

2026 Rural Media & Communicators SA/NT Rural Photographer Awards

Rural Photographer Award Categories

- **Rural Photographer of the Year Award**
- **Best Royal Adelaide Show Photo**
Supported by the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA
- **Best Rural Photographer Award Nature/Landscape/Rural Scenes**
- **Best Rural Photographer Award Production**
- **Best Rural Photographer Award People**
- **Best Rural/Regional Photojournalist Award**
- **Best Single Photograph in each of the above three open categories (No prizemoney)**

The judges will select the best single photograph from each of the above three categories that will then go on to the national ACAJ Star Prize competition; and then, if successful go onto the international IFAJ awards in 2027. The selected winning image may or may not come from the winning portfolio of three photos as stipulated for the RMC SA/NT Awards above.

Entries close at 10pm on Sunday 17 January 2027.

Entered photographs must have been published either in print, or on an open online site from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

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Terms & Conditions

Any photographer who has had photographs relating to rural issues in South Australia or the Northern Territory published in print or on open online electronic media is eligible to enter.

A portfolio of three photos must be entered in each category.

All material to be judged in the awards must have been published or posted in South Australia or the Northern Territory, or in a national medium that includes coverage in these two states/territories, between 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

The judging panel will select the 2026 Rural Photographer of the Year from the entrants in the four individual award categories, whose overall portfolio is deemed to best fit the RM&C SA/NT objectives.

This person cannot enter the following year but will be invited to join the Judging Panel. Members of the judging panel and their families are ineligible to enter. All entries will remain the property of Rural Media & Communicators SA/NT (RMC SA/NT), which shall retain discretionary power over future use. Additional to these awards, the judges will select the best single photograph from each of the three open categories. These will then go on to the national ACAJ Star Prize competition; and then, if successful go on to the international IFAJ awards in 2027. The selected winning image may or may not come from the winning portfolio of three photos as stipulated for each of the RMC SA/NT Award categories.

Important information related to the Photography Award Categories

DEFINITIONS

Nature/Landscape/Rural Scenes: Images that highlight rural flora, fauna, atmosphere, or scenery.

Production: Crops, livestock, pests and technology; or the process of producing food, feed, fuel or fibre.

People: The people of agriculture and rural communities.

Rural/Regional Photojournalist: Images from journalists and communicators who are required to also take their own photographs to accompany their stories.

Judging

A portfolio of three photos must be entered in each category.

A panel of at least three judges will assess all entries on an equal basis.

Judging will be conducted in January/February 2027.

The judging panel will nominate the category winners of the 2026 Rural Photography Awards as those individuals whose entries demonstrate a sustained commitment to rural photographic excellence and effort during the period covered by the awards.

Please note that the emphasis is on rural, rather than regional material.

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The awards will be presented at the special RMC SA/NT Awards evening on Friday 12 February 2027.