



2024

ELYNE MITCHELL PHOTO
STORY GUIDELINES

THEME:

‘The Call of the High
Country’

ELYNE MITCHELL PHOTO STORY AWARD

Beautiful Photos, Beautiful Stories!

Elyne Mitchell was a keen amateur photographer who on occasion used her own images to illustrate her work.

More often she used them as a record of events and of places she visited. Later these photographs became a source of reference and inspiration for her writing.

Use one of your own original photos to inspire your writing. Alternatively, pick up your camera and go and find your inspiration.

The event is held in conjunction with MFSR Art & Photography Exhibition - Memorial Hall, Corryong.

The MFSR Art & Photography Exhibition Grand Opening throws open the doors of the Elyne Mitchell Photo Story for the weekend ahead and occurs on the opening Thursday evening of the Festival. Arrive early to enjoy the year's exhibits and a relaxed setting featuring live music and local produce.

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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications open Wednesday 6th December 2023 and close Friday 15th March 2024, they are submitted electronically via the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival website – www.bushfestival.com.au.

Any queries, please email events@bushfestival.com.au or phone the Festival Office on 02 6076 1992.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entries must be the entrants original work, unpublished and not acknowledged in any other competitions.

Entries should not be entered into any other competition during the submission and judging of this award.

No late entries will be accepted.

All entries shall be the original and sole work of the writer/photographer.

Responsibility for ensuring the entry has been received rests entirely with the entrant. Entries will be acknowledged by return email.

Once an entry is submitted, the submission is final. The entry may not be withdrawn, nor any alterations made.

THEME CRITERIA

All entries must have a specific reference to the theme “The Call of the High Country” and an Australian rural experience and must be the writer’s own work. Clear images must be provided. Written entries should demonstrate the significance of the image to the entrant.

PUBLICITY

Completing the entry form allows the organisers permission to photograph entrants’ work for publicity purposes.

All entrants retain the copyright to their work, but submission, bios and photographs may be published and/or used in promotional material, either online or in print by the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival and the Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

Entries may be uploaded in the application form as a .docx or .pdf file.

Accompanying text not to exceed 200 words.

Selected entries will be printed as A3 and framed by organisers for display.

Example of Photo Story Entry – How the Photo Story must be uploaded in your Entry.



Photo to take up top half of your Entry

Title of Photo Story

Around the Table

The places are set; the aroma of delicious food floats in the air; it is time to gather together. We gather around the table with family, friends, and loved ones. Sometimes we gather with strangers as we welcome them into our world. At other times, we may even sit with our enemies around the table.

We gather to share happy news, laughter and love. We gather to share sad news, heartbreak and tears. We gather to celebrate special occasions, achievements and milestones. We sing songs, tell stories, and dream around the table. We fight, argue and apologise around the table.

Most importantly, we gather around the table to give thanks and share a meal together. We break bread, drink a toast, have our cake and eat it too. Everyone is welcome.

There is always a place for you around the table.

Up to 200-word Story to take up the bottom half of your Entry

JUDGING OF CATEGORY

The shortlist will be determined by an anonymous panel of judges and displayed at the Art and photograph exhibition during the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival. Please note that only shortlisted entries will be displayed.

The winner will be judged by an appointed judge and announced at the opening of the MFSR Art Show at the Corryong memorial hall.

Judging will be undertaken by a process determined by the Elyne Mitchell Writing Awards sponsored by the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival.

It is the Judge's discretion as to the interpretation of the rules and quality of work and to award, or not award, prizes.

Winners are announced on the Art & Photography Exhibition Grand Opening Thursday 11th April 2024.

DISPLAY OF WORK

Hanging of the photo stories will be at the discretion of the organisers. Exhibition organisers reserve the right NOT to display work.

All works will remain on display as part of the exhibition for its duration.

PRIZE MONEY

OPEN SECTION 1st \$250 cash plus Camera House voucher

JUNIOR under 18 yrs 1ST \$150 cash plus Camera House voucher

All prize monies will be paid via EFT within 4 weeks following the Festival

ENTRY FEES

Entrants may enter up to five (5) entries per person. There is a non-refundable entry fee for each entry of \$10 for the Open category and \$5 for the Junior category.

Once an entry is submitted, the submission is final. The entry may not be withdrawn, nor any alterations made.

LATE ENTRIES

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open Wednesday 6th December 2023

Entries Close Friday 15th March 2024

EFT Payment of fees immediately upon submission of entry

**MFSR Art & Photography
Exhibition** Thursday 11th to Saturday 14th April 2024

Direct Deposit of Prizemonies Within 4 weeks following the festival