

Earth science is all around us. Many of us barely notice it influencing our daily lives.

Top GeoShot is an annual photographic competition taking place in the lead-up to Earth Science Week (11–17 October 2015). To participate, take and submit a photograph that relates to Earth science, geography or geology in Australia, using the theme as a guide. Each entrant may submit up to five photographs. Submit your entry using Flickr and email. The three categories for this year's competition are *Open 18 years +*, *Intermediate 13–17 years*, *Junior 12 years and under.*

A panel of Geoscience Australia staff will select the winning images. Winners will receive a professionally framed enlargement of their image and a copy of *Shaping a Nation:* a geology of Australia.

Closing date: 1 September 2015





Submit your entry using Flickr or email and send us the entry details. Please see website for further details.

Guidelines

- 1. Images must relate to rock features and formations in Australia.
- 2. All entries must be accompanied by an email with the photo title, location and a brief description.

Terms and Conditions

- Competition is now open and closes at 5pm AEST 1 September 2015.
- The competition is open to all members of the Australian public.
- Employees of Geoscience Australia and their immediate family are permitted to enter.
- The entrant must hold copyright of any photograph entered in this competition.
 Geoscience Australia reserves the right to request supporting evidence.
- Entries will be accepted via Flickr or email in JPEG (.jpg) digital format. Please see website for further details on how to enter www.ga.gov.au/top-geoshot
- Entries will not be considered valid without completed entry details submitted via email. This includes your full name, Flickr name (if needed), date of birth, postal address, phone number, email address, category, image title, image location, image description and the link to your photograph on Flickr (if needed).
- By submitting your entry to Geoscience Australia and by posting your work on Flickr, you grant Geoscience Australia an irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to use your entry.
- By submitting your entry to Geoscience Australia you agree to your photograph being posted on the GA website under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence. Information about this licence can be found at http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/legalcode
- By submitting your entry to Geoscience Australia and posting your work on Flickr, you agree to comply with the Flickr Terms of Service and Community Guidelines.
- Geoscience Australia agrees that the moral rights of the photographer will be recognised and that all photos will include the photographer's attribution.
- Geoscience Australia reserves the right to use any images submitted in the competition for future promotional activities, without reimbursement.
- Geoscience Australia may contact winning entrants to obtain higher resolution images for printing purposes.
- Geoscience Australia does not accept any liability for lost, delayed or incomplete entries.
- Judging will be completed by a panel of Geoscience Australia staff. Images will be judged on quality, creativity, aesthetics and theme fit. The deliberations of the judging panel remain confidential.
- All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- Judges reserve the right not to award a prize in any particular year.
- Submitted material will not be returned.

- Winners will be announced on the Geoscience Australia website (www.ga.gov.au) during Earth Science Week, once they have been contacted.
- Digitally manipulated images will not be accepted. Manipulation includes: compositing (combining of images of differing content), applying effects and filters, masking, cloning etc.
- Images may be digitally processed by adjusting: crop, brightness, contrast, sharpening, colour balance and conversion to black and white.
 Stitched panoramas may be submitted.
- If you have any enquiries please contact us by phone 02 6249 9263 or email topgeoshot@ga.gov.au.

Photography Law Issues

Taking photographs in a public place:

- It is good practice to ask people's permission.
- It is generally possible to take photographs in a public place without asking permission.
 This extends to taking photographs of buildings, sites and people but there are some limitations.
 For example, please pay attention to visitor guidelines when visiting national parks.

Taken from Arts Law Centre of Australia Online http://www.artslaw.com.au/info-sheets/infosheet/street-photographers-rights/

Images:

Front-Alan Gill

Back-Top left: Ludwig Heinrich;

Top right: Anthony Mann; Bottom: Bernd Striewski

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