



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

# EXPOSURE

December 2019

## President's Message

Hello everyone,

I can't believe it is Christmas already. What an interesting year we've had. After John Blessas stepped down as President, we had a very steep learning curve to try to keep things running smoothly. John spent many years as President and we are really thankful to him and Inge for the years they have dedicated to the club.

As well as the change of President, there were a number of other changes including the change in the venue for meetings. Also, due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, there were changes of executive roles, which added to the challenge. In spite of these challenges, I believe we've had a remarkably successful year.

There have been so many highlights this year that it's difficult to name them all. We started with an outing to Boulder Creek which was a fabulous event. The macro workshop followed by the outing to the Botanical Gardens was extremely well attended and as well as learning a great deal about macro photography, we all had a lot of fun. Other highlights included those early morning sunrise beach shoots and the night walk around the city heart. Thank you to everyone who assisted in organising these events.

Probably the biggest achievement was the success of the mini PSQ convention held in September. The team-work amongst our members was the key ingredient to making it so successful and I thank each & every one of you who was involved, from the initial organisation, to the running of the weekend, to the baking of the morning teas. It was all such a great effort on everyone's part. In saying that, we are really looking forward to the PSQ convention in May 2020. The line-up of speakers is exciting & I remind you all that early bird registrations close at the end of January.

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As a reminder, in preparation for 2020, at our December meeting we voted to stay at the same venue, continue meetings & workshops on Thursday evenings, and to continue to have 2 grades and submit a maximum of 4 photographs for competitions. The only change will be that B grade members will be able to submit up to 4 images of any size to a maximum of 12.9 inches X 19 inches with only one photo of the month being awarded.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone involved in the club. I believe the strength of the club is the collegiality and the willingness of members to put their hand up when assistance is required. In particular, I'd like to thank members who have taken on positions in the executive over the year and they are Jeff Jones, Heather Atkinson, Kathleen Brand, Lenore Hansen, Sue Ball, Karen O'Keefe and Belinda Eckford.

Finally, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Stay safe and I look forward to catching up with you all at the AGM in February.

Kind Regards,

Sue Mayer-Miller, President

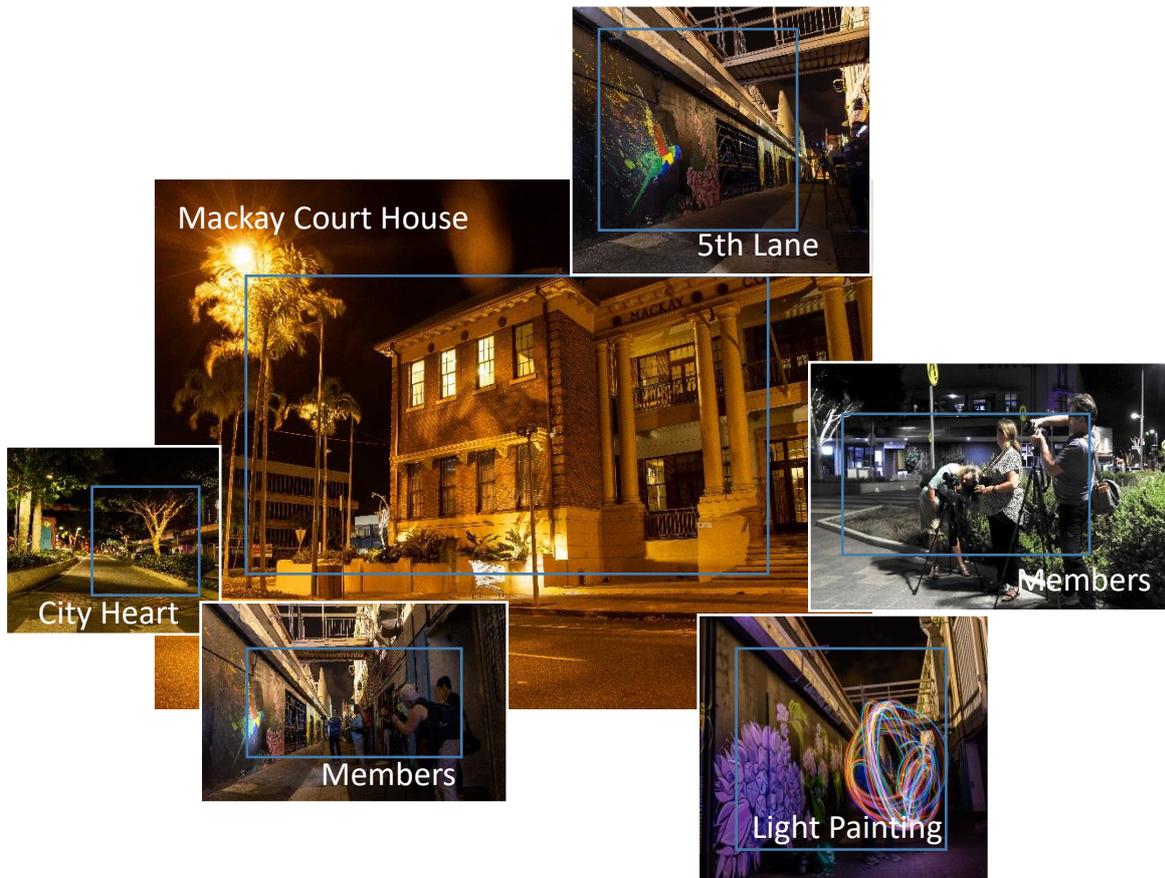


## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

### Night Photography Workshop (Debbie Ford)

Our November monthly workshop and outing was night photography in Mackay City Heart. The night started with dinner and a chat, the food and cold coffees may not have been the best but the company and the great turnout made up for it! The group went out and about taking photos of some of Mackay's beautiful old buildings. We even had some curious people stop and chat with us during the night. The group then ventured into the artistic fifth lane where they experimented with some light twirling (non-technical name lol) and light painting on some of the beautiful artwork in the alley. David turned out to be an expert in twirling lights! We also learnt (via QPS out on patrol) that we aren't supposed to set up on the roundabout to take photos...oops! A couple of the stragglers at the end of the evening ventured down to the old Commonwealth Bank building to take photos. We even found a random shopping trolley sitting there which Pamela kindly light painted for us.

*(Photographs contributed by Debbie Ford and John Pickup)*



## Upcoming Events

### PSQ 2020

A reminder Early Bird Registration for PSQ 2020 closes on the 31 January so get in early before that date to save yourselves some money. Everything you need to know about the upcoming Convention can be found [here](#) including registration forms.

**MACKAY PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE**

**STORYTELLERS**  
YOUR 2020 VISION  
PSQ MACKAY CONVENTION  
MAY 2020

**ALL WELCOME**  
All levels of photography enthusiasts are welcome, