



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

CRIKEY! MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026

1. SPONSOR:

Australia Zoo Operations Pty Ltd as trustee for The Irwin (Beerwah) Group Trading Trust (Australia Zoo).

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Information on how to enter and the prizes form part of these Terms and Conditions. Participation in the Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition (Competition) is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- By submitting an entry, each person submitting a photo to the Competition (applicant) confirms that they have read and agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Submission of a photo constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions and represents and warrants that the applicant owns or has all necessary rights to the submitted materials.
- Applicants to the Open Categories may be any age, subject clause 5, and is a legal resident of an eligible jurisdictions where participation is permitted by law.
- The competition is not open to individuals located in countries or regions subject to applicable trade sanctions or export restrictions, or jurisdictions where this type of competition is prohibited.
- Applicants to the Open Categories, being "Crikey! Cover," "The Natural World," and "Australia" may submit up to 100 images once the entry fee has been paid. Images are not accepted into the competition until the entry fee is paid.
- There shall be three age brackets for applicants under eighteen years old (youth): "10 years and under," "11 to 14 years," and "15 to 17 years." Youth must be within the relevant age group upon submitting their images. Youth applicants must ensure they submit images to the correct age category and be able to provide proof of age if shortlisted. Youth may submit up to 100 images to their relevant "Crikey Kids" category. There is no entry fee for the "Crikey! Kids" category. Youth applicants must abide by clause 5 for eligibility.

- Images submitted to any of these above-described categories may be selected after the winner announcement, on 9th October 2026, and shortlisted for the "People's Choice" category. This shortlist will be made available to the public for voting, who will determine the winner, high commendations and finalists.
- Employees (and their immediate families) of Australia Zoo, related entities, and agencies associated with this promotion (including prize donors) are not eligible to enter. Immediate family includes any of the following: spouse, ex-spouse, de-facto spouse, child or step-child (whether natural or by adoption), parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister or first cousin.
- Australia Zoo reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and applicants and to disqualify an entry that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- Specified deadline for the image to proceed to the next round of judging.

4. COMPETITION ENTRY

The Competition commences at 9:00am on 15th June 2026 and closes at 11:59pm on 31st August 2026 (+10 GMT AEST).

To enter, visit: australiazoo.com.au/photography-competition/

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for their submissions.

To enter, the applicants must comply with all steps of the competition being:

- a. Take your most creative wildlife photo that matches the theme/ requirements of the category you are entering.
- b. Read the Terms and Conditions and the downloadable guide for the full overview of the Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition.
- c. The photograph must be in portrait format for the Crikey! Magazine Cover category, and consideration needs to be taken to allow for the 'Crikey!' masthead to be positioned over the top quarter of the winning photo.
- d. Photographs must be high resolution, JPG (JPEG) or TIF format and a minimum of 300DPI. No borders, signatures or watermarks are allowed.
- e. Submissions not meeting these requirements, or without successful payment of the entry fee, will not proceed to judging.
- f. Each photograph must be labelled with your name category, subject of the photo and, if required, a number for multiple images of the same subject. For example, an acceptable file name is: JaneSmith_Crikey!Cover_Lion.
- g. Entries must be as digital files uploaded through the entry platform.

Shortlisted photographers will be contacted in September to supply an image subject (title), a 75-word description detailing the photograph's backstory, location and any other noteworthy information (i.e., scientific merit) and, if required, a full resolution image. This information must be provided by the specified deadline for the image to proceed to the next round of judging.

Photographs must be in technical compliance with the guidelines above. Applicants are encouraged to consider the ethos of the competition and to document the natural world in a way that is both creative and truthful. The objective is to remain faithful to original experience to not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of the natural world. Localised adjustments should be used appropriately.

All entries must be the original work of the applicant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The applicant must hold the sole copyright and moral rights in all photographs entered. Artificial intelligence may not be used to create submission.

It is the applicant's responsibility for ensuring compliance with any applicable national or international legislation (including in relation to drones) and for securing any relevant permits in relation to their photography.

Applicants warrant that:

- a. Their entry is original and does not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party; and
- b. Their entry does not contain any content that is sexually explicit, violent or derogatory of any ethnic, race, gender, religious, professional or age group, profane or pornographic, is obscene or offensive or violates any law; and
- c. The image has not been created with artificial intelligence (AI).

5. MINORS AND PARENTAL CONSENT

Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) years (or the age of legal majority in their jurisdiction of residence, if higher) ("Minor") may only enter the Competition with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

By submitting an entry on behalf of a Minor, the parent or legal guardian represents and warrants that they have read and accepted these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the Minor and consent to the Minor's participation in the Competition.

The Minor shall provide contact details for their parent/guardian and shall not provide their own contact details.

Australia Zoo may require written evidence of parental or guardian consent at any time, including prior to awarding any prize. Failure to provide satisfactory evidence of such consent within the timeframe specified by Australia Zoo may result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any prize.

Any prize awarded to a Minor may, at Australia Zoo's discretion and where permitted by law, be paid to the Minor's parent or legal guardian on the Minor's behalf.

Parents and legal guardians of Minor applicants assume full responsibility and liability for the Minor's participation in the Competition and compliance with these Terms and Conditions.

6. JUDGING AND WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The judging panel will adjudicate all finalists and winners of the seven categories. The official announcement of winners will be made on the Australia Zoo's social media pages on 9th October 2026.

Photographs will be judged on overall impact, composition, originality and technical expertise. Applicants must not enter images that involve the harassment of wildlife or incurred damage to the environment. An animal's welfare must always come first, and any breach of these ethical requirements will constitute a breach of the competition's rules.

Judges shall be a panel of professional photographers and those chosen by Australia Zoo, who will judge images according to these criteria. All entries will be judged anonymously, and all decisions will be final. The competition is based on photographs submitted correctly.

The 'People's Choice' shortlist will be made available for public voting after this date.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Applicants retain ownership of the copyright and other intellectual property rights in any photographs, images, or other materials submitted in connection with the Competition ("Submission").

By entering the Competition, the applicant represents and warrants that:

- a. The applicant is the sole creator and owner of the Submission, or otherwise has obtained all necessary rights, licences, consents, and permissions required to submit the Submission and grant the rights set out in these Terms and Conditions;
- b. The Submission does not infringe the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, moral rights, or any other rights of any third party; and
- c. Any identifiable persons appearing in the Submission have provided all necessary consents for the use of their likeness and image as contemplated by these Terms and Conditions.

By entering the Competition, the applicant grants to Australia Zoo and its licensees and assignees (including, without limitation, Tourism Australia specifically in relation to entries in the category nominated "Australia") a perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free, sublicensable licence to:

- a. Reproduce, publish, communicate, distribute, adapt, modify, publicly display, and otherwise use the Submission, in whole or in part, in any media, format, platform, or venue now known or later developed, including but not limited to Australia Zoo publications, websites, social media channels, exhibitions, promotional materials, editorial content, and advertising relating to the Competition or future competitions; and

- b. Sublicense the rights described above to any entity associated with Australia Zoo or to any assignee entity for the purposes contemplated by these Terms and Conditions.

The applicant further grants Australia Zoo and its licensees and assignees the right to use the applicant's name, occupation, city, state, and country of residence in connection with the Competition and any publication, promotion, exhibition, publicity, or use of the Submission.

Australia Zoo and its assignees will endeavour to notify and appropriately credit photographers in connection with use of their Submissions where reasonably practicable. However, Australia Zoo and its assignees accept no responsibility or liability for any failure to provide attribution, or for any incorrect or omitted attribution.

If a Submission is published or posted on the Australia Zoo's website, social media channels, or other platforms, Australia Zoo is under no obligation to remove the Submission or related content for any reason.

Assignees and sublicensees may include, without limitation, donors or sponsors of prizes, including but not limited to Tourism Australia, Canon Australia, CameraPro, Wildlife Warriors, and The Crocodile Hunter Lodge.

The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Australia Zoo and its affiliates, licensees, assignees, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and partners from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of or in connection with:

- a. Any actual or alleged infringement of any third-party intellectual property or other rights relating to the Submission;
- b. Any breach of the warranties set out in this clause; or
- c. Australia Zoo's exercise of the rights granted under this clause.

8. PRIZES

All finalists will have their photographs appear in the 2026 Crikey! Magazine Summer Edition and on display at Australia Zoo. Additional displays may be added in collaboration with competition sponsors. All finalists will be notified of any additional displays. Dates and information on the launch event will be communicated with the finalists directly.

The prizes are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.

If any prize is or becomes unavailable, Australia Zoo, in its discretion, reserves the right to substitute all or any part thereof with a product or prize of similar value. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Australia Zoo accepts no responsibility for lost, late or misdirected entries. Entries will be deemed void if forged, inappropriate or offensive.

If the winner is a resident of an ineligible country, the prize shall be forfeited.

OPEN CATEGORIES

a. Crikey! Magazine Cover Category:

Winner - The winner of the Crikey! Cover category shall receive the following prizes:

- \$15,000 AUD Travel Credit for an Australian getaway! (Prize is only valid for flights directly to or within Australia, Australian hotels accommodation and/or Australian tourism experiences. Must be booked via Tourism Australia's preferred travel agency partner). Travel must be booked within 12 months of winner announcement, with travel completed within 18 months of winner announcement.
- \$2,000 AUD Cash Prize
- Two nights' accommodation at the Crocodile Hunter Lodge in a Black Cockatoo or Red Kangaroo Cabin (conditions apply*) (over \$1,800 in value).

Highly Commended - The highly commended recipient of the Crikey! Cover category shall receive the following prizes:

- \$1,000 AUD Cash Prize
- Choice of Australia Zoo family (2 adults, 2 children) admission and giraffe encounter (over \$300 in value) OR Australia Zoo signed gift basket (over \$300 in value).

b. The Natural World/Australia Categories:

Winner - The winner of The Natural World/Australia category shall receive:

- \$2,000 AUD Cash Prize
- Two nights' accommodation at the Crocodile Hunter Lodge in a Black Cockatoo or Red Kangaroo Cabin (conditions apply*) (over \$1,800 in value).

Highly Commended - The highly commended recipient of the Natural World and Australia category shall receive the following prizes:

- \$750 AUD Cash Prize
- Choice of Australia Zoo family (2 adults, 2 children) admission and giraffe encounter (over \$300 in value) OR Australia Zoo signed gift basket (over \$300 in value).

c. Youth Categories:

Winner - The winner of the Crikey! Kids 10 Years and Under; Crikey Kids 11 to 14 Years; and Crikey! Kids 15 to 17 Years categories shall each receive:

- \$1,000 AUD Cash Prize
- Two nights' accommodation at the Crocodile Hunter Lodge in a Black Cockatoo or Red Kangaroo Cabin (conditions apply*) (over \$1,800 in value).

Highly Commended - The highly commended recipient of Crikey! Kids 10 Years and Under; Crikey Kids 11 to 14 Years; and Crikey! Kids 15 to 17 Years categories shall each receive:

- \$500 AUD Cash Prize
- Choice of Australia Zoo family (2 adults, 2 children) admission and giraffe encounter (over \$300 in value) OR Australia Zoo signed gift basket (over \$300 in value).

People's Choice Category:

Winner - The winner of The People's Choice category shall receive:

- \$2,000 AUD Cash Prize
- Two nights' accommodation at the Crocodile Hunter Lodge in a Black Cockatoo or Red Kangaroo Cabin (conditions apply*) (over \$1,800 in value).

Highly Commended - The highly commended recipient of the People's Choice category shall receive the following prizes:

- Choice of Australia Zoo family (2 adults, 2 children) admission and giraffe encounter (over \$300 in value) OR Australia Zoo signed gift basket (over \$300 in value).

**The cabin type for the two-night stay at The Crocodile Hunter Lodge is specified in the prize information.*

The 2 Bedroom Black Cockatoo Cabin caters for a maximum of 4 guests, the 1 Bedroom Red Kangaroo Cabin caters for a maximum of two guests. All stays are subject to availability and are not redeemable for bookings on Christmas Day or on dates where capacity has been reached. The offer is valid for 3 years from the issue date and cannot be redeemed for cash. The stay includes daily breakfast, Australia Zoo entry and a sneak peek at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for all guests.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a photo submission is not selected as a Winner, High Commendation or Finalist, the applicant will NOT receive any prize.

Information regarding money transfers can be found in Clause 13.

Travel and prize redemption costs will not be paid for by Australia Zoo.

9. ENQUIRIES

Email enquiries can be directed to: competition@australiazoo.com.au

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

Australia Zoo reserves the right, at its absolute discretion and to the fullest extent permitted by law, to verify the validity of entries and applicants and to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process or the operation of the Competition, or who engages in conduct that is misleading, deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise contrary to these Terms and Conditions.

Any attempt to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Competition may be unlawful under civil or criminal laws. Australia Zoo reserves the right to seek damages or other remedies from any person responsible for such conduct to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Australia Zoo and its related entities are not responsible for any lost, late, incomplete, corrupted, incorrectly submitted, delayed or misdirected entries, claims or communications due to technical disruptions or failures of any kind, including but not limited to malfunction of any network, hardware, software, computer or telecommunications system.

