Rural City of Wangaratta

Local's Choice 2023 Photography Competition

Terms and Conditions of Entry

Entrant Eligibility

1. The Local's Choice 2023 Photography Competition ("the Competition") is open to amateur photographers residing and visiting the Rural City of Wangaratta (RCoW) local government area.
2. Entrants may be contacted by RCoW to verify that they meet the eligibility requirements for the Competition. If RCoW contacts an Entrant, the Entrant must supply proof of their age and Rural City of Wangaratta region residency, to the reasonable satisfaction of RCoW. Any Entrant who is contacted by RCoW and refuses or otherwise fails to verify their competition eligibility by the closing date for applications will be disqualified from the Competition.

Photograph Requirements

3. The photographs must be photographed in the region of Rural City of Wangaratta.
    a. The region of Rural City of Wangaratta includes: Archerton, Bobinawarrah, Boorhaman, Boorhaman East, Boorhaman North, Boralma, Boweya, Bowmans Forest, Bowser, Byawatha, Carboor, Cheshunt, Cheshunt South, Docker, Dockers Plains, Edi, Edi Upper, Eldorado, Everton, Everton Upper, Glenrowan, Greta, Greta South, Greta West, Hansonville, Killawarra, King Valley, Laceby, Londrigan, Lurg Upper, Markwood, Meadow Creek, Milawa, Moyhu, Murmungee, Myrrhee, Oxley, Oxley Flats, Peechelba, Peechelba East, Rose River, Springhurst, Tarrawingee, Tatong, Tolmie, Wabonga, Waldara, Wangandary, Wangaratta, Wangaratta East, Wangaratta North, Wangaratta South, Whitfield, Whitlands, Whorouly, Whorouly East, Whorouly South and Yarrunga.
4. Photographs must be submitted in JPEG (. jpg), PNG or SVG format (at least 400 x 300 pixels) via the Conversations platform.
5. Photographs should not include watermarks or other branding.
6. Digital manipulation of the image is permitted.

7. Photographs containing an image of a living person must be accompanied by a photo consent form signed by that person.
8. Photographs must not contain inappropriate content.
9. Photos must be taken during the Pre-Christmas period (01/11/2023 – 18/12/2023)

Submission Requirements

10. Entries should be digitally submitted through the Community Portal Platform.
11. Entry is free.
12. The closing time and date for entries is midnight, Monday 18 December 2023. No late entries will be accepted.

Copyright

13. Each photographer retains copyright of their image(s).
14. In submitting a photograph as part of the Competition, the entrant:
    a. Warrants that the photograph is their original work and that they are the copyright owner of the photograph;
    b. Provides RCoW with a royalty-free, irrevocable, unconditional and exclusive licence under the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) to use any photograph submitted for display, archive, publicity and/or promotional purposes; and
    c. Acknowledges that the photograph may be used within RCoW publications, promotional and marketing material, including in videos, catalogues, magazines, newspaper articles, brochures and social media and on RCoW's website. Images will be credited with the name of the photographer if used by RCoW.

Judging

15. Shortlisted photographs will be displayed on the Community Portal Platform with entries open in all categories until Monday 18 December 2023 and judged by members of the public voting on entries by "liking" a post.
16. Photographs will be judged in one of seven categories:
    a. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceWonders** category;

b. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceMade** category;

c. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceActive**category;

d. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceHistory** category;

e. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceEats** category;

f. Photographs submitted within **#localschoiceAdventure** category;

g. Photographs submitted within **#localschoice** category.

17. The photographs with the sum of the most votes and likes for each category will be declared the overall winner.

18. In the event of a tie, the winners will be judged by a person nominated by Council (not a Council employee or Councillor).

Winners Announcement

a. The winning entrants will be notified by telephone or email after 18 December 2023. The winners will be announced on The New Year Eve Council event and on the Community Portal Platform.

19. No other entrants will be notified.

Prizes

20. The winning entrants will receive a gift.

21. No prizes are exchangeable or redeemable for cash.

General

22. The entrant indemnifies RCoW against any claim, legal or otherwise, that may arise out of publication of image(s) or this Competition.

23. RCoW reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and remove from the Community Portal Platform any entry deemed to be in breach of the above Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to the Photograph and Submission Requirements.

24. Entry to the Competition does not confer any right of approval to entrants in relation to the use of photographs within promotional and marketing material.

25. By entering images into this Competition, the entrant guarantees to RCoW that all the above Terms and Conditions have been met. Any entry found to breach the above Terms and Conditions will be disqualified and will be ineligible to receive a Prize.