**Joan Harding Botanical Art Competition**

Stewards & Sponsors: Nathalia Wildflower Group.

Entry: $1 per piece

Enter and deliver entries as per other pavilion exhibits:

* Entry forms in by Wednesday prior to show day
* Deliver exhibits to showgrounds between 9-12 on Friday 30th September for judging Friday afternoon).
* Collect exhibits after 3.30pm on Show day

**Art specifications**

* **Topic: The local flora, where ‘local’ means: Nathalia District and Barmah Forest.**
* **Art medium: A painting or drawing.**
* Size: Open
* It does not have to be framed.
* The competition is non acquisitive.

**CLASSES:**

1. Secondary School Age (1st Prize $30)

2. Primary School Age (1st Prize $20)

**Background of the competition**

* Nathalia Wildflower Group wanted to provide an annual Nathalia award to honour one of its founding members, watercolour artist Joan Harding, for her years of dedication to painting and sketching the local flora. Joan’s book*: Botanica NATHALIA,* published in 2016,provides an exquisite collection of Joan’s watercolour paintings.
* Nathalia Wildflower Group always seeks to promote a love and a greater awareness of, our local flora. To this end, 3 local wildflower book guides have been published by this group:

*Flora of the Nathalia District & Barmah Forest,* 1999

*Flora of the Nathalia District & Barmah Forest* 2004 This large book provides an expanded guide, with over 200 plants identified, photographed and described.

*Bushland Treasures – Flora of the Yambuna & Wakiti Districts* 2015

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