

NORTHERN RIVERS

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RDA Northern Rivers Launches Regional Photography Competition

*The free **Our Northern Rivers** photography competition invites locals to capture the landscapes, industries and community life that define the region.*

NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW - [RDA Northern Rivers](#) has launched the *Our Northern Rivers* photography competition, a free regional initiative inviting locals to submit images that capture the essence of life across the Northern Rivers.

Delivered through [Live Northern Rivers](#), the region's digital platform promoting life, work and community, the competition will **run from 1 March 2026 to 10 April 2026** and is open to photographers living within the seven local government areas of Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed. Entrants may submit up to three original images.

There are two categories:

1. Youth aged 12 to 18 years
2. Adult aged 19 years and over

With prizes generously sponsored by local businesses [Byron Photo Magic](#) and [Lismore Art and Framing](#).

The Northern Rivers is renowned for its stunning landscapes, strong industries and vibrant community life, shaped by its unique blend of coastal and hinterland environments. Through *Our Northern Rivers*, organisers aim to showcase this diversity and highlight the stories that make the region a great place to live, work and connect.

"Our Northern Rivers photography competition is a great way for people to connect with what makes this region special," said Anthony Schreenan, RDA Northern Rivers Director of Regional Development. *"From working farms and local industries to community events and everyday moments, this competition invites everyone to share their unique perspective and celebrate the stories of our communities."*

Judging will be undertaken by a panel of local arts and community representatives, with winners announced on 20 April 2026. Winning images will be showcased across Live Northern Rivers and partner platforms.

Suggested themes include community events and celebrations, working life and industry, nature and landscape, and people and community life.

For competition details, entry rules and submission guidelines, visit Live Northern Rivers at: <https://livenorthernrivers.com.au/page/our-northern-rivers>

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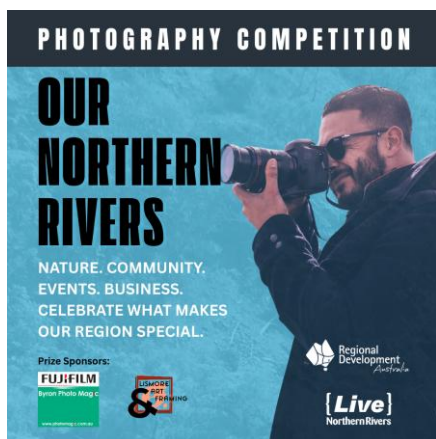


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Competition Highlights:

- Competition runs from 1 March 2026 to 10 April 2026, with winners announced on 20 April 2026.
- Free to enter for community photographers living within the seven local government areas in the Northern Rivers being Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.
- Entrants may submit up to three images that reflect the essence of life in the Northern Rivers.
- All entries must be original and meet the competition's format and eligibility requirements.
- Prizes for Youth (aged 12-18 years) and Adult (aged 19+ years) categories

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- Prizes generously sponsored by local businesses Byron Photo Magic and Lismore Art and Framing.

Suggested themes for photographers include:

- Community Events and Celebrations
- Working Life and Industry
- Nature and Landscape
- People and Community Life

For competition details, entry rules, resources and submission guidelines, visit:

<https://livenorthernrivers.com.au/page/our-northern-rivers>.

Live Northern Rivers is a digital platform that promotes life, work and community in the Northern Rivers. It offers information about the diverse towns, landscapes and lifestyle opportunities across the region and supports community engagement.