

Get Ready Photography Competition – Terms and Conditions

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1. OVERVIEW

South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') invites community members that have captured images of disasters (before, during or after) to enter this photography competition.

The photos will be published on Council's website and in the 2027 "Get Ready South Burnett" calendar. Winners will be announced for each category and contacted directly to arrange prize delivery.

The competition will run for four (4) weeks. Entries open on 9 March 2026 and will close on 5 April 2026 at 11:59 pm (unless extended).

2. GENERAL

- the terms and conditions of this competition, promoted by Council applies to all entries;
- entry into this competition is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions;
- entrants acknowledge that by entering this competition, they have entered a competition to win prizes as detailed in these Terms and Conditions;
- entries received in accordance with these Terms and Conditions during the competition period will be deemed eligible;
- the five (5) categories for this competition are: storm; flood; fire; lightning; disaster planning (for example evacuation kits / animal kits);
- entries will be judged and awarded at the conclusion of the competition;
- there is no limit to the number of entries submitted.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- entry is free and open to all persons (with the exception of Councillors and senior Council officers as defined by the *Local Government Act 2009*);

- images must be captured within the South Burnett region;
- images must be free of watermarks or similar overlays, underlays or signatures.
- images must be the original work of the entrant and not be created or modified with Artificial Intelligence;
- entries will be accepted via the online entry form on Council's website. Entries submitted through other channels may not be accepted;
- entrants must confirm that in submitting their images, the original image does not violate or infringe (or could reasonably be expected to violate or infringe) upon the legal rights of any other person, including depicting any material which is protected by copyright, trademark or other intellectual property rights that are not that of the entrant;
- entries must not contain any material that is offensive, defamatory, obscene, indecent, harassing, threatening, racist, sexist, abusive, unlawful, explicit (including nudity) or of political satire or criticism. Any entry, at Council's discretion that is deemed to meet this criteria will be immediately disqualified from the competition;
- entrants assume all responsibility for having gained the appropriate consent (or consent of parent or legal guardian if under 18 years of age) of all persons within photographs to having their image entered into the competition. The entrant confirms they have gained consent release to Council. No person will have any entitlement to financial reimbursement for any publication or use of photographs.

4. PRIZES

Prizes in each of the five (5) categories will be awarded to the twelve (12) photos selected by the Local Disaster Management Group.

The prize will include:

- Disaster Management Information kit and wind-up radio.

5. JUDGING AND VOTING

Individual category judging:

- a Judges Panel ('panel') appointed by the Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') or delegate will review eligible entries and provide recommendations to Local Disaster Management Group for winners;
- when a judge accepts appointment to the panel, they are ineligible to enter the competition;
- Council may appoint judges to the panel that are otherwise ineligible to participate in the competition (for example Councillors and senior Council officers);
- Council will use blind judging, where photographs are judged by the panel, without knowledge of the entrant's name to reduce possible conflicts of interest.

6. COMPETITION ENTRY

Entrants are required to complete the online entry form and provide:

- name, email address and telephone number;
- location of photography;
- consent to use any visual media taken to be reproduced in print and electronic format, more than once in Council's publications and/or marketing materials including 2027 South Burnett Get Ready calendar;
- upload photographs;
- check the 'I'm not a robot' and complete the squares that relate to the picture displayed and select verify;
- select next, review submission and submit form, which will send details to Council for processing.

7. DISQUALIFICATION

Council may reject entries without notice or explanation, where it considers that the entry or entrant:

- does not meet the eligibility criteria or other requirements under these Terms and Conditions;
- is not clear what category the entry fits into as determined by Council;
- has identifying aspects that may breach the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (for example registration numbers);
- is not of high enough quality for republication (for example. resolution) as determined by Council;
- is taken in an unsafe way, or is taken in a way that indicates the photographer has not complied with a law relevant to them at the time of capture (such as trespass or capturing an image while driving);
- is not consistent with Council's Social Media Guidelines Factsheet or a Council policy.

8. USE BY COUNCIL, PUBLICATION, COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- by submitting an entry, the entrant grants Council a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, payment-free, worldwide, sub-licensable, transferable license to exercise all rights in the photograph and all other materials as part of the entry.
- by submitting an entry, entrants authorise Council to use, reproduce and/or exhibit submitted entries for the purpose of promoting the South Burnett region and community. The photographs may be reproduced in any medium, and Council retains the right to crop the image for reproduction purposes.

9. PRIVACY

Personal information collected by Council in the online form is for the purpose of processing the entry and for use in Council matters. Personal information is handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and will only be disclosed to a third party as per Council's Information Privacy Policy.

Entrants' names may be published on Council's website, social media channels and/or other materials to communicate the outcome of the competition or displayed alongside the image/s in any collage or display relating to the competition.

10. COMPETITION CANCELLATION

Council reserves the right to take any action that may be available, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition.

11. LIABILITY

Council shall not be liable for any loss, expense, damage or personal injury which is suffered or sustained of this competition, the taking of photographs, the promotion of the competition, or the prizes, except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law.

12. VERSION CONTROL

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