



Winners announced for Asia-Pacific Tree Climbing Championship

ATLANTA, Ga. — The ISA 2026 Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Championship has officially concluded, with the winners being awarded on 8 February 2026. The 2026 APTCC held in Bangkok, Thailand, highlighted top climbers from across the region, marking the end of this two-day competition.

Alana Murray, of Arboriculture Australia, and Jamie Boston, of Queensland Arboricultural Association, were announced as the winners of the 2026 APTCC.

Returning post-injury, Murray claimed the victory as the women’s champion. Reflecting on her journey to APTCC, Murray explained, “I had about four months off work for (the injury). Worlds (International Tree Climbing Championship) was when I was back on the tools full time. It’s been my first stint since my injury, back in the trees climbing; that’s pretty much been my only prep, is actually being able to climb again.”

Since last competing in the 2025 ITCC held in Christchurch, New Zealand, this year’s APTCC men’s winner, Boston, spoke on his preparation leading up to APTCC.

“Yeah, still climbing a lot, not as much (competition) climbing as what I did in the lead up,” he said. “I put that to the side but just focused on my fitness training that I’ve been doing in the lead up to ITCC.”

The APTCC brings together working arborists from across the Asia-Pacific region. Competing in an environment similar to real-life conditions in the arboriculture industry, climbers have the opportunity to showcase new climbing techniques and equipment while promoting safe practices.

ISA Tree Climbing Championship events will resume with the 2026 North American Tree Climbing Championship (NATCC) in Kent, Ohio, U.S., from 15-17 May; the 2026 European Tree Climbing Championship in Gijón, Spain, from 3-5 July; the 2026 International Tree Climbing Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S., from 9-11 October; and the Latin American Tree Climbing Championship in São Paulo, Brazil, December 2026.

For more information about the ISA 2026 APTCC and other TCC events, please visit the ITCC website.

ABOUT ISA

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., U.S., is a nonprofit professional organization dedicated to promoting the importance of arboriculture and educating the public about the significance of trees and the value of their proper care. As part of ISA’s advancing the arboriculture profession, it offers the only internationally recognized certification program in the industry, including ISA Certified Arborist®. For more information about ISA and Certified Arborists, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

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