

Design the Carpet Bag for the Mary Poppins Birthplace Statue!

COMPETITION DEADLINE: 5pm Wed 5th June 2013

Did you know that the town of Bowral is where the character of Mary Poppins is now believed to have been created as a bedtime story 100 years ago? The author of the *Mary Poppins* books PL Travers (real name Helen Lyndon Goff) lived in Bowral with her family as a child and teenager from 1908 to 1917.

A life-size statue is being sculpted to celebrate the special connection that Bowral has with the creation of one of the world's most famous children's storytime characters. The statue has been commissioned by the Southern Highlands Youth Arts Council (SHYAC) based on an original suggestion in a youth design competition by one of its current members, Melissa McShane, almost 10 years ago. Melissa was then a child of 11-12 years old, the same age as the author when the Mary Poppins character began to form in her imagination.

The statue is being created by one of Australia's best regarded sculptors Tanya Bartlett, who was also responsible for the statue of Sir Donald Bradman in the courtyard of the Bowral museum that bears his name.

SHYAC is now inviting children aged 12 or less (or attending primary school in 2013) to submit a design for the carpetbag to

feature on the Mary Poppins Birthplace statue. The design needs to include certain symbols connected with how the character came to be created in Bowral. The symbols will appear as part of the tapestry weaving in the carpetbag on the bronze Mary Poppins statue. The bag's decoration will be promoted for brass rubbings by tourists visiting the park to see the statue.

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THE PRIZE?

If your design is judged the best, then the initials of your name will secretly be included on the bronze statue somewhere on the carpetbag. If more than one design is used then the extra initials of all those selected will be included. The design judging will be done by Tanya Bartlett and Melissa McShane..

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY:

Post your entry to

SHYAC Mary Poppins Carpetbag Design

PO Box 219

Bowral NSW 2576

Must be received by **5pm Wednesday 5th June 2013.**

ENTRY FORM



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS YOUTH ARTS COUNCIL

Full Name:

Age: Contact phone #

School:



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Your design **COULD** include the following symbols: 1. Three sisters (one older and two younger) telling a story around a fireplace; 2. A horse flying across the ocean (but the horse does not have wings); 3. Halley's Comet; 4. Mount Gibraltar 5. Anything else....?