

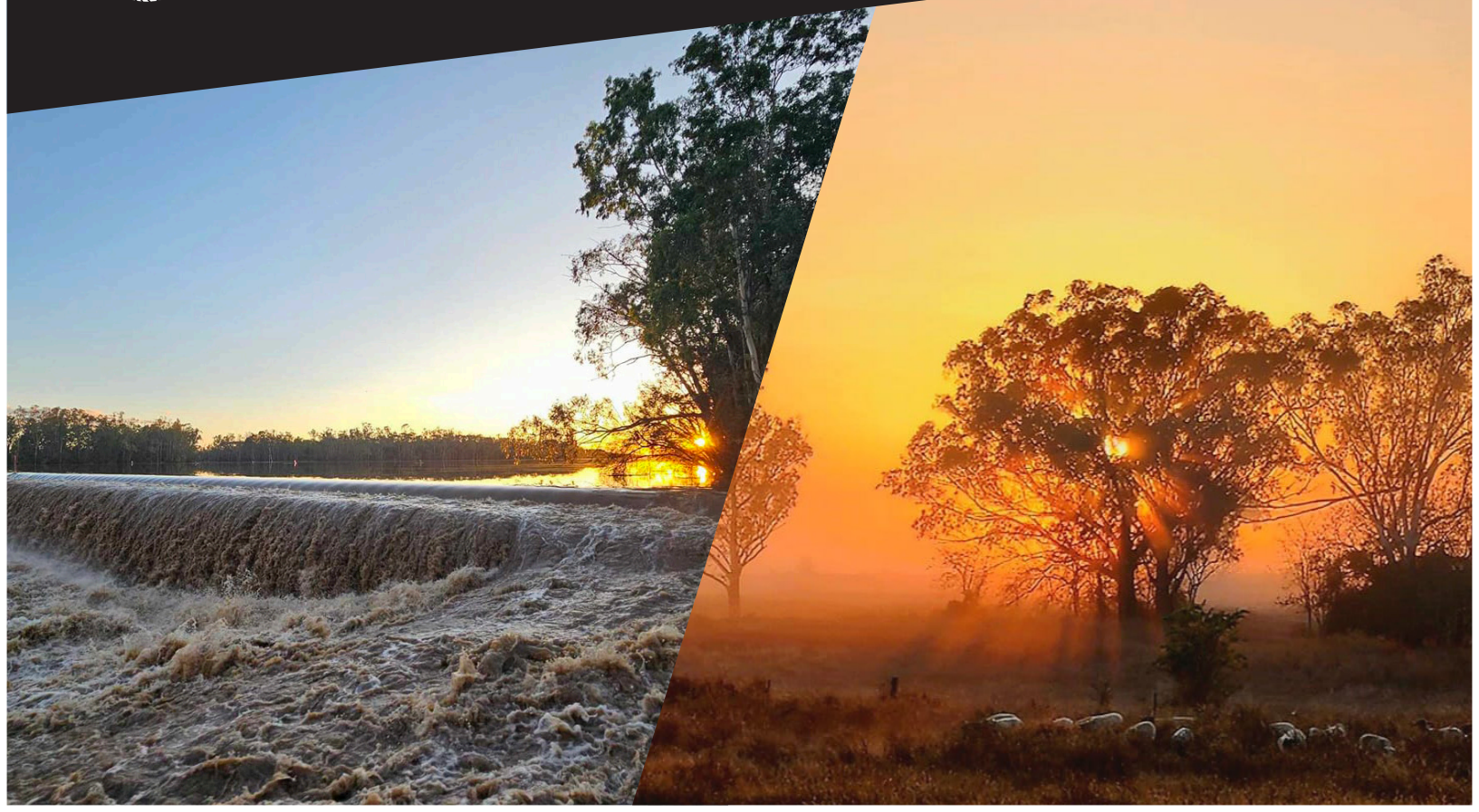


Australia Day

Photographic Competition

2025

Conditions Of Entry



Brief

To celebrate Australia Day 2025, Banana Shire Council invites Banana Shire residents to enter a photography competition, capturing the essence of our Shire under the theme of “**Elements Unleashed.**”

We’re seeking images that capture the powerful forces of nature that shape our Shire. Whether it be the rugged beauty of the land, the force of fire, the power of water or the dramatic spectacle of flooding rains and thunderstorms, we would love to see whatever it means to you through your lens.

By entering the competition, you grant Banana Shire Council permission to reproduce the submitted photographs in Council publications or on-line platforms. The winning photographs will be featured in the March 2025 edition of Focus Magazine.

Winners will be announced after Australia Day via Banana Shire Council’s Facebook page and website and winners will be notified via Facebook Messenger .

The People’s Choice winning photo will be determined by the image with the most ‘likes’ on the Banana Shire Council Facebook page.

Theme: Elements Unleashed

Entries close: 11:59pm Monday 27, January 2025

Cover Images by Cheryl Rogers, Aaron Tanzer, Mel Lacey, Les McKee.

Sections and Prizes

Open Selection

1st Place: \$200 Visa Gift Card

2nd Place: \$100 Visa Gift Card

- Entries will be viewed and judged on originality, creativity, technical excellence, creativity with impact (even humour) and relevance to competition guidelines
- Winners will be contacted via Facebook.

People's Choice

Winner: \$100 Visa Gift Card

- The winner is determined as the photo with the most 'likes' and votes as of 10:00am 3 February 2025
- There is only one People's Choice prize
- Voting can be done via Banana Shire Council's Facebook page by liking an entered photograph.

How to Enter

Entrants are required to upload their images to the comments section under the Australia Day Photography Competition post on the Banana Shire Council's Facebook page.

- Image format should be in **JPEG**
- **At least 1MB (1000kb) in size and no larger than 5MB (5000kb)**
- Titled with entrant name and title (E.g. JaneSmith_OldShed.jpeg)

Entry Conditions

- Entries close 11:59pm Monday 27 January 2025
- Photographs must have been taken ***after the 1 February 2024***
- Photographs must have been taken ***in the Banana Shire***
- ***Photographs must be entrant's own work***
- Entrant must be a Banana Shire resident (or the entrant must consider a Banana Shire town their closest/main locality)
- ***A maximum of (4) four*** photos can be submitted per entrant
- ***Copyright: Entering in the competition automatically declares Banana Shire Council a licence to reproduce entered photographs for promotional, educational and informational purposes in Council publications, Council's website and social media platforms***
- Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judging panel and no discussion will be entered into
- Pieces will be judged on originality, creativity, technical excellence, creativity with impact (even humour) and relevance to competition guidelines
- We discourage digital manipulation and request alteration of subject matter be kept to an absolute minimum.