

Photography Competition – Terms and Conditions

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1. OVERVIEW

South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') invites visitors/guests that have captured images from Bjelke-Petersen and Boondooma Dam to enter the photography competition.

The winners will be announced for each category and photos displayed weekly via Bjelke-Petersen and Boondooma Dams Facebook page. The winners will be contacted directly by either phone or email to advise and arrange prize delivery.

The winning photos will be chosen by nominated Council representatives.

The competition will run for four (4) weeks. Entries open on 1 May 2025 and will close on 28 May 2025 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 categories for this competition are: scenic; sunrise/sunset; biggest catch; camping setup; and water sports/activities.
- Entries will be judged and awarded on a weekly basis. All 1st place winners from weekly judging in each category will be automatically eligible to win Grand Champion photo.
- Entries received in previous weeks
- 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 at either Bjelke-Petersen or Boondooma Dam.
- 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 each week are:

- 1st place – 1 x \$50.00 accommodation voucher to either Bjelke-Petersen Dam or Boondooma Dam;
- 2nd place – 1 x stubby cooler and tumbler;
- 3rd place – 1 x stubby cooler.

All 1st place winners will be considered for grand champion. The prize awarded will be:

- Grand champion – 1 x \$250.00 accommodation voucher to either Bjelke-Petersen Dam or Boondooma Dam.

Weekly 1st place winners in each category will be eligible for the people's choice award. The prize awarded will be:

- People's choice – 1 x \$100.00 accommodation voucher to either Bjelke-Petersen Dam or Boondooma Dam.

5. JUDGING AND VOTING

Individual category judging:

- A Judges Panel ('panel') appointed by the Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') or delegate will review eligible entries weekly and provide recommendations to Council's Commercial Enterprises team for place 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.

Grand champion judging:

All 1st place winners from each category weekly will be viewed and judged on originality, creativity, technical excellence, creativity with impact and relevance to the competition theme.

- The panel appointed by the CEO or delegate will review entries and provide recommendations to Council's Commercial Enterprises team for selection of Grand Champion winner.

People's choice voting:

- Council will release 20 photographs, which will be the 1st place winners in each category each week on its' Facebook page.
- People's choice voting will commence on Monday 16 June 2025 and conclude at 11:59 pm on Monday 30 June 2025, unless extended.
- Any active Facebook user is eligible to vote and may vote for multiple photographs.
- Voting can be done only on Council's Facebook page by liking a photograph/s.
- Council may exclude votes from the final count, where it believes that a vote has originated from a profile that is not legitimate or fraudulent.
- Voting outside of Facebook is not permitted, unless facilitated by Council, including email, telephone or other methods.
- The photography with the most likes at the end of the voting period will win the People's choice award.
- All judging and voting decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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;
- 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 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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