



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

EXPOSURE

May 2019

Vice President's Message

Hello everyone,

Our last meeting was well attended and it was great to see some new faces.

Once again, we were all inspired by looking at the images that were submitted for judging, both externally for A grade and internally for B grade.

The change in format to submitting a maximum of 4 images seemed to go well and it is always interesting to hear the judges' comments & feedback.

David Blackburn gave us a very interesting view of the items in his camera bag and in future I'm sure we'll all remember to take along the mozzie repellent, torch and spare batteries. We're looking forward to Kathleen sharing her bag at the June meeting.

A few of us attended the Photographic Society of Qld (PSQ) convention in Manly, QLD hosted by the Mount Gravatt Photographic Society on the May long weekend, which was fabulous and included a number of interesting guest speakers. It was very stimulating and inspiring. The awards for the Salon of Excellence competition were announced at the gala dinner and we extend huge congratulations to Inge Blessas, Kathleen Brand and Lenore Hansen for their outstanding achievements in winning major awards. This is no small feat, considering the number and quality of the images that were submitted from across the state.

It has been decided that we will host a mini PSQ convention in Mackay this year. Initially we were looking at dates in August, but it turns out that there were too many clashes at that time. The dates have now been set for the weekend of 14th & 15th September. We will keep you up to date with information and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting for further discussion.

It has also been proposed that we hold the 2020 PSQ convention in Mackay, during the May long weekend. We will need to make a decision regarding this as soon as possible, so please give it some thought before the next meeting.

Last but not least, I am writing this on behalf of Jeff as he was unable to attend the last meeting due to a nasty and painful shoulder injury. We wish him well and hope that he recovers quickly. He was definitely missed and we hope to see him return at the next meeting.

Regards, Sue Mayer-Miller (Vice President)

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Important Dates

2 May 2019	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging
16 May 20	Workshop – Preparing & mounting images for the Mackay Show – presented by Kathleen Brand & Lenore Hansen. Fee of \$5
7 June 2019	4.00pm closing date for Mackay Show Photography Competition
13 June 20129	Judging of the Mackay Show Competition
4 July 2019	Monthly meeting and photo judging

MAY HAPPENINGS

PSQ - Salon of Excellence Qld.

Congratulations to Inge Blessas, Kathleen Brand and Lenore Hansen who have all been successful with images being awarded placings at the recent Salon of Excellence Qld held over the weekend of the 4*6 May 2019.

Kathleen received a 1st Place A Grade Mono Large Print and 3rd Place A Grade Open Large Print, Lenore received 2nd place A Grade Mono Large Print while Inge received 1st Place and Champion A Grade People Digital.

Congratulations to those members and to other members who also entered and received acceptances.



For those of you who may be interested, here is a link to view the results for the 2019 Salon of Excellence. <https://psq-seq.myphotoclub.com.au/results-for-competitions-in-salon-of-excellence-queensland-2019-2/>



PSQ Annual Photographic Convention 4th – 6th May 2019

“Take Make Illuminate”



I attended the 2019 PSQ Take! Make! Illuminate! Convention in Manly over the May Day weekend. The objective of the weekend was to explore some of the many creative possibilities that photography now presents. The weekend had a good range of speakers that covered landscape and astrophotography, sport, event photography, lighting for video, creative photography techniques and powerful image-processing techniques in Photoshop.

A number of workshops and photo opportunities were organised over the weekend including light painting, photographic weaving, alternative processes where participants could watch an image come slowly into view in a darkroom experience, hands on digital art workshops learning how to create your own digital signature, learning how to photograph high level sporting, conference and wedding type events.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof Des Crawley who has a national and international reputation as a photographer was certainly both entertaining and thought provoking with his two presentations on visual cultures and the imagined vision, and developing creativity at Club Level with his portfolio process.

Other speakers included Adam Williams who most of us know from workshops held in Mackay; always a pleasure catching up with Adam, his work is truly inspirational and he connects with so many of us with his images.

For me what I like about these conventions is the networking and great friendships that you make over the three days. You get to know names behind the faces, i.e. the hard-working people behind PSQ, members of other clubs, and you come away with so many ideas and feel inspired to get back into your own photographic journey.



The social dinner on the Saturday night was lots of fun with a different type of trivia game played; it was a good way to get some dirt on people at your table, but as the saying goes... what happens at the Convention, stays at the Convention!

The Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation night was well attended, we again saw the Mackay Camera Group receive awards, 4 in the top 60 awards. Congratulations to all those winners and acceptances. For a small club we certainly can hold our heads up high.

Membership



Reminder - Membership fees are now **overdue**, so if you haven't yet paid, could you please do so as soon as possible.

The form can be found on the website:

http://www.mackaycameragroup.com/uploads/8/1/5/6/81562872/membership_application_2019.pdf

Please note there has been a slight increase in fees this year.

