

Amazing Australia
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Storms, cyclones, lightning, snow, fire, rainbows, sunsets and cloud formations are all stars in the Bureau of Meteorology's 2014 Australian Weather Calendar.

Showcasing a collection of landscape and environmental photographs taken across the country, the popular non-for-profit monthly planner aims to promote a broader understanding of the science behind climatology.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the theme of the calendar is community service and highlights the technological advancements that enable the Bureau to provide accurate and reliable information.

More than 700 submissions were received, with a winning image selected for each state and territory.

The cover shot, a wintry view of Tasmania's Mt Field National Park, is by photographer Grant Dixon.

Mr Dixon said the conditions at the 1400m peak were particularly challenging when he captured the icy wonderland at dusk.

"It was still freezing with a brisk wind deflected up the cliff. I was trying to get a shot in very transient light before my fingers froze or moisture fogged up the lens," he said.

The calendar is available at bureau outlet stores or shop.bom.gov.au.