

## **Media Release**

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## Macarthur nature photography on exhibition

Hundreds of inspirational images of the region's natural setting are now on display as part of the 2017 Macarthur Nature Photography Competition exhibition.

Winners of the competition hosted by Camden, Campbelltown City and Wollondilly councils were awarded at a reception held at the Camden Civic Centre last night.

"It is encouraging to see so many elements of our diverse and spectacular natural environment showcased as part of this year's competition," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"The region is connected through its natural areas and rich biodiversity that is a part of the identity and lifestyle of the communities," Cr Symkowiak said.

"The competition is a collaborative project between the area's Councils to raise environmental awareness and to engage the community in the local environment," she said.

More than 400 entries were submitted to the competition, with the winners of each category announced: -

- Nature Up Close, Young Person Maverick Fraley
- Nature Up Close, Open Margaret Freeman
- Native Flora and Fauna, Young Person Isabelle Robertson
- Native Flora and Fauna, Open Paul Heath
- Environmental Impact, Young Person Jodi Weisz
- Environmental Impact, Open Bron King
- Waterways, Young Person Chloe Marsh
- Waterways, Open Paul Aracic
- Hollows as Homes Glenn Smith
- Snap a Selfie Vicky Mycio
- Overall Primary School Winner Maverick Fraley, Warragamba Public School
- Overall High School Winner Ky Prakhounheuang, John Therry Catholic School

The exhibition is now open to the public at the Camden Civic Centre Friday 9am-4pm, Sunday 9am-1pm and Monday to Thursday 9am -5pm until 9 November. Following this, the entries will be displayed at Macarthur Square in Campbelltown and then the winners will be displayed in the foyer of Wollondilly Shire Council in Picton.



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