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Coastal Photo Competition Snaps Again!

Kwinana and Rockingham's photographers are expected to hit the beaches this summer, all vying for prizes in the second 'Coastcare in the KIA' Coastal Photo Competition, sponsored by Kwinana Industries Council (KIC).

Categories include best mobile phone pic, which proved a huge success last year, according to organizer **Craig Wilson, from Coastcare**.

"Some of the entries were very imaginative, and because most people now have access to a camera phone, just about anyone can enter," he said.

There are two other categories – Student and Open – and all entries must be of the coastal strip from Port Kennedy to Henderson and are to be submitted by email.

"There will be many visitors and residents coming to the Kwinana/Rockingham coast and the photo competition will be an opportunity to capture their summer experiences and interaction with the coast," Mr. Wilson said.

"The judges will be looking for photos of the plants, animals and scenery that people most enjoy and will be collating the best entries for display, he said.

Sponsored by KIC, the photo competition is part of the larger Coastcare program which is re-vegetating the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA) coastline.

The Coastcare Program is an initiative of Perth Regional NRM (formerly Swan Catchment Council), Local, State and the Australian Government.

It mobilizes community participation in the restoration of the coastal foreshore through the provision of training and on-ground support for community groups.

"The KIA has one of Western Australia's most beautiful coastlines and it is industry's aim to keep it that way," said **KIC President Thys Heyns**.

"By sponsoring programs like Coastcare we are making sure the area is vegetated with Australian species native to the area, which should also lead to an increase in native wildlife."

Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams has enthusiastically backed the competition and was on hand to launch the competition.

"Kwinana has one of Australia's most scenic coastlines, so taking good pictures will be a real snap," she said.

Coastcare in the KIA and the *Coastal Photo Competition* are proudly sponsored by Kwinana Industries Council.

Details at a Glance:

- Coastal Photo Competition Launch and Adopt a Beach Awards Ceremony
- Launch of the Coastal Photo Competition by Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams and Thys Heyns, KIC President.
- 11.30 am Wednesday 17 December.
- Wells Park Rotunda, Kwinana Beach Road Kwinana Beach.
- The ceremony and launch will be followed by a barbeque and refreshments – don't forget to slip, slop and slap.

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