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Local students use film to showcase biodiversity in our local forests

To celebrate the United Nation's International Day of Forests (21 March 2020) and inspired by the theme 'Forests and Biodiversity: Too Precious to Lose', OneFortyOne announced a Limestone Coast school student film competition and the results are in. Now in its second year OneFortyOne's film competition encouraged students to create a short video that showcases the biodiversity of our local forests.

OneFortyOne was thrilled to receive over 30 short videos from primary and secondary students starring the amazing plants and animals that live in our local forests. Entries were assessed by a four-person panel for originality, creativity, time (1 minute or less) and relevance. The films highlighted the value Limestone Coast residents place on forests for reasons beyond biodiversity such as shelter for native animals, areas of recreation, building resources and employment.

Film panellist and a member of OneFortyOne's finance team, Megan Jones said, "The standard of the videos was very high and it's great that so many kids wanted to show the natural beauty of our forests in a way everyone can relate to." Panellist Ockert Le Roux, OneFortyOne's Harvesting and Roading Manager added "A great amount of time goes into planning, filming and editing a video. It was such a big effort for our entrants to participate, especially with all their other commitments. Their passion for biodiversity and the wonder of nature really came through."

Quite a few students entered for the second time this year, showing a solid level of interest in the program. And, just like last year we were thrilled to see these quality pieces coming from our community and very impressed by the level of output, irrespective of age, it really was, top-class work.

Major prizes were awarded to one student in each of the primary and secondary winner categories and coaching / mentoring opportunities awarded to runners-up to nurture their film talents. The videos can be found on our Facebook page and www.onefortyone.com.

Winners

Primary - Owen Lubbe (Reidy Park Primary School)
Secondary - Molly Wild (Grant High School)

Runners Up

Primary - Bonny DeNys (Tenison Woods College)
Secondary - Elijah Bond (St Martins Lutheran College)

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