

2024 Golden Gig, Sponsored by Maccas



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please ensure Terms and Conditions are fully understood prior to submitting your application. In making an application, you agree to abide by all instructions and conditions imposed by Tamworth Regional Council and acknowledge the following information:

1. 2024 Golden Gig, Sponsored by Maccas Competition is organised and promoted by Tamworth Regional Council and is open to all solo music performers 17 years of age and under as at 19 January 2024.
2. There are two age-based categories to enter
 - 13 to 17 years
 - 12 and under
3. Only one entry is allowed per individual.
4. Participants will be judged on a list of criteria including delivery, stage presence, audience appeal, song choice being age appropriate and in the country music genre, and raw talent.
5. Five finalists from each age section will be chosen by the judges across the four days of performances from Monday 22 January to Thursday 25 January 2024 and invited to perform in the Grand Final to take place in the morning on Friday 26 January 2024. These finalists will be notified of their inclusion by 3.00pm on Thursday 25 January 2024. If a chosen finalist is unable to attend the Grand Final, the organisers reserve the right to include a replacement chosen by the judging panel.
6. The top 3 place getters of both age categories will be expected to participate in the Country Music Parade on Saturday 27 January 2024 and perform as part of the Winners Showcase on the Golden Gig Stage, following the Parade on Saturday 27 January 2024.

Prizes

7. Each entrant will receive an official McDonalds Australia Limited Golden Gig certificate of entry and a Macca's Food Voucher on the day of their performance.
8. Age category – 13 to 17 years - First place will receive a Scholarship for a Junior Student Course valued at \$3,300 with The Academy, an initiative of the County Music Association of Australia Course, three separate professional mentoring opportunities with an industry leader (approximate length 20 minutes each at a mutually agreeable time/format) and an electric-acoustic guitar, a pair of Outback Traders boots, \$500 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music. The second place performer will receive \$400 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music. The third place performer will receive \$100 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music.
9. Age category – 12 and under – First place will receive three separate professional mentoring opportunities with an industry leader (approximate length 20 minutes each at a mutually agreeable time/format), an electric-acoustic guitar, \$500 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music. The second place performer will receive \$400 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music. The third place performer will receive \$100 cash plus a \$250 voucher from Capitol Music.
10. Prizes will be shipped to winners to addresses in Australia only. In the event of prize unavailability due to unforeseen supply delays, a similar product of equal or higher RRP value will be offered to the winner.

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Performance

11. Each solo performer will be invited to perform two (2) songs - maximum eight (8) minutes total.
12. Song choice must be age appropriate and in the country music genre only.
13. A performer can be self-accompanied or allowed one additional musician to accompany them.
14. A three piece band (guitar, bass and drums) is available to support each performer. Charts must be provided prior to 11.00am on day of performance.
15. Event manager contact details and performance times will be provided to successful applicants prior to 21 January 2024.
16. Each performer must ensure that they do not exceed their performance time allowance. Strict time applies to include your set-up, performance and dismantle from stage.
17. It is the responsibility of the performer to report to the event manager no later than 20 minutes before the nominated time of their performance. Or prior 11.00am if presenting charts for backing band.
18. Microphones and instrument DI's will be provided by the organisers. Instruments and all other equipment must be supplied by the performer.
19. **Live music only.** No pre-recorded or pre-programmed music will be permitted.
20. All electrical leads and electrical appliances must be tested and tagged.
21. The performer shall be solely responsible for the care and correct use of all equipment and any damage shall be compensated to the Organisers.
22. No damage is to be done to stages, equipment or other property.
23. No alcohol, illegal substances, bad language or cigarettes including e-cigarettes will be allowed on or around the stage or within the venue.
24. Tamworth Regional Council and McDonalds Australia Limited accepts no responsibility for the security and or any loss or damages incurred to performers or their instruments or equipment during the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Judging

25. Employees of the Organiser (Tamworth Regional Council) and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.
26. Any breach of these terms and conditions shall render the party ineligible for any prize in the competition and may also result in the party being asked to cease performing immediately.
27. Tamworth Regional Council reserves the right to alter conditions as circumstances dictate.
28. The decision of the judges will be final and no discussion will be entered into. No critique is given to performer.

Privacy Statement

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29. Personal information supplied to or collected by Tamworth Regional Council will only be stored and processed by Council for lawful purposes directly related to the functions and activities of Council. Any personal information supplied will only be disclosed to a third party for the purpose of performing a lawful function or activity and for no other purpose. Disclosure of personal information to a third party will be in accordance with Tamworth Regional Council's [Privacy Management Plan](#).

Covid-19

30. All participants are to comply with the current Public Health Orders and Government directed COVID-19 requirements in place at the time the event is held.

Conditions

31. I hereby consent to Tamworth Regional Council and McDonald's Australia Limited to taking photographs and/or audio-visual footage of me for the use in publications, promotions, website or other material.

32. I indemnify Tamworth Regional Council, McDonald's Australia Limited and its employees and volunteers against any and all liabilities, claims and actions that may eventuate from performing in the Golden Gig, sponsored by Maccas competition during the 2024 Tamworth Country Music Festival, Friday 19 January to Sunday 28 January 2024.