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THE GREAT EASTERN RANGES

× *A pictorial look at one of the largest-scale conservation initiatives ever undertaken within Australia.*

For the past four months, *Australian Traveller* has been running a competition inviting photographers of all levels to submit images taken within the confines of the Great Eastern Ranges, which runs the length of the eastern seaboard from the Atherton Tablelands in Qld, all the way down to the Victorian Alps.

With \$22,000 in prizes up for grabs, images were being considered across the categories of: My Community (people who live and work in the Great Eastern Ranges); My Escape (landscapes, places and activities in the Great Eastern Ranges); and My Habitat (Flora and Fauna of the Great Eastern Ranges).

Along with being published here in the magazine, on our website and on the Great Eastern Ranges website, all of the winning and highly commended images will soon be part of a travelling exhibition throughout the Great Eastern Ranges themselves.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Great Eastern Ranges Photography Competition, congratulations to all the winners and runners up, and a big thank you to our judging panellists – Grenville Turner, George Suresh and Inger Van Dyke – and to all of our supporting sponsors. For more information, check out www.australiantraveller.com/GER and www.greasternranges.org.au

My Escape **Winner**

DESCENDING THE CORKER TRAIL, By Shandos Cleaver

As we descended the knee-pounding 900m descent of the Corker Trail in the NSW Barrington Tops, the thick morning fog still lingered in the forest, despite the sunlight streaming through the canopy and heating up the day. The fog created a quiet, ghostly atmosphere, making it seem like anything could be around the next bend.

My Community
Winner

OLD RUPE
by Ushi Grant

Rupe is a character I came across while travelling along the Great Alpine Way. Born and raised in Rutherglen, he came to live in the Myrtleford/Eurobin area in 1945. He was a local hops-grower for many years, producing and developing a number of varieties, and is now retired and enjoying spending time in the area with his family.

My Community
Highly Commended

TARALGA RODEO
by Annette Blattman

This was taken at the Taralga Rodeo. This hard-working cowboy was on round up duty, catching the bucking broncos after they'd disposed of their passengers. I took this photo because horse and rider made a nice silhouette against the backlit dust.





My Habitat
Winner ▲

SNOWY MOUNTAINS ROBIN
by Jillian Graham

Along the Alpine Way in NSW's Snowy Mountains, a number of red robins appeared in a roadside parking area. Locals say the appearance of these birds means that snowfalls are imminent. This fat little fellow was colourful and appealing and, true to form, it started to snow and flakes can be noticed.

My Habitat
Highly Commended ◀

PADEMELON AND BABY
by Eileen Roche

I was lucky enough to be able to capture this intimate moment between a mother pademelon and her joey while taking a late afternoon stroll on one of the many walking tracks at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Lamington National Park, in June 2009.



My Habitat
Highly Commended ▲▲

CALL OF THE FOREST
by Cheryl Ridge

The Superb Lyrebird is an amazing mimic, copying numerous birdcalls and other sounds of the forest. To stand in a forest observing a lyrebird in full repertoire is an unforgettable experience.

My Escape
Highly Commended ▲

POINT LOOKOUT
By Evelyn Owen

On this day in the New England NP, a fine misty rain intensified the beautiful colour palette, creating a fairy wonderland of intense emerald mossy boulders, sprinkled with hot orange leaf litter on a background of moss and lichen-covered foliage dissolving into the shrouded rainforest.



My Escape
Highly Commended ▲

WOOD FOR THE TREES

By Ushi Grant

Near the picturesque alpine village of Falls Creek in Victoria's High Country, I noticed these barren snowgums. These trees spend most of the winter covered by metres of snow, however on this particular day and time, the light on the snowgums gave them a haunting and ethereal beauty.

My Community
Highly Commended ◀

ONE MORE TREE

by Vera Matsinos

This is Tambah at his home in Bungendore planting trees in his yard. Digging holes to plant trees on the property, a young person's contribution to the environment and answering the challenge to climate change. From his home high on the hills overlooking Bungendore, he can see the giant wind turbines.

ABOUT
THE
GREAT
EASTERN
RANGES

The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative is all about reconnecting 2800km of eastern Australian mountain eco-systems in order to preserve and maintain wildlife and biodiversity in the region, and to increase their resilience to future climatic and developmental threats.

The Great Eastern Ranges is arguably the terrestrial equivalent of the Great Barrier Reef, and is likely to be the most momentous conservation venture of its kind ever undertaken in Australia.

For more information, check out www.australiantraveller.com/GER and www.greateasterranges.org.au

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Minyon Falls in the
Nightcap Ranges
in Northern NSW.
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