RULES AND CONDITIONS - THREADS OF CHANGE OP SHOP FASHION SHOWCASE

Threads of Change
Participation Rules and Conditions

1. Eligibility

Secondary School Category

- Open to students enrolled in Victorian secondary schools.
- A maximum of two entries per secondary school.
- Entries may be submitted by individuals or pairs.
- A teacher or school representative must endorse all entries.

Tertiary Student Category

- Open to students enrolled in a university, TAFE, registered training organisation (RTO), or other tertiary education provider.
- Entries may be submitted by individuals or pairs.
- Proof of current enrollment will be requested.

Open Category

- Open to members of the community aged 18 years and over.
- Entries may be submitted individually or as a pair.

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2. Design Requirements

2.1 Designs must demonstrate the creative use of:

- Op-shopped clothing
- Recycled textiles
- Repurposed garments
- Reused materials that would otherwise become waste

2.2 At least 80% of the finished design must be created from second-hand, recycled, repurposed, or upcycled materials.

2.3 Materials must be clean, safe, and suitable for public display.

2.4 Designs must be appropriate for viewing by all ages.

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3. Sustainability Theme

3.1 Entries should reflect one or more of the following:

- Environmental sustainability
- Waste reduction
- Circular fashion
- Community wellbeing
- Creativity through reuse

3.2 Participants must include a brief explanation of how their design supports sustainable fashion principles.

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4. Display Requirements

4.1 Entries will be displayed on mannequins supplied by the organisers unless otherwise advised.

4.2 Garments must be able to stand independently on a mannequin without constant adjustment.

4.3 Each entry must be accompanied by:

- Design title
- Entrants name(s)
- School / Tertiary name (if applicable)
- Description of materials used (maximum 200 words)
- Photographs documenting the development of their entry from original materials to finished design.

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5. Judging Criteria

Entries will be assessed on:

Criteria	Weighting
Creativity and originality	30%
Sustainability and reuse of materials	30%
Construction and presentation	20%
Design concept and storytelling	20%

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6. Entry Submission

6.1 Entrants must submit registration forms by the published closing date Sunday, 14th February 2027.

6.2 Final entries must be delivered and displayed by the entrant for exhibition between 12:30 and 2:00 pm on Friday, 12th March 2027. Entries must be collected by Sunday March 14th 2:30pm unless prior arrangements have been made with the organisers.

6.3 Late entries may not be accepted.

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7. Awards

Awards will be presented for:

- Secondary School Student Winner (Judges' Choice): **$500 x1**
- Secondary School Prize for Winning School: **$500 x1**
- Tertiary Student Winner (Judges' Choice): **$500 x1**
- Tertiary Institution Prize: **$500 x1**
- Open Category Winner (Judges' Choice): **$500 x1**
- People's Choice Award (Public Vote): **$1,000 x1**

Total Prize Pool: $3,500

The organisers reserve the right to amend award categories based on entry numbers.

In the event of a tie for the People's Choice Award voting, the tied entrants will be declared joint winners and will share the award.

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8. Photography and Promotion

8.1 By entering the competition, participants and schools (if applicable) consent to photographs being taken of entries for:

- Event promotion
- Social media
- Rotary publications
- Local media coverage
- Future event promotion

8.2 Student names will only be published in accordance with school permissions and applicable privacy requirements.

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9. Insurance and Liability

9.1 Entrants are responsible for ensuring entries are safe for handling and display.

9.2 Organisers will take reasonable care of all entries but accept no responsibility for loss or damage during transport to and from the venue.

9.3 Event organisers will maintain appropriate public liability insurance for the exhibition.

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10. Code of Conduct

Participants must:

- Respect event volunteers, judges, and other entrants.
- Avoid offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate content.
- Comply with all venue safety requirements.

Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

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11. Organiser Rights

The organising committee reserves the right to:

- Refuse entries that do not meet competition requirements.
- Adjust categories if insufficient entries are received.
- Make changes necessary for the safe and successful operation of the event.

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12. Participant Responsibilities

- Ensure entries comply with competition rules and safety requirements.
- Submit entry forms and supporting information by the closing date.
- Ensure all materials are clean, safe, and suitable for public display.
- Arrange transport of entries to and from the exhibition venue unless otherwise advised by organisers.

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13. Entry fees

- A $50 entry fee applies to all entrants. An early bird special of $40 applies.
- Entry fee must be paid via Try Booking: https://www.trybooking.com/DQXXK
- Entry fees must be paid before an entry is accepted.
- The entry fee is non-refundable except where the event is cancelled by the organisers.
- The entry fee contributes to the costs of delivering the event, with proceeds supporting Australian Rotary Health's research into children's mental health.