



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

EXPOSURE

December 2018

A Message from our Vice President

Hey gang, where did the year go? I just want to say a huge thank you to the peeps that have kept the club ticking over, John and Inge for their monumental input and effort, Damian for his printing, file knowledge, technical know-how and of course, other important stuff!

Then there are relative newcomers like Sue Ball and Sue Mayer-Miller, Carmen and Dave Blackburn that are all bringing much positivity along with their unbridled enthusiasm! Heather Atkinson has been a great breath of fresh air for her "just get out and have some fun" approach and for getting us into Church on Palmer for our annual break-up and awards dinner! John Pickup for his dedication, being the "clubs' oldest photographer" and for his effortless "words of wisdom". Last, but by no means least, is the phenomenal "sister act" of Kathleen Brand and Lenore Hansen who have both made huge contributions and have been the backbone of some of our meetings with John being away. Lenore's contribution as Secretary was onerous enough, but to then take on the newsletter was HUGE... I, and I'm sure the rest of the club, are truly grateful for that. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. A happy Christmas to all of you and looking forward to next year cheers!

Jeff Jones



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Important Dates

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| 4 Dec - 29 January 2019 | Jeff Jones Foto GraphiX Exhibition at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Lagoon Café Gallery |
| 7 February 2019 | Annual General Meeting and General Monthly Meeting including photo judging, 7.00pm, Community Centre, 60 Wellington Street, Mackay. |

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Steel Wool Outing – 10 November 2018

Our latest workshop on Steel Wool Photography was held on 10th November at Shoal Point Beach. John Blessas demonstrated the technique of burning steel wool using a whisk, string and batteries as lighters. We set up our cameras & tripods with lots of discussion regarding the settings to use on our cameras. John & David took turns in spinning the burning steel wool whilst we were pressing our shutter buttons. We started on dusk and as it was getting darker, settings needed to be adjusted. All in all, we had a lot of fun and were amazed with some of the images that we obtained. (Contributed by Sue Mayer-Miller)



Image – Sue Mayer-Miller



Image – Sue Mayer-Miller

External Judging of Advanced Grade Prints

A little on our External Judge this month... Ralph Brown, AAPS, AFIAP, PSQA, AIIP

Ralph Brown is an accredited professional with the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) and has competed in the Queensland (QPPA) and Australia (APPA) Professional Awards for many years. He has received Silver awards in Queensland for three years running. He has competed in competitions in Europe, USA, Asia and other parts of the world since 2008 to receive International (AFIAP) and National accreditation. Ralph has also been a member of the Australian Photographic Society (APS) since 2008 and is an accredited judge with the Photographic Society of Queensland (PSQA).

His main objective as a judge is to share his passion for photography by encouraging emerging photographers. Judging has taken him to many places from Townsville in North Qld to Foster on the coast of New South Wales.



He does remote judging for many clubs around Queensland and New South Wales and can be called upon to judge as many as six competitions in a month. Ralph is a regular judge for the Qld International Digital Circuit where the panel will judge up to 8000 images in a day.

Ralph has also completed professional studies to receive the Diploma of Professional Photography. His business is Razza Images, a professional photography business on the Sunshine Coast specialising in commercial, family and portraiture genres as well as hosting photographic tours overseas and in Australia. He also conducts one-on-one and group camera and photography classes and Lightroom tuition.

Photography is more of a passion than a business to him and his greatest pleasure comes from encouraging other photographers to capture the beauty of the world around us.

As most of you would agree from the results from last month, Ralph is a pretty tough judge only awarding two Gold images out of 18 images submitted. The Photo of the Month was awarded to Heather Atkinson for her Princes Pier image. Ralph commented that we see many images of this location and they never fail to thrill. Heather's image he felt was an exceptional scene, with good lighting and technical controls, great symmetry, perceptive lines and excellent DoF. Congratulations Heather, well done.

Cheryl and David Phillips, members from Creative Shots Photo Club were again invited along as Guest Judges this month for all grades. Members have really enjoyed the positive critique on their images and wish to specially thank both Cheryl and David for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our meetings to critique our images and impart some of their knowledge and skill of photography. Thank you, Cheryl and David, from all of us here at Mackay Camera Group.

Club Announcements

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 7 February 2019

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on the 7 February 2019 in our usual meeting place, the Community Centre, 60 Wellington Street from 7pm. This will be the Club's first meeting for 2019 where executive committee members will either stand down from their current position or stand for re-election.