If, for any reason, the Competition is unable to run as planned, whether due to computer virus, bug, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failure, natural disaster, pandemic, industrial dispute, civil disturbance, government action, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of Australia Zoo that affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Competition, Australia Zoo reserves the right, subject to any written directions from a relevant regulatory authority, to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the Competition, or invalidate any affected entries.

In such circumstances, Australia Zoo may, where reasonably practicable, conduct the Competition and determine winners from eligible entries received prior to the event giving rise to the disruption, in a manner that is fair and consistent with these Terms and Conditions.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Australia Zoo excludes all liability for any loss, damage or injury suffered or incurred by any applicant arising from or in connection with the Competition, including but not limited to technical malfunctions, unauthorised access to entries, communications failures, or any damage to a participant's computer, mobile device or other equipment associated with entering or participating in the Competition, except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, including under the Australian Consumer Law.

By participating in this Competition, each applicant agrees:

- To be bound by these Terms and Conditions and by the decisions of Australia Zoo and any appointed judging panel or administrator, which are final and binding in all matters relating to the Competition, subject to any applicable laws;
- To provide any documentation or information reasonably requested by Australia Zoo for the purpose of verifying eligibility or confirming the applicant as a finalist or winner; and
- To the fullest extent permitted by law, releases and holds harmless Australia Zoo and its related bodies corporate, associated agencies and companies, and each of their respective officers, employees, contractors, agents and representatives, from and against any loss, liability, damage, personal injury or expense suffered or incurred in connection with the Competition, including participation in any Competition-related activity or the acceptance, use or misuse of any prize.

This includes, without limitation, any loss or damage arising from:

- Incorrect or inaccurate information caused by applicants or by technical or human error;
- Technical malfunctions or failures of any equipment, systems, software or communications networks associated with the Competition;
- Unauthorised intervention in the Competition; or
- Errors in the administration of the Competition or the processing of entries.

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes, restricts or modifies any consumer guarantees, rights or remedies available under the Australian Consumer Law or any other applicable legislation that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

11. DISPUTES

To the extent permitted by law, any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Competition, these Terms and Conditions, or the awarding of any prize, must first be attempted to be resolved through good faith negotiations between the parties.

If a dispute cannot be resolved within a reasonable period, either party may refer the matter to mediation administered by an independent mediator agreed between the parties, or failing agreement, appointed by the President of the Queensland Law Society or their nominee. The costs of mediation will be shared equally unless otherwise directed by the mediator.

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions limits, excludes or modifies any rights or remedies available to an applicant under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), the Australian Consumer Law, or any other applicable law, including rights to bring proceedings before a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction.

Any court proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Competition must be commenced in Queensland, Australia, and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Promoter will not be liable for any indirect, consequential or special loss or damage arising from or in connection with the Competition or any prize awarded. However, nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraud, or any liability that cannot lawfully be excluded under Australian law.

All issues concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Terms and Conditions, and the rights and obligations of applicants and the Promoter, will be governed by the laws of Queensland, Australia.

12. PRIVACY POLICY

Australia Zoo's privacy policy can be found here:
australiazoo.com.au/privacy/

Applicants may be contacted by companies who supply the prizes, including Tourism Australia. Applicants agree that their contact and personal details may be shared with partnering companies for purposes of promotion, advertising, or posting images on third-party websites.

13. PRIZE PAYMENT AND BANK TRANSFERS

Cash prizes will be paid by electronic bank transfer in Australian Dollars (AUD). Where a winner requests payment to an account denominated in another fiat currency, Australia Zoo may arrange conversion and transfer to that currency at its discretion. Payments will not be made in cryptocurrency or digital assets, including Bitcoin or similar.

Winners must provide complete and accurate banking details for a bank account held in the winner's own legal name within ten (10) business days of Australia Zoo's request. If a winner fails to provide the required banking details within that timeframe, the winner will forfeit the cash prize, unless otherwise determined by Australia Zoo in its sole discretion.

Australia Zoo is not responsible for, and may deduct from the prize amount, any international wire transfer fees, intermediary bank fees, currency conversion fees, receiving bank charges, or similar transaction costs incurred in transferring the prize money to the winner.

Winners are solely responsible for any taxes, duties, levies, or other governmental charges arising from or relating to the receipt or use of a prize.

Each winner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Australia Zoo and its affiliates, officers, employees, and agents from and against any liability, claim, penalty, or expense arising from the winner's tax obligations in connection with the prize.

REMEMBER!

Entries open 15th June 2026 and close 31st August 2026.

To enter, visit:

australiazoo.com.au/photography-competition