

CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSION

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Sixteen members of the Australian Federal Police participated in the photographic competition organised by the Cyprus High Commission in Canberra.

This competition was to serve as a recognition, appreciation and testimony of Australia's contribution in keeping the peace on the island of Cyprus. Well over one hundred images had been entered. They were some of the photos Australian peacekeepers have taken in Cyprus where hundreds of them have served as peacekeepers since the inception of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in the spring of 1964. At a primary level, the images reflect the life of the peacekeeper among the people, the landscape and the character of the island.

The judgement committee was made up of three prominent media photographers. Ray Strange, a Photographer with News Limited and a member of the Press Gallery of the Federal Parliament House with Silas Brown and Cole Bennetts, the two main photographers from Canberra's news magazine City News, unanimously selected Leon Kemp's photo:

It's just a minor accident

The winning photo, taken only months before the Turkish invasion of 1974, presents the reality of life in the island of Cyprus where even the collision between a car and a military tank was an event that did not trouble the flow of life.

The winner will receive a return ticket to Cyprus which was generously donated by Gulf Air and Kyrenia Travel Service of Sydney.

The collected photographs will be presented to the public in an exhibition in the New Year.

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THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION . WON BY LEON KEMP ,TASMANIA, OF THE 10TH CONTINGENT CYPRUS.

