

Exposure

Newsletter for the



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

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7:00pm ~ 1st Thursday of each month

‘Sarina Room’ Jubilee Community Centre,
Alfred Street, Mackay

Workshops - 3rd Thursdays of each month

Outings and excursions: arranged on a regular basis

Your Executive Team:

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From the President's Pen



Hi everyone,

What an amazing surprise we received when we achieved a fourth placing in the River City Print Competition. It was the first time we have entered this competition and we really didn't have high expectations. I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to the members who submitted prints. We can certainly hold our heads up high and feel a great deal of pride in what we have achieved.

The lighting workshop was a fabulous success. Thank you to John, Caine and Michael for setting up the lighting and for assisting us to learn different lighting techniques. Thank you also to Stacey for sourcing our beautiful models who were most obliging and patient with us all.

Although I was unable to attend, I believe people had a great morning at the follow up photo session in the City Heart. The photos that I have seen of the dancers were stunning. Thank you Stacey for organising the outing and for sourcing the dancers.

Thank you to Belinda for organising the creek and antiques trip to Calen. It is fabulous to find new places to photograph and Belinda always seems to have a knack of finding new and unusual places.

The workshop evening this month will be on bird photography and macro photography. I know that Jennise and Deb will teach us many things and they will give us lots to think about. I'm really looking forward to the night.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful trip to Lotus Creek this weekend and I look forward to seeing the images afterwards.

Cheers

Sue
President

Supper Roster

Carol and Sharon will provide our supper during our meeting and Workshop evenings in August.

Thank you for providing our goodies!





We would like to wish the following members
a wonderful **Happy Birthday** on their special day.

Michael McPherson 12th August

Susan Teder 30th August

We trust it's a day filled with love, photographs and memories.

JULY ACTIVITIES

July16 Creek & Antique Campsite - Calen Article by Belinda Eckford

Last Sunday some intrepid explorers from both Creative Shots & Mackay Camera Group braved the distance and the treacherous, rocky creek crossing to Creek & Antique Campsite. It was tough but we all made it safe and undamaged - and that includes the vehicles. Thanks to Terry & Sue Spreadborough for being our hosts and allowing us all access to an amazing variety of memorabilia.

The biggest issue was exactly what to photograph. Some people, like Stacey and John wallowed in the sheds, for different reasons of course! Most of us found some items we never thought we would see again and it was interesting to find out the links that place still has with people. Inge grew up there, John's family had the garage in Calen. Stacey's husband is related.... The mind boggles. After some time in the sheds, the birders disappeared among the sheoaks to try to photograph sneaky little birds. Definitely sneaky because they were tremendously difficult to photograph. We left Jennise and Elizabeth still photographing the beautiful creek - that used to be a local swimming hole. Maybe it still is. Who knows? All in all it was a very pleasant afternoon and we are all welcome to go at any time. You are able to find the location through the people who have already visited and Hipcamp. Maybe next time we will go for a walk to Whale Rock! Thanks to all for making it an enjoyable afternoon.



Photo credit: Margaret
Oar, Creative Shots

July 13 - Lighting Workshop with John Blessas, Caine Batley & Michael McPherson

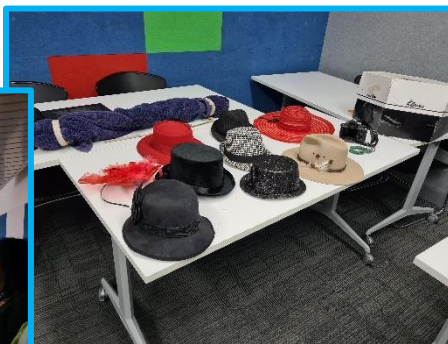
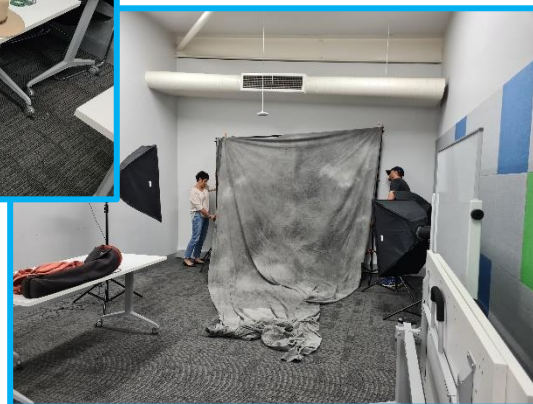


Photo credit: Sue Mayer-Miller



Wow what a great night of learning together. We started the evening early to give us maximum time to practice. Thanks to Stacey for co-ordinating replacement models at very short notice, and to John, Caine and Michael for organizing props, lights and all the required equipment to run this fabulous night. The models were brilliant, and were very patient with us, and struck just the poses that we asked of them. We were able to see the difference that different types of lighting made on faces. We all had a turn at choosing our model's pose, head angle, body position, prop used and more. What an opportunity to use all sorts of things that we may not have access to normally. Thanks everyone for helping set up and pack away too, your help is greatly appreciated. This is another reason to love this club and the great people we have in it.

All Bike Show - Paxton's Warehouse

July 22, 23rd

While this was not an official activity of our club, members were invited to come and take advantage of the opportunity to photograph many different sizes, shapes and models of Motor Bikes. The annual display was held at Paxton's Warehouse in River Street all weekend July 22nd and 23rd. Caine was our contact for this event.



Dancing Models in City Heart July 23

Stacey organized two fabulous young dancers to be our models. On Thurs 20th members planned some suggested poses, and brought them together to create a workbook that were used at each of the 'stations' on Sunday in the



Photo credit - Jennise Carr

city heart. Working with a model in each small group, we staged, posed, and asked our models to do leaps, bends, arm & leg extensions, and so much more.



Photo credit - Heather Atkinson

A very special thanks to Stacey for such a well organized activity, and to the models who were so willing to pose in the desired positions. We all ended with some amazing shots that we would not ordinarily be capable of producing on our own. It was an interesting exercise to see how different poses worked with the different backgrounds - grungy graffiti walls, doorways, framed windows etc. Another fabulous opportunity to share with others as we learned together. This is such a great club!

EVENTS DURING AUGUST

August 12 &13 Lotus Creek Homestead.



This is an exciting opportunity to get out and about and immerse yourself in the beauty of the landscape, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Book your own accommodation - see their website for options and pricing. Meals are available too. Spouses are welcome. There will be no set program, but you are free to explore the surrounding area, and share together with others on this time

away. Don't miss it! It will be epic!

Bird & Macro Workshop - August 17 - 7pm

How to Photograph Birds with Jennise Carr &

Macro Photography with Deb Ford

Jennise will share how she goes about capturing images of the birds that she loves so much. We will look at the how, when, and where to find birds, and how to maximise the opportunities to capture the very best image that we can. Following a short supper break, Deb will share with us the finer points of shooting macro. Deb has extensive experience in this genre, so make sure you don't miss this opportunity to learn from her.



Walkabout Birds and Macro - August 20 at 7:00am

This event is an opportunity to practice the skills that we learned on 17th

Meet at the Boat Ramp in Victoria Street at 7.00 with your longest lens, along with your macro lens, insect repellent (in case), walking shoes. We will walk the Sandfly Creek walk which is approximately 4klms return walk.



TO OUR JUDGES THIS MONTH

Thanks to our PSQ Accredited judge Maureen Carthy from Townsville who gave her critique this month for our images for Advanced, Intermediate and Novice Grades. We appreciate the time and care given to her extensive critiques and suggestions for improvement. Maureen had requested all our images to be submitted in Black & White or Monochrome. This was a good challenge for us, and I think we achieved this pretty well judging by Maureen's additional comments. I hope you all had fun with this month's images!

We look forward to working Margaret O'Grady from Brisbane who is next month's judge.

Thanks also to Sue Mayer-Miller for giving great suggestions to our Beginners Grade. These suggestions for improvement are greatly appreciated by our members new to photography.



"We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us."

— **Ralph Hattersley**



Huge Congratulations
to our Mackay Camera Group
for these outstanding results in
River City Print Competition 2023

	Aspley Camera Club	Brisbane Camera Group	Caboolture Photography Club	Gold Coast Photographic Society	Ipswich Photographic Society	Mackay Camera Group	Mt Gravatt Photographic Society	Peninsula Camera Club	Qld Camera Club	Redlands Camera Club	Wynnum Bayside Camera Club
Nature	91	80	82	84	69	86	90	83	86	88	78
Portrait	89	76	84	84	80	81	86	80	88	87	80
Non A	98	84	84	84	85	83	73	92	90	91	80
Mono	90	90	79	85	85	89	88	82	89	93	89
Colour	87	89	81	93	88	92	90	89	88	89	94
Total	455	419	410	430	407	431	427	426	441	448	421
Place	First					FOURTH			Third	Second	

What a fabulous result!

Scores for individual images will be released soon.

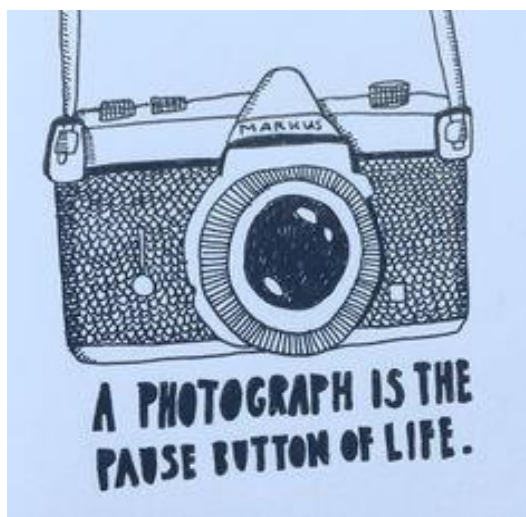
Once they are announced, they will be posted
on the facebook Closed Members page.





OTHER DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Venue
10/8/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
12-13/8/23		MCG overnight outing	Lotus Creek Homestead
17/8/23	7pm	Workshop - Photographing Birds & Macro	Sarina Room
20/8/23	7am	Walkabout. Meet at the Boatramp in River St.	Sandfly Creek Reserve
7/9/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/9/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
16-17 9/23	3pm	Workshops - Landscapes, Sunset and Astro with Phil Copp	To be advised
21/9/23	7pm	Workshop -	Sarina Room
27/9/23		Framing images for Gordon White Library	
29/9/23		Photos to GW Library for October	
5/10/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/10/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
19/10/23	7pm	Workshop - Landscapes with Mark Fitz	Jubilee Centre

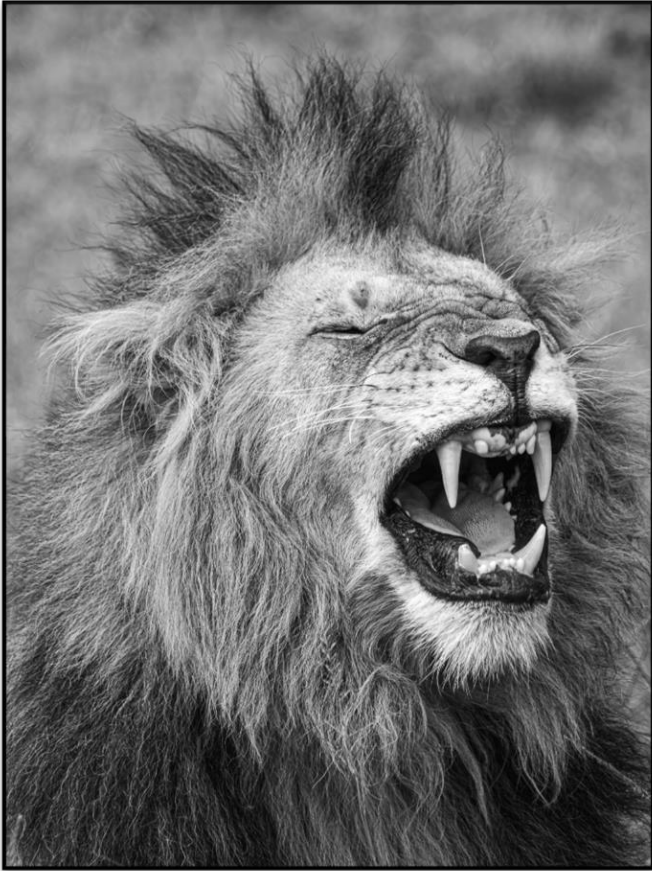


Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month - Advanced Grade



Congratulations
Lynn H Hutchins

Awarded Gold- Advanced Grade
'Lest we Forget in Any Weather'

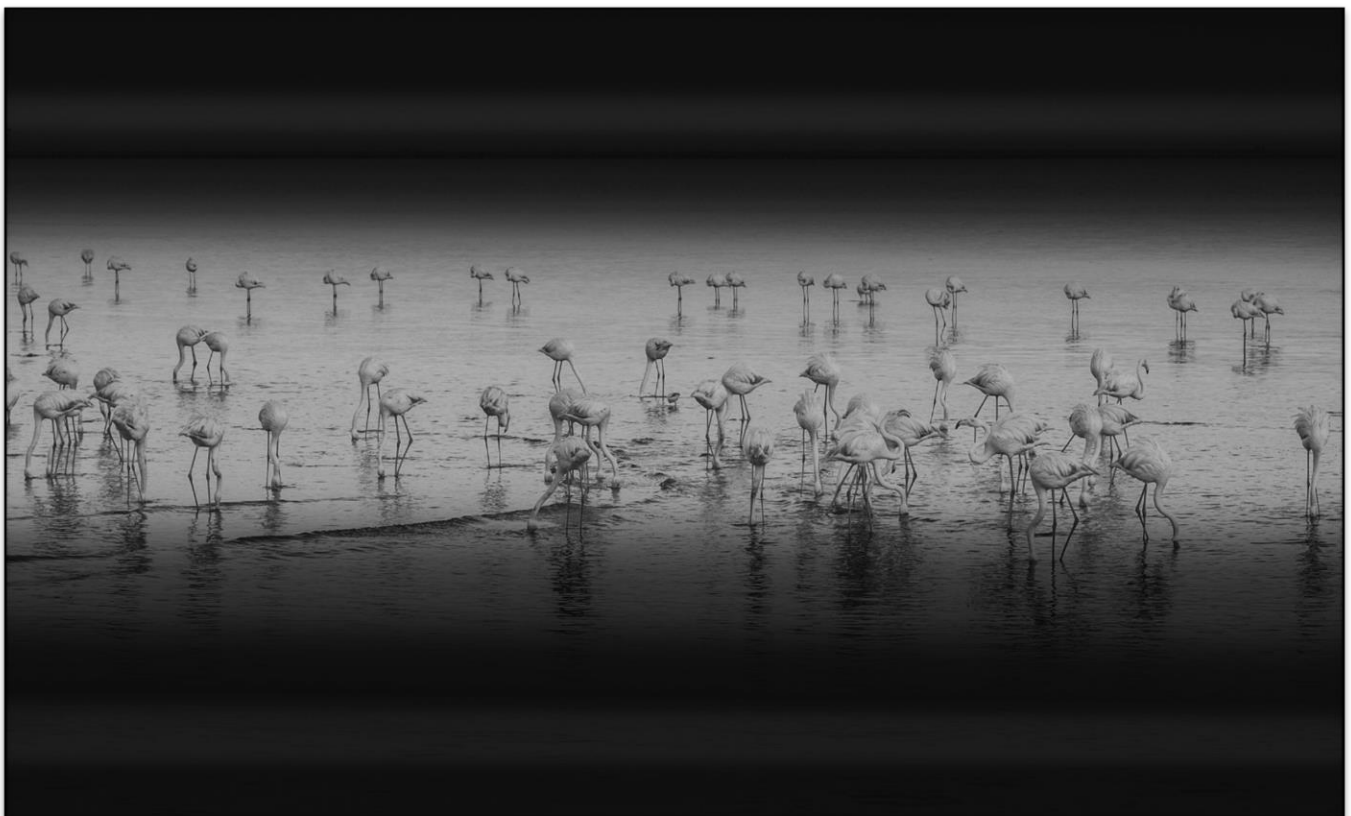


Congratulations
Susan Teder

Awarded Gold & POM - Advanced Grade
'Hear Me Roar'

Congratulations
Stephen Allworth

Awarded Gold & POM - Advanced Grade
'Flamingoes'

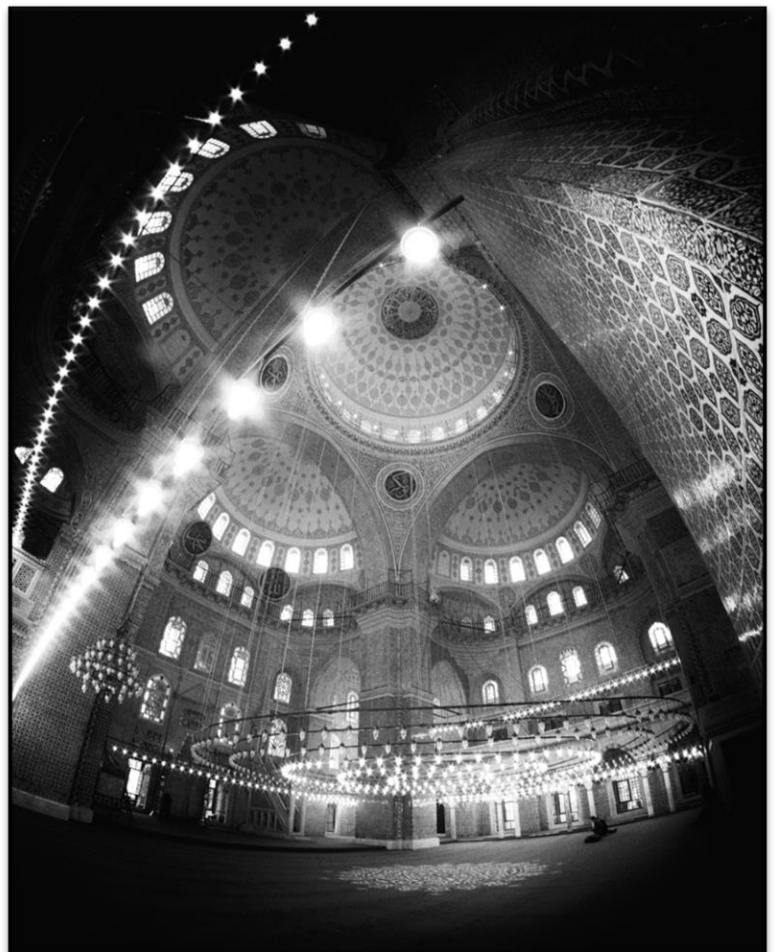


Photos Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade



**Congratulations
Jeff Jones**

Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'Fishing or Just Thinking'



**Congratulations
Stephen Allworth**

Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'Mosque'

Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month - Intermediate Grade



Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Awarded Gold & POM
Intermediate Grade

'Beach Lady'



Congratulations

Pamela Finger

Awarded Gold &
POM - Intermediate
Grade

'Surviving Despite
Time and Wars'

Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month - Intermediate Grade



Congratulations
David Blackburn

Awarded Gold &POM
Intermediate Grade
'Repairing Cable Lines'

Photos Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade



Congratulations

Belinda Eckford

Awarded Gold- Intermediate Grade

'Always Connected'

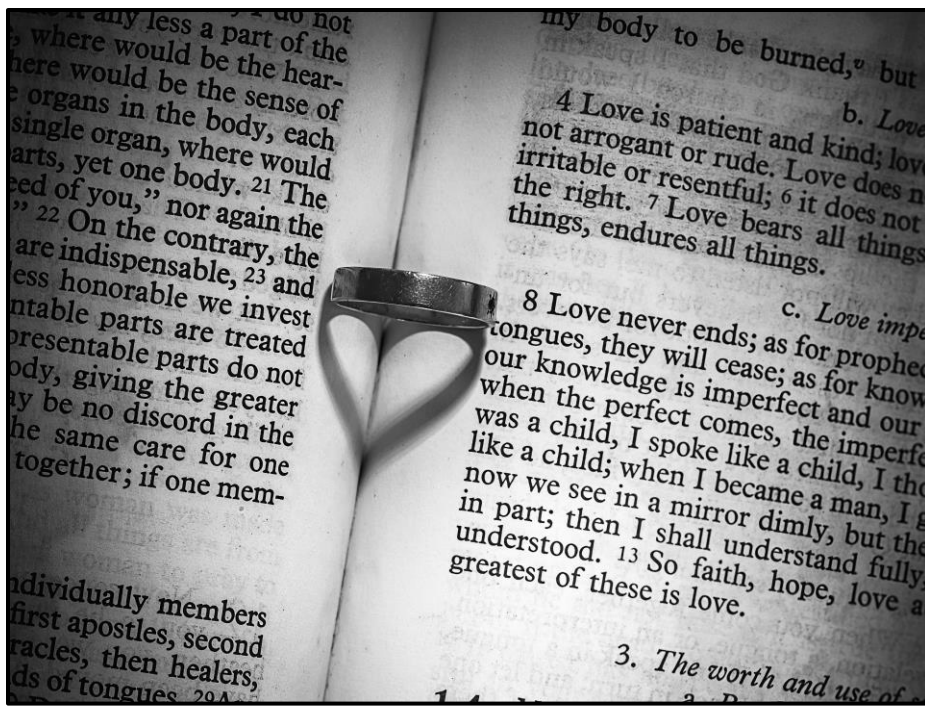


Congratulations

Stacey Nicholas

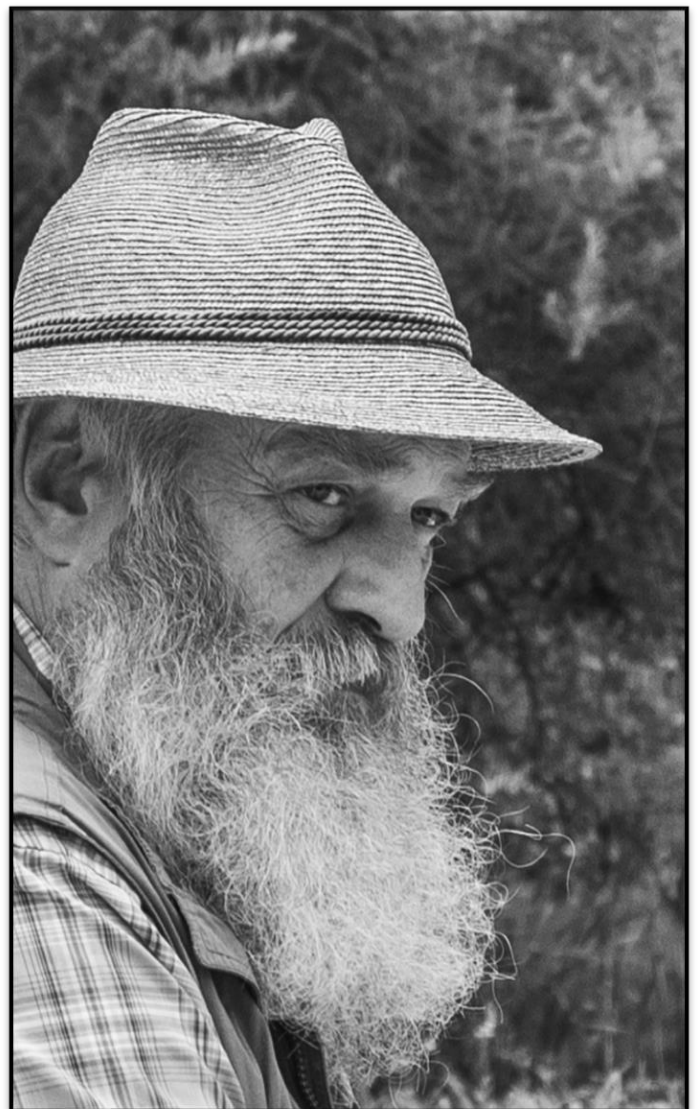
Awarded Gold- Intermediate Grade

'Lone Sentinel'



Congratulations
Belinda Eckford

Awarded Gold
Intermediate Grade
'Love Is'



Congratulations
Pamela Finger

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade
'Reflecting on the Years Gone By'



Congratulations
Anne Palfrey

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade
'Reflections'



Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade
'Through the Open Door'



Congratulations

