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Leaping to a win

Two flying leaps from a Bremer Bay sand dune helped Albany caravan park proprietor and keen photographer Ed Nelson win first prize in the Great Southern Life photo competition.

Mr Nelson's photograph of his sons Ricky and Bill launching themselves off the top of the dune won \$400 from the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) and a \$149 canvas print from Albany Camera House (ACH).

Keen photographers from across the Great Southern took part in the 2011 GSDC digital photography competition, which offered more than \$1500 in prizes.

GSDC regional manager community and corporate Christine Grogan presented the winners with their prizes on Friday at the Albany Art House gallery at Dog Rock Boulevard.

Ms Grogan said the winning photos showed creative flair and skill.

"The GSDC digital photography competition is an opportunity to celebrate the talents of Great Southern people and to appreciate the beauty of this region," Ms Grogan said.



GSDC digital photography competition winner Ed Nelson's photograph, titled Ricky and Bill Sand Jump Bremer.

“It provides the GSDC with a resource of photos to use in promoting the interests of the region, and it gives Great Southern photographers the chance to see their photos used and credited in publications and promotional material.”

Jamie Kiddle won second prize, of \$200 and a framed ACH print, for his underwater photo of a diver and a colourful cuttlefish.

Third prize, \$100 and a \$100 ACH print voucher, was won by Julie Holland, with a dramatic picture of a surfboat cutting through a wave, and Jaana Wilson won fourth prize, \$60 and a \$100 ACH print voucher, with a well-composed photo of a frog.

Albany Gateway hosted the competition and sponsored two \$50 popular vote prizes, won by Robert Davies’ photo of a sunset at the wind farm, and Jolene Lawler with a photo of a blue wren.

Five entrants shared eight encouragement awards of \$30 each from the GSDC: Tanya Barber, Ricci Draper, Debbie Cristinelli, Mary Leonhardt and Jessica Vermeulen.

The winning photos are displayed on the Albany Gateway website in the Great Southern Life gallery.

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