Fees are:	Adult	\$50
	Family	\$80
	Junior	\$15
	Pensioner	\$30

Upcoming Events

Mackay Show Photography Competition

The Mackay Show is on the 18th, 19th and 20th June. Entries close at 4pm on Friday 7th June 2019.

As Mackay Camera Club are a sponsor of the competition it would be good for members to consider exhibiting some of your work. All information, including Schedule and Entry forms is available at the following link

[Mackay Show Schedule](#)

The Show judging is at the Jubilee Community Centre on Thursday, the 13th June.

Volunteers are required for:

- The Judging night, Thursday 13th June at the Community Centre - score keepers plus assistants to manage the display and sorting of images.
- Setting up the display at the Showgrounds, Monday 17th June from 9am.



- Manning the display throughout the Show – there will be 8 four-hour shifts spread over Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th. Free Show entry tickets are provided.
- Taking down the display on Friday 22nd from 9am.

If you can help with any of these events, please let Lenore Hansen know asap.

Mackay Horizons – Artspace

Artspace Mackay have asked if members would be interested in contributing to the upcoming art installation *Take Root (Colony): Project Another Country* by internationally-renowned artists Alfredo and Isabel Aquilizan on the 14 June 2019.

Members have been asked to contribute seascape and horizon photographs of the Mackay region to wrap the gallery walls. The postcard-sized digital prints of sea and sky will be joined together to create a never-ending horizon around the gallery walls surrounding the art installation.

To participate, simply email your Mackay horizon photographs to artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au with the subject heading Mackay horizons by **COB Friday 31 May**. Please note:

- Horizon photographs should feature **sky and sea only** – no land masses, boats, people etc should feature in the photographs;
- Maximum photograph **file size is 1mb** and maximum number of photographic **submissions per emails is 3** (you can submit as many photos as you like);
- Be sure to include your first and last name in the body of the email;
- By submitting photograph/s, you give consent to Artspace Mackay to reproduce your photograph/s for promotional use and display in the exhibition *Take Root (Colony): Project Another Country*.

If you wish more information please contact Lenore.

EKKA Royal Qld. Show 9th – 18th August 2019

Photography Schedule and Entry Form [here](#).

Applications to enter close 5:00pm 31st May 2019



2019 Schedule of Meetings and Events	
April 18	No workshop due to Easter
May 2	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging
May 13	Executive Meeting
May 16	Workshop – Preparing & mounting images for the Mackay Show - \$5 fee
June 6	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging – Quarter Club theme - Black & White 50mm
June 7	Entries close 4.00pm 2019 Mackay Show
June 11	Executive Meeting
June 13	Judging of 2019 Mackay Show

Monthly Show & Tell



At our May meeting, David Blackburn showed us his photography “bag”. David’s bag was very compact and carries all the necessary items he needs to capture the shot including ensuring he always has insect repellent.

“What’s in the bag” next month will be presented by Kathleen.



Digital Competitions

We are providing links to various competitions that come to our notice. Please read all terms and conditions to ensure you are happy with the copyright information as to what happens to your image once submitted.

Australian Photography

TAKE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Australian Photography runs free monthly competitions, with a new theme each month. Find out more [here](#).

The [Mono Awards](#), a black and white photography competition for photographers in Australia and New Zealand.



Capture the weather photo competition - Submit your vision of Australia's diverse weather to the **Bureau of Meteorology Australian Weather Calendar** photo competition, and your image could feature in Australia's bestselling weather calendar! More information [here](#).



Check out [Digital Photography Challenge](#) for some very interesting themes and images in this truly international competition. Sign up for FREE and participate.



A new theme every week. For more information follow the link [Photo Friday Competition](#)



Australian GEOGRAPHIC

Nature Photographer of the Year – Entries have now closed for 2019. [The 2020 Competition](#) will be just around the corner, this might be a good opportunity to start working on your images now.

PHOTOREVIEW AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

Photo review Magazine run regular competitions. For more information, here is the link:

<https://www.photoreview.com.au/competitions/photo-challenge/>

Buy, Swap and Sell

If you have any gear to buy, swap or sell, please contact the Club and we will include it in the next newsletter.

Canon EF 100mm Macro f2.8 L	\$800.00
Canon EF 50 mm f1.2 L	\$1,100.00
Canon EF 85 mm f1.2 L	\$1,300.00
Canon EF 16-35 mm f2.8 L	\$700.00
Canon EF 100-400 mm f/4.5-5.6 II L	\$1,800.00
Canon EF 1.4X III Extender Lens	\$400.00
Canon ST-E3-RT Speedlite Transmitter	\$170.00
Canon 600RT Speedlite	\$250.00
Canon 600RT Speedlite	\$250.00
Canon Macro Twin Lite Flash MT-24EX	\$300.00
Canon EOS 5D Mark III	\$1,300.00
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Canon PowerShot G5X	\$500.00

If you are interested in any of the items displayed in last months newsletter available for sale by Gail please contact Damian Walls at damo@damophoto.net



Monthly Judging of Images for May

Hans Schmidt from the Cairns Photographic Society judged A grade images for the month of May. Hans main interests lie in landscape photography however he does a lot of events and everything in between including weddings. Hans is also a member of the Cassowary Coast Camera Club and does club judging both remote and live.

