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2020 LIFE AND LIGHT PHOTO COMPETITION LAUNCHED WITH EXCITING NEW THEME

Amateur photographers are being encouraged to get their cameras and smart phones out or scan through their recent archives and enter what could be a winning image in the 2020 Life and Light in the Western Region Photo Competition.

The highly regarded photo competition which has been running for over 20 years represents a great opportunity for photographers of all abilities to capture the beauty, diversity and uniqueness of the Western region, the people and flora and fauna that live in it.

The theme for this year's competition is 'Love Our Outback' and aims to showcase the different aspects of the region that locals and visitors love so much. People planning to take photos now that the competition is open are reminded to follow the relevant government and health restrictions in place relating to COVID-19.

Western Local Land Services and Western Landcare NSW have partnered with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to bring a wellbeing focus to this year's competition. Together, the partners recognise the positive effects the practice of photography can have on health and wellbeing and encourage participants to seek out nature and be mindful in their surroundings as they capture the "Love Our Outback" theme.

Potential entrants are reminded that photos must be taken in the Western Local Land Services region <www.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-regions/whats-my-region> with images taken after 1 January 2019 eligible to be entered. All photos must be submitted through <www.lifeandlight.com.au> which also has all the information, frequently asked questions, entry rules and more about the competition.

Photographers will have a chance to win their part of \$3,400 in prize money which will be split across the following categories:

- Colour images – open for all ages
- Black and white images – open for all ages
- Colour and black and white images - secondary school age only
- Colour and black and white images - primary school age only
- People's choice (all photos automatically entered in this category).

The competition is now open (Friday 1 May) and closes 10 weeks later on Friday 10 July.

For more information contact Western Landcare's Local Landcare Coordinator, Kate O'Connor on 0447 912 534 and visit <www.lifeandlight.com.au> to submit your photographs.

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