John Blessas has been our President for a number of years now and has indicated he wishes to stand down as President. John has however agreed to stay on the committee as the Liaison Officer for the PSQ Judges Executive as he is the current Chair. Other committee members who have indicated they will be standing down are Jeff Jones (Vice President), Kathleen Brand (Treasurer) and Lenore Hansen (Secretary).

In becoming a member of any club, we need to appreciate the hours of work happily donated by those who fill positions within the executive committee, without these a club would not exist for everyone to enjoy the benefits. This area is always a challenge and needs to be shared as there are time limits on how long these people can fill a position for. We need to be aware that these positions need to change regardless of the person happy to fill them. There is always help available to those members willing to step in and fill a position they may not be familiar with.

Having said that, we do have a couple of members who have expressed an interest in a position on the Executive. Members are asked to consider if they would be interested in holding a position and to attend the AGM in February. If you are interested please don't hesitate to approach one of the current committee members for more information.



Christmas Break-up/Presentation Night

Members attended our annual Christmas break-up and Presentation Night at Church on Palmer on 13 December. It was a fantastic night; the company and food were great. Unfortunately, John and Inge were unable to make it on the night due to John being caught up with his work. Other apologies received were from John Pickup, Susan Teder and Brenda Trevaskis.

Jeff Jones and Lenore Hansen both stood in on behalf of John to present the trophies. Prior to the winners being announced Lenore provided some statistics on the number of images put forward by members for critique over the past year and a break-up of the number of gold, silver and bronze images awarded for each grade.

Overall, a total of 704 images have been critiqued across the three grades which is a fantastic effort by everyone. Of the 704 images, 245 were awarded Gold, 289 were awarded Silver, 168 awarded Bronze with 2 images classed as snapshots.

In the Advanced Grade a total of 314 images were submitted for judging; 102 images were awarded Gold, 127 awarded Silver, 83 awarded Bronze and 2 snapshots.

In the Intermediate Grade a total of 186 images were submitted for judging; 68 were awarded Gold, 80 were awarded Silver, 38 awarded Bronze.

In the Novice Grade a total of 204 images were submitted for judging; 73 were awarded Gold, 82 were awarded Silver and 47 were awarded Bronze.

The Runner-up in the **Novice Grade** was Darcie Ralph with the overall winner of the Novice Grade being awarded to **Sue Mayer-Miller** on a total of 125 points. Congratulations Sue on a great year, we look forward to seeing more of your wonderful images in 2019.

Sue Mayer-Miller being presented with her winning trophy. Photo contributed.



Runner-up in the **Intermediate Grade** was one of the Club's oldest and wisest of members, John Pickup. John never misses a club meeting and it was wonderful to see his dedication and hard work pay off with a great score of 106.

Winner of the **Intermediate Grade** with a total score of 114 points was **Lynn Hutchins**. Congratulations Lynn.

Lynn Hutchins being presented with her winning trophy. Photo contributed.





The **Advanced Grade** was very close with only 1 point between the winner and the runner-up. Runner-up for the Advanced Grade was Inge Blessas, the winner was awarded to **Lenore Hansen**.

Lenore Hansen being presented with her winning trophy. Photo contributed.



David Blackburn being presented with his winning trophy. Photo Contributed.

The winner of the **2018 Most Improved** was awarded to David Blackburn. David over the course of the year has demonstrated a marked improvement in his photography skills, and his enthusiasm is without a doubt very infectious. Whenever you have a conversation with David about photography, he is so keen to learn and if he doesn't understand anything he never hesitates to ask. Congratulations David, a well-deserved acknowledgement of your drive, passion and enthusiasm for the art of photography. Keep up the good work.

Kev McCane Memorial Photographer of the Year

The final trophy of the night to be awarded was the Kev McCane Memorial Photographer of the Year. This trophy goes to the member with the highest number of points gained over the course of the year.

Kev McCane was a local Mackay photographer with a long association with the Club since its inception, originally a movie club first, then it changed to a still photography club some years later. Kev passed away in March 2002 and the Kev McCane Memorial Photographer of the Year trophy has been presented each year in his honour. Kev was a Life Member of the Club along with his wife, Lois. The following club members have been presented with the trophy.

