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## Australian National Botanic Gardens



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### **Botanic Gardens awards student photographers**

Entries in the sixth annual photographic competition run by the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens will be on display this weekend. The display will be opened at an event acknowledging prize winners on Saturday 19 October, at 11.00am in the Gardens.

The competition attracted 200 entries this year in six categories - a record number since the competition was launched in 1997.

“The competition provides an important opportunity for students to increase awareness of the value and beauty of Australian native plants” said Mr Robin Nielsen, Director of the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

The competition is open to students from High Schools and Colleges throughout the ACT, and all entries must feature some aspect of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, such as plants, wildlife, scenery or visitors.

The Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens is a support group whose aim is to increase community awareness of the scientific, educational, recreational and conservation functions of the Gardens.

The information leaflet and membership application of the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens features the winning black and white photograph from last year’s competition.

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