Ann Le Riche-Perree

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade

'Fish Fingers'



Congratulations

Anne Palfrey

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade

'Should I Run?'



Congratulations

Pamela Finger

Awarded Gold Intermediate Grade

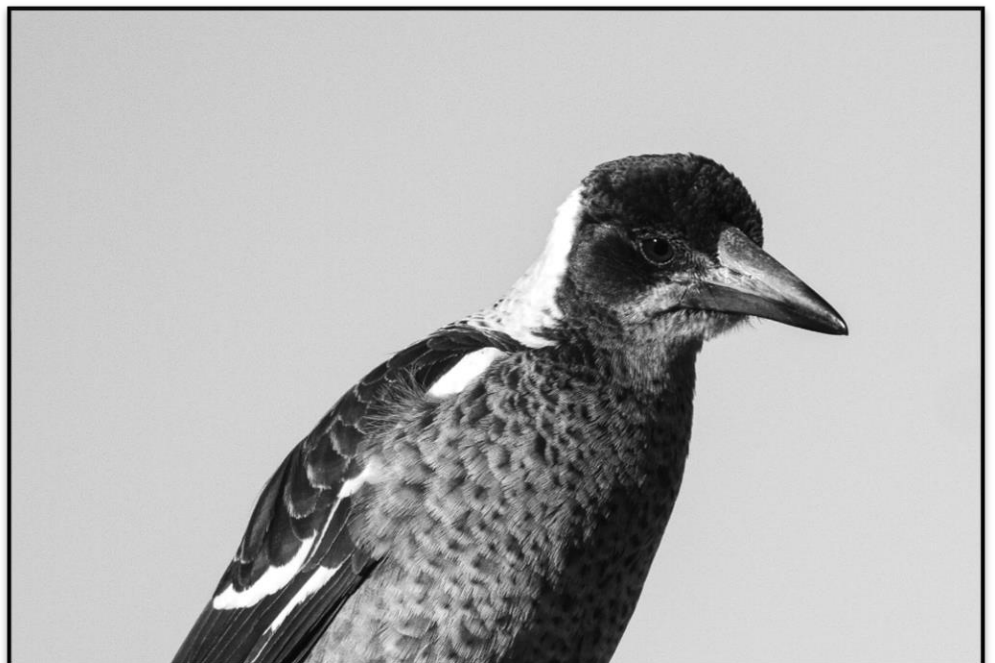
'Towering Reminder of Oppression'

Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month - Novice Grade



Congratulations
Sharon Anderson

**Awarded Gold &
POM Novice Grade**
'Hello'



Congratulations
Elizabeth Butterworth

Awarded Gold & POM
Novice Grade
'I'm Getting Familiar'