

Natural riches brilliantly captured

The ANZANG Nature and Landscape photographic competition and travelling exhibition is celebrating its fifth year with another mesmerising set of images submitted by both amateur and professional entrants across the globe.

The competition is run by Perth-based ANZANG Nature, an organisation established by Dr Stuart Miller to highlight the extraordinary natural heritage of the bioregion of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and New Guinea by encouraging photography of the region's nature and wilderness, raising public awareness, and providing support for nature conservation in the region.

Funds received by ANZANG Nature from the competition's book (the Collections) and other merchandise sales, surplus to the cost of each year's competition and exhibition, are donated to conservation

organisations in Australia and New Zealand that provide habitat for native flora and fauna sanctuary.

This year's overall winner, ANZANG Nature and Landscape Photographer of the Year, Allen Peate from New South Wales, was one of over 1300 entries received. His spectacular image of fighting egrets exemplifies the world-class standard of the winning and highly commended images which vied for cash prizes in 10 categories.

For more information about the annual competition, host organisation, and dates and venues for the accompanying travelling exhibition, visit www.anzangnature.org.

The spectacular publication *Australasian Nature Photography – ANZANG Fifth Collection* showcases more than 110 stunning images and is available from CSIRO Publishing, www.publish.csiro.au/pid/5953.htm.



Fighting egrets. Winner, ANZANG Nature and Landscape Photographer of the Year. Allen Peate, New South Wales. ANZANG Nature



Taranaki. Highly Commended, Wilderness Landscape. Verena and Georg Popp, Austria. ANZANG Nature



Australian sea lion pup. Highly Commended, Black and White. Pam Osborne, Western Australia. ANZANG Nature