



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Photograph “Life in the Desert” as Part of National Youth Week**

Youth in the Alice Springs region are being encouraged to photograph any aspect of life in the desert, to be in the running to win some great prizes as part of National Youth Week.

Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) and the Gap Youth Centre are running the “Life in the Desert” photographic competition to show their support for local youth, during Australia’s largest celebration of young people.

ASDP guide and Youth Week project coordinator Stephen Kelly said each year thousands of young people aged between 12-25 years get involved in National Youth Week by organising, running and attending events during the week of 14-22 April.

“National Youth Week aims to encourage young people to share ideas, have their voices heard on issues of concern to them, showcase their talents, celebrate their contribution to the community, take part in competitions, and have fun,” Mr Kelly said.

“This is an opportunity for budding photographers, or just happy snappers to show their photographic skills and showcase their talents by interpreting the theme of “Life in the Desert”.

“We are really excited about how the theme will be interpreted and hope to get some interesting photos that express any aspect of any life form, in the deserts of Central Australia.

“Photographs can only be submitted by youth 12 to 25 years of age from the Alice Springs region.”

Mr Kelly said entries can be submitted by email at [photocompetition.asdp@nt.gov.au](mailto:photocompetition.asdp@nt.gov.au) with the winners announced on May 15.

“There will be three age group categories, 12 – 14, 15 – 18 and 19 – 25 with a great prize for the winner in each age group,” Mr Kelly said.

“The judging panel will be made up of at least two local Photographic Industry identities, including at least one working professional.

“All entries will be displayed at [www.flickr.com/photos/LifeInTheDesert](http://www.flickr.com/photos/LifeInTheDesert) and some entries will be displayed on the Story Wall at the Uniting Church lawns Todd Mall on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

“A selection of the most interesting entries will also be displayed in print form at the Alice Springs Public Library from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2007

“To be eligible, all entries must be submitted by 5:00 pm, on Friday May 11 2007. Each photo must have a separate entry form, and must not have been previously entered in any other photo competition.”

For more details and competition regulations, download an entry form from the Alice Springs Desert Park website: [www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au/photo](http://www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au/photo)

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