your Scarecrow. If not, you can just build your scarecrow and display it for fun. You can register your Scarecrow at one of the registration centres (below).

Registrations

Scarecrows must be registered by September 23 to be eligible for judging.

Registration Forms can be obtained from **Murtoa Neighbourhood House** or download from murtoabigweekend.com.au/get-involved

Registered Scarecrows Will Be:

Entered in **one of 2 categories** and be either: **Traditional, Artistic, Children's or Ironing Board styles.**

Categories

- Family/Individual
- Children (Under 16)

Judging will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Judges of Scarecrows will choose first and second places in each category.

Judging Guidelines

There will be a team of independent judges. Judges might go for WOW factor, for others it might be the story that is being told. The construction could be important to some. **Most importantly, make it fun!**

What to Do

1. Plan what scarecrow you are going to build.
2. Register your scarecrow by **September 23**. Forms are available from each Registration place or Online.
3. Have your scarecrow in place by **September 26** and your registration number will be placed on the Scarecrow.

Prizes:

First Prize - \$100
Second Prize - \$50



styles

Traditional

Characteristics:-

- Classic cross frame (does not have to extend arms all the way out)
- Human clothing – preferably recycled
- Stuffed with straw, scrunched paper, plastic or feed bags, rags etc.
- To be attached to a star picket which is planted in ground
- Can include props; on or surrounding it, to present a “theme” (valued).

Artistic

Characteristics:-

- Any traditional characteristics
- Free form construction and materials
- Must include a recognizable main character or characters
- Artistic flair is greatly encouraged.

Children's

Characteristics:-

- Any of the other classes' characteristics
- Limited to children under the age of 16.

INTERESTING Style!!!

Ironing Board Creation

Characteristics:-

- Use an Ironing Board as the 'body' of your Scarecrow

*Note: Please construct your Scarecrow for durability. We do not want your hard work blowing around town or wilting after the first rain. You may want to use chicken wire, corn husks and stalks, straw, rubber foam and other lasting products that will hold their shape after repeated wind and rain. Your Scarecrow will be on display from **Monday 26 September** and throughout Murtoa's Big Weekend. Your Scarecrow can be collected after **October 10**.*

Rules

- No hazardous or toxic materials please
- Judges will look for attention to detail and originality – so come up with something unexpected!
- Give your Scarecrow a name
- Judging will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 and the judges decisions will be final
- Must be made out of durable materials – metal, stone or wood – and suitable for an outdoor area
- Must be able to be properly secured to the star picket and weighted to cope with strong winds
- Must be suitable for a family audience and 'people friendly' regarding safety. The organizers reserve the right to refuse entries that are not appropriate.
- Must be easily transportable
- Star pickets will be provided where necessary.



PLEASE **DETACH AND RETURN** TO MURTOA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE OR **EMAIL** TO: murtoadnhouse@gmail.com



Entrant Name: _____ Age _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

NAME/TITLE OF SCARECROW: _____

The **Category** I am entering is the following:

- Family/Individual
- Children (Under 16)

The **Style of Scarecrow** I am entering is the following:

- Traditional
- Artistic
- Children's
- Ironing Board

