

2026 Get Ready Gladstone Region Photography Competition

Terms and Conditions of Entry

Entrant Eligibility

1. The 2026 Get Ready Gladstone Region Photography Competition (“the Competition”) is open to all amateur photographers residing and visiting the Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) local government area, including Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) employees
2. No age limit to photographer, however prizes will only be awarded to 18+ or parent/guardian.
3. One entry per category, per household can be accepted
4. Entrants may be contacted by GRC to verify that they meet the eligibility requirements for the Competition. If GRC contacts an Entrant, the Entrant must supply proof of their age and Gladstone region residency, to the reasonable satisfaction of GRC. Any Entrant who is contacted by GRC and refuses or otherwise fails to verify their competition eligibility by the closing date for applications will be disqualified from the Competition.

Photograph Requirements

5. The photographs must be photographed in the Gladstone Region.
 - a. The Gladstone Region includes: Agnes Water, Aldoga, Ambrose, Baffle Creek, Beecher, Benaraby, Berajondo, Bororen, Boyne Island, Boyne Valley, Boynedale, Bracewell, Burua, Byelle, Callemondah, Calliope, Captain Creek, Colosseum, Curtis Island, Darts Creek, Deepwater, Diglum, East End, Euleilah, Eurimbula, Facing Island, Foreshores, Gindoran, Gladstone, Heron Island, Iveragh, Lady Elliot Island, Lady Musgrave Island, Lowmead, Machine Creek, Miriam Vale, Mount Alma, Mount Larcom, Mount Maria, Mount Tom, North West Island, O’Connell, Oyster Creek, Quoin Island, Raglan, River Ranch, Rodds Bay, Rosedale, Round Hill, Rules Beach, Seventeen Seventy, Tablelands, Tannum Sands, Taragoola, Targinnie, Taunton, Telina, The Narrows, Toolooa, Turkey Beach, West Stowe, Wilson Island, Wooderson, Wurdong Heights and Yarwun.
6. Photographs must be submitted in JPEG (.jpg), PNG or SVG format (at least 400 x 300 pixels) via the Conversations platform.
7. Photographs must be provided to GRC as a high-quality photograph (minimum 5mb), if your entry wins quality needs to be this high to ensure it can be used on a billboard.
8. Photographs should not include watermarks or other branding.
9. Digital manipulation of the image is permitted.
10. Photographs containing an image of a living person must be accompanied by a photo consent form signed by that person.

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11. Photographs must not contain inappropriate content – i.e. looking for images promoting resilience and recovery for disasters in a safe way.
 12. Photos be relevant to the category entry.
 13. Entries should be digitally submitted through the Conversations platform.
 14. Entry is free.
 15. The closing time and date for entries is midnight, Friday, 16 October. No late entries will be accepted.

Copyright

16. Each photographer retains copyright of their image(s).
17. 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 GRC 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
PTO for more terms and conditions
 - c. Acknowledges that the photograph may be used within GRC publications, promotional and marketing material, including in videos, catalogues, magazines, newspaper articles, brochures and social media and on GRC's website. Images will be credited with the name of the photographer if used by GRC.

Judging

18. Photographs will be displayed on the Conversations Platform from Monday 21 September to Friday, 23 October 2026 and judged by members of the public 'liking' entries.
19. Photographs will be judged in one of six categories:
 - a. Photographs submitted in 'Best Emergency Ready Pet Outfit'
 - b. Photographs submitted in 'Best Household Emergency Kit'
 - c. Photographs submitted in 'Funniest Emergency Kit Essential Item'
 - d. Photographs submitted in 'Best Pet Emergency Kit'
 - e. Photographs submitted in 'Best Value Emergency Kit'
 - f. Photographs submitted in 'Most Creative Household Emergency Plan'
20. Photographs submitted in 'Funniest Emergency Kit Essential Item' must be within reasonable scope of what you would bring in an emergency, large items not recommended to take in an emergency.
21. The photographs with the sum of the most votes = 'likes' for each category will form the shortlisted images for judging. The final choice will be through councillors and the Disaster Management team, to ensure entries with most 'likes' align with the criteria. 'Likes' are marked with a thumbs-up.

22. 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

23. The winning entrants will be notified by telephone or email on Wednesday, 28 October. The winners will be announced on Council's social media channels, website and Conversations platform.

24. Prizes will need to be collected from 113 Goondoon Street by Wednesday, 4 November. Winners will be contacted with further details and times.

25. Only winning entrants will be notified.

Prizes

26. The winning entrant, under each category, will receive a prize bundle including;

- 1 x Torini SPGi-3300W Inverter/Generator
- Yeti cooler
- 1 x Wanderer quad fold beach trolley
- And more.

27. No prizes are exchangeable or redeemable for cash.

General

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

29. GRC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and remove from the Conversations Gladstone Platform any entry deemed to be in breach of the above Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to the Photograph and Submission Requirements.

30. 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.

31. By entering images into this Competition, the entrant guarantees to GRC 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.