2002	Pam Ross	2006	Pam Ross	2010	Marg Hamwood	2014	Inge Blessas
2003	Pam Ross	2007	Pam Ross	2011	Marg Hamwood	2015	John Blessas
2004	Pam Ross	2008	Marg Hamwood	2012	Inge Blessas	2016	Gail Dowling
2005	Tim Marsden	2009	Alan McIntosh	2013	Nancy Taylor-Smith	2017	Lenore Hansen

This year there was only 1 point between the top scorers. The winner of the **Kev McCane Memorial Photographer of the Year for 2018 – Lenore Hansen** with a total score of 153.



Winners on the night, L to R Linnie Hutchins, Sue Mayer-Miller, Jeff Jones (Vice President), Lenore Hansen, David Blackburn.

Photo Contributed.

Congratulations to everyone on your achievements and we look forward to another great year in 2019.

Other News

Don't forget to check out our very own Jeff Jones' Photographic Exhibition at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. The Exhibition is open until the 29 January 2019. On the 9 December members had the opportunity of attending Jeff's "Meet the Artist" afternoon. It was great to see members of the Creative Shots Photo Club attending the afternoon as well. From all of us Jeff, we wish you the very best with your Exhibition, the images are a beautiful representation of the Mackay Region and your love of photography.



PSQ Judges Newsletter

Don't forget to check out the November issue of the [PSQ Judges Newsletter](#)



Digital Competitions

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](#).



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 2019! 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.



Photo Judging Results

NOVICE 6x4

Gold

Sue M (1)

Silver

Sue M (1)

Bronze

Sue M (1)

NOVICE Large

Gold

Sue M (1)

Silver

Sue M (1)

Bronze

Sue M (1)



Photo of the Month –6x4
Yukon Lights – Sue Mayer-Miller



Photo of the Month – Large
Steel Wool Space Ship – Sue Mayer-Miller



INTERMEDIATE

6x4

Gold

John P (1)

Silver

John P (1)

Bronze

Lynnie (1)

INTERMEDIATE

Large

Gold

John P (1)

Lynnie (1)

Silver

David (1)

John P (1)

Lynnie (1)

Bronze

Carmen (3)

David (2)

John P (1)

Lynnie (1)



Photo of the Month – 6x4
Bee – John Pickup



Photo of the Month – Large
Lantern – John Pickup



ADVANCED

External

Gold

Damian (1)

Heather (1)

Silver

Inge (1)

Kathleen (1)

John (2)

Damian (1)

Bronze

Inge (2)

Damian (1)

Heather (2)

John (1)

Kathleen (2)

Lenore (3)

ADVANCED

Large

Gold

Inge (1)

Lenore (1)

Silver

Heather (2)

Inge (2)

Lenore (2)

Bronze

Col (1)

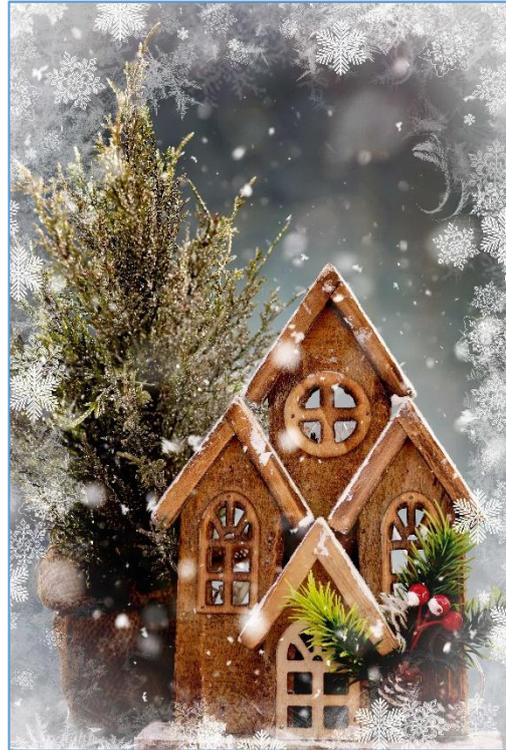
Heather (1)



Photo of the Month – External Judging
Princes Pier – Heather Atkinson



Photo of the Month – Large
Bubble on Petals – Lenore Hansen



December Quarter Club
White Christmas – Kathleen Brand

Photography tips

As the year draws to a close some of us may wish to put the camera away for a bit of a spell. If you are not one of those people here is something that might keep you inspired to pick your camera up each day. Looking for inspiration? [Here](#) are 12 photography challenges to get your creativity going.



*From all of us here at Mackay Camera Club Inc
Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

