



Be Part of the Action
Enter our Pecan Competitions!

2019 Competition Categories

Best Pecan Competition

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1. Best Pecan Competition 2019

Get cracking because once again we are gearing up for our APA Best Pecan Competition for 2019! We welcome entries from all APA members, staff and families and will be announcing the winners at the upcoming APA conference in August 24th 2019.

APA Best Pecans 2019 Competition Rules & Guidelines

All entrants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- All entries must be brought along to our annual conference by no later than 8.00am Saturday, 24 August 2019, ready to display for judging;
- Label your sample - include your name, farm name, location, variety and contact details;
- Entry is free, and is open to all APA members, their staff & family members.

Judging

- Delegates at the APA conference will decide by popular vote, which pecan selection is the best;
- The conference team may disqualify an entry if they have reason to believe that it does not comply with the entry Terms and Conditions.

Finalists and winners

- The winner will be announced at the 2019 APA Industry Conference, held in Port Macquarie NSW Saturday August 24 2019.

Prizes

The winner will get the glory - by being added to our APA perpetual trophy for all to see forever more! APA will also provide winners with certificates / badges that you can use on your own social media or websites.





Pecan Cooking Competition 2019

2. Pecan Cooking Competition 2019

Calling all budding cooks out there in pecan land! We are excited to announce our upcoming APA cooking competition will be held once again this year!

This year we are opening it up to offer three different age-related categories and some fabulous prizes.

We welcome entries from all APA members, staff and families.

All entrants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- All recipes in our cooking competition must use Australian pecans.
- Entry is free, and is open to all APA members, their staff & family members.
- All entries must be brought along to our annual conference by no later than 8.00am Saturday, 24 August 2019, ready to display for judging.
- All entries must be safe for our conference delegates to eat and be prepared using strict hygiene and food practices.

To enter

Entries can be submitted to one of three categories:

1. Primary School Category (Years Infant - Year 6)
2. Secondary School Category (Years 7-12)
3. Open category (all ages can submit entries)

If an entry was created by more than one person, it should be entered into the appropriate category for the oldest member of the group. While some assistance from parents is expected in the student categories - particularly at the primary levels - the creative work for the entry must be the students' alone, and the bulk of the work must be done by the students.

Entrants may submit multiple entries, as long as each entry differs significantly from any others submitted by that entrant (it should contain distinctly different recipes).

Entry System

Bring along your favourite pecan products that you have created, baked or whipped up to a frenzy... for sharing.

- Recipes need to be original - your own creation or a family classic!
- Bring a plate to share - enough to fit on one plate and cut into small bite size tasting portions so that our conference delegates can try;
- Entries can be sweet or savoury, laden in kilojoules or as light as a feather. It's up to you.
- All entries need to be ready to display with a neat printed label listing the following:
 - the name of your recipe
 - Recipe instructions - listing all of the ingredients & steps needed to make your creation
 - Your details including name, age (if in the children's categories), address / farm.

Judging

- Delegates at the APA conference will decide by popular vote, which dish is their favourite.
- The conference team may disqualify an entry if they have reason to believe that it does not comply with the entry Terms and Conditions.

Finalists and winners

- The winner of each of the three categories will be announced at the 2019 APA Industry Conference, held in Port Macquarie NSW August 24 - 25th 2019 and
- Announced in our e-newsletter for September 2019 & sent to The Nutgrower magazine for inclusion.

Prizes

Prizes for winners of each of the three categories include

- Primary School Category (Years Infant - Year 6) - first prize \$35 voucher; runner up \$15 voucher;
- Secondary School Category (Years 7-12) - first prize \$40 voucher; runner up \$20 voucher;
- Open category (all ages can submit entries) - first prize trophy; runner up certificate.

APA will also provide winners with digital certificates / badges that you can use on your own social media or websites.



3. Inaugural APA Photography Competition 2019

Calling all budding photographers out there in pecan land! We are excited to announce our new APA photography competition and would love you to enter!

For our first year, we have chosen a theme "texture", which all the photographs need to capture. We will be announcing the winners at the upcoming APA conference in August 24th 2019.

We have three different age-related categories and some fabulous prizes.

We welcome entries from all APA members, staff and families....start snapping those pics now and don't forget entries close Friday, 31st July 2019.

All entrants must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Each entry must be based on this year's theme, which is: Texture.
- They must be in some way connected to pecans, pecan farming, processing or life on a pecan farm.
- Feel free to get creative with your photography when addressing the theme.
- Your photographs can be colour or black-and-white, colour, portraits, landscapes etc. Be creative!
- All entries must be suitable for displaying in a public environment.
- Entry is free, and is open to all APA members, their staff & family members.
- By submitting your entries you give permission to the APA to use your photography in a public space. All entries submitted will become the property of the Australian Pecan Association for use in newsletters, websites and magazines.
- The APA Conference Photo Comp 2019 We will be presenting the entries at conference during break time and will be featuring some of the winning photos in upcoming newsletters and The Nutgrower magazine.
- All entries must be submitted via email by close of business Wednesday July 31st 2019.
- Size of file to be between 1MB - 5MB. Photos that are bigger or smaller in file size than this will be disqualified.

To enter

Entries can be submitted to one of three categories:

1. Primary School Category (Years Infant - Year 6)
2. Secondary School Category (Years 7-12)
3. Open category (all ages can submit entries)





Inaugural APA Photography Competition 2019

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Photos may only be submitted once. Entrants may submit multiple entries, as long as each entry differs significantly from any others submitted by that entrant (it should contain distinctly different photos).

If submitting more than one entry, be mindful of the size of the files and send each entry in a separate email.

Email Entry System

- In order for your entry to be valid, you must submit it via email to Anne Briggs, Executive Officer Australian Pecan Association at E; admin@pecangrowers.org.au by no later than Wednesday, July 31st 2019.
- When sending your entry please include a short 50 - 100 word description of your work including how you have addressed the theme and your contact details: full name, year at school (if in the two school categories), address, email and phone details. Please also include the APA member contact details (if submitted from staff or family).

Judging

- The judging panel will consist of local professional photographer(s) and members of the Executive APA team.
- The judges may disqualify an entry if they have reason to believe that it does not comply with the entry Terms and Conditions, so make sure you have read them thoroughly!
- The judges decision is final.

Finalists and winners

- Up to three finalists in each of the three categories will be contacted via email and announced in our newsletter early August. Please ensure you submit a valid email address with your entry.
- The entrants whose submissions best capture the theme of 'Texture' through their concept, composition and technical competency will be deemed the winners.
- The winner of each of the three categories will be contacted via email and announced at the 2019 APA Industry Conference, held in Port Macquarie NSW August 24 - 25th 2019.

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