

# Moth Plant Competition 2026: Terms and Conditions

Please read this document carefully. By registering for the Moth Plant Competition 2026 (“Competition”), you acknowledge that you have read, understand and accept these Terms and Conditions.

## 1. Eligibility

Only residents in the Northland Region are eligible to participate in the Competition.

You may register as a school group, team, community group, or as an individual. A maximum of ten people is allowed per team.

Anyone under the age of 18 must have written permission from their parent or legal guardian to take part in the Competition. The parent/guardian permission form must be completed for each participant under 18 years of age and submitted via the online registration form on the Competition webpage: [www.nrc.govt.nz/mothplantcomp](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/mothplantcomp)

Employees, contractors, elected members of Northland Regional Council (NRC) and their immediate families can participate in the Competition but are not eligible to receive any prizes.

## 2. Registration

You must register via the online registration form on the Competition webpage: [www.nrc.govt.nz/mothplantcomp](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/mothplantcomp)

You can register at any point during the Competition period.

Each team must nominate a leader, who must be 18 years or over. The team leader is responsible for supervising all team members who are under 18 years of age at all times, and all communications from NRC about the Competition will be sent to the team leader.

## 3. Competition period

The Competition runs **from 9am on Monday 23 February 2026 until 8pm on Friday 15 May 2026.**

## 4. Competition rules

This is a points-based Competition – you earn points by removing and collecting moth plant pods and pulling out seedlings/vines with the roots attached:

- Each moth plant pod is worth **one point**.
- Each moth plant seedling/vine with the root attached is worth **three points**.
- All pods and vines must be collected from within the [Northland regional boundary](#)

To receive the points, you must submit a photo(s) that clearly show the collected pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots attached. Photos must show:

- The pods arranged in easily countable grids of 10, 20, or 50.
- Seedlings/vines with roots attached lined up in rows of 10 or 20.

- A piece of paper that clearly states the total number of pods or seedlings/vines in the photo, your/your team's name and the date in writing.
- **Please do not include any people in the photos you submit.**

**Photos must be submitted via the reporting form.** You will receive a link to this form once you have registered.

You can collect moth plant pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots and submit photos from the date you receive confirmation of your registration until the Competition ends. Late entries will not be accepted.

By submitting photos, you certify that the pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots were collected after you/your team registered and have only been used in one photo during the Competition period. NRC have the right to disqualify participants if NRC determines (in its sole discretion) that pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots have been included in more than one photo. NRC may also discount any photos provided that are not of sufficient quality to verify the number of pods and/or seedlings/vines collected. All decisions of NRC are final.

## 5. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams or individuals who score the most points from collecting pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots.

The prizes are:

Category	Prize
1 <sup>st</sup> place – awarded to the team or individual with the most points	\$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> place – awarded to the team or individual with the second most points	\$300
3 <sup>rd</sup> place – awarded to the team or individual with the third most points	\$200
A small pool of \$50 Prezzy Cards will be awarded as spot prizes throughout the Competition. These will be awarded at NRC's discretion.	

- Only the team/individual who originally entered the Competition can be awarded a prize.
- The prize draw is not open to NRC employees, contractors, elected members or members of their immediate families.
- Winners will be determined over the week commencing 21st May 2026 at NRC's Whangārei office (36 Water Street).
- Winners will be notified by phone (call or text) or email week commencing 1st June 2026. Where attempts to contact a winner fail (i.e. when the winner cannot be contacted by phone or email after three attempts) the prize will be awarded to the next closest winner.
- Winners must adhere to all rules of the Competition and meet all of the terms and conditions in order to receive the prize. If they do not, the prize will awarded to the next closes winner.
- All expenses and other ancillary costs that are not specifically set out in these terms and conditions are not included and are solely the responsibility of winners.
- Prize money will be paid to the winners via bank deposit. Teams must nominate one member's bank account for the prize money to be deposited in to. If a winner does not have a bank account, a

parent/legal guardian's bank account may be used instead. Winners must provide proof of bank account, such as a screenshot, that shows their bank account name and number.

- Spot prizes of \$50 Prezzy cards will be awarded at NRC's discretion. NRC will arrange collection/delivery of spot prizes with winners. NRC is not liable if the spot prize is lost or damaged in transit.
- Prizes are not exchangeable or transferable.
- By accepting the prize, winners agree to participate in any publicity arrangements that NRC may reasonably require in relation to this prize draw including but not limited to the winners' details and image(s) being published on NRC's social media page(s) (Facebook, Instagram, and/or LinkedIn) and in media releases.
- Winners take the prize entirely at their own risk and indemnify NRC from and against all losses, damages, costs, proceedings, actions, claims or demands that may occur in connection with the taking the prize. Winners are responsible for all insurance, tax or other costs that may be associated with their prize.

## 6. Compliance with law

- You, and every member of your team, is responsible for your own health and safety while participating in the Competition. You must comply with all New Zealand law and the Mandatory Safety Precautions and Transport and Disposal Requirements regarding the handling of moth plant.
- You must receive landowner permission before entering private property to look for or collect moth plant pods and/or seedlings/vines with roots. If NRC becomes aware that you did not obtain permission, NRC reserves its right to disqualify you/your team from the Competition.
- By participating in this Competition, you agree to indemnify NRC against any claims, expenses, proceedings, actions, liabilities, damages, costs, demands and losses arising from your failure to comply with New Zealand law, the Mandatory Safety Precautions and Transport and Disposal Requirements or due to your unauthorised access to property.

## 7. Fair Play

- All participants are expected to act ethically and honestly.
- Any instances of trespassing, unsafe practices, submitting fraudulent counts, or breaching Competition rules or terms and conditions may result in disqualification from this and future competitions.

## 8. Disclaimer

NRC is not liable for any loss or damage suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss), or for personal injury suffered or sustained, as a result of participating in this Competition, except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law. Participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for adhering to all safety guidelines and law.