The results were somewhat daunting with regards to “snapshots” being awarded to 5 out of the 16 images submitted and sparked quite a bit of discussion amongst members. Two photos of the month however were awarded to Inge Blessas and Heather Atkinson. Notwithstanding the results a special thank you to Hans for taking the time and effort in undertaking the external judging for our club.

Judging for B grade this month was carried out by Damian. A special thank you to Damian, it is always a big task to ask on the night but we really appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Again a big “Thank You” to these judges.



Photo Judging Results

B GRADE 6x4

Gold

Sue M-M
Sue B
Jennise
Karen O'K
Debbie (POM)

Silver

Carmen
Sue M-M
Sue B
Debbie

Bronze

David (2)
Carmen
Jennise)

B GRADE Large

Gold

David
Natalie
Karen O'Keefe
Carmen
John P
Sue M-M (POM)

Silver

Debbie
Karen O'K
Sue B
Sue M-M

Bronze

Debbie
Carmen
John P
David
Karen O'K
Sue B
Jennise (2)



Photo of the Month – 6x4
Journey – Debbie Ford



Photo of the Month – 6x4
Maddy – Sue Mayer-Miller



A GRADE

Gold

Heather (POM)

Inge (POM)

Kathleen

Lenore

Silver

Heather

Kathleen (2)

Lenore

Bronze

Heather

Lenore

Snapshot

Heather

Inge (3)

Kathleen



Photo of the Month – Tied
Dark Forest – Inge Blessas

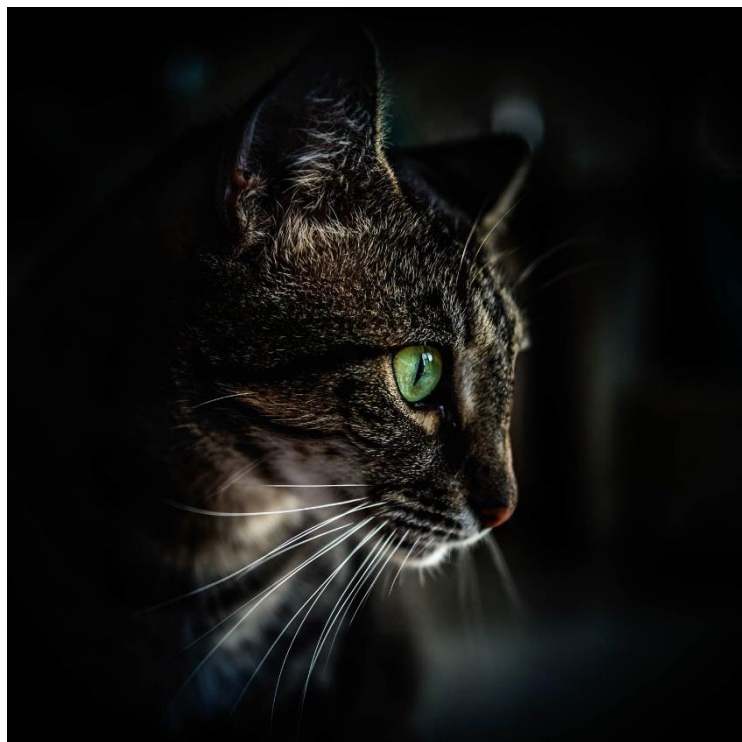


Photo of the Month – Tied
Tigger – Heather Atkinson



Gold Images May Judging

Last month a suggestion was made that all images that are awarded a Gold be displayed in the monthly newsletter due to the reduced numbers now being submitted by each grade for judging. If you receive a gold award each month please email your image to the newsletter Editor for inclusion in the monthly news.

Below are member's images awarded Gold in both A Grade and B Grade. Not all images have been displayed due to members being absent.



B Grade – Gold Award
Beetle – Sue Mayer-Miller



B Grade – Gold Award
Bird – John Pickup



B Grade – Gold Award
Lillies – Jennise Carr



A Grade – Gold Award
Soldiers United



A Grade – Gold Award
Morning Routine – Kathleen Brand



Interesting Read for the Month

[Aperture Photography Conference 2019](#)

This may be of interest to some members even if you wanted to look over the site and have a look at some of the images of the emerging photographers.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

[15 of the Best Cityscape Photography Tutorials to Make your Shots Pop](#)

