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'LIVING THE WILD LIFE' IN PHOTO COMPETITION

The 2009 "Life & Light in the Western Catchment" Photographic Competition was officially launched today and people have until the July 10 deadline to enter their photographs.

This is the competition's twelfth year and its theme is "Living the wild life". It is free to enter and open to anyone, including children, who takes a photograph within the Western Catchment. Winners receive cash prizes of \$250 for first place and \$50 for runners-up.

According to the Western CMA's Community Education Officer, Lisa Crisp, the theme reflects the unique nature of the area.

"There is no denying life in far-western NSW is quite different to elsewhere in the State," Ms Crisp said.

"People have to be self-reliant and resilient to survive. They are able to rise to challenges that people living in cities would be hard-pressed to believe.

"The theme also refers to the amazing landscapes and the wildlife – both animals and plants that live in the Western Catchment.

The Western Catchment supports a wide variety of plants and animals (biodiversity) with 471 animal species and 1,351 plant species recorded to date," Ms Crisp said.

The competition has four sections: open colour, open black and white, secondary student (colour or black and white) and primary student (colour or black and white).

Entry to the competition is free and people can enter as many photographs as they would like. Entries will be accepted until July 10.

Photographs, including digital images, are to be supplied as a 10 x 15 cm print. Digital photographs must also be supplied on a CD. Photographs of recognisable people should include a completed consent to use form, which is included in the entry information pack.

Photographs are to have been taken no earlier than 2007, must be unpublished and not have won any other competition.

Many entries are used in Western CMA promotional material, so photographs may be seen by thousands of people.

Information packages, including entry and consent to use image forms are available at Western CMA offices, by visiting www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au, calling 1800 032 101 or emailing western@cma.nsw.gov.au.

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Captions:

Boundary Riders (featuring Shane Mullins and Brad Symonds) by Debbie Symonds of **Broken Hill**, 2008

Banded Lapwing by Andrew Spinks, **Ivanhoe**.

Frog by night by Sheree Bamforth, **Cobar**, 2002

Kangaroo goes to the mine for a drink by Greg Kendall of **Broken Hill**, 2008

Bushmail run at dawn by Beth Garland, **Broken Hill**, 2001

SES boat on Darling River by Leon Wicks, **Bourke**, 2000

Cottoning on to change (featuring Nick Hay-McKenzie) by Jo Coleman, **Walgett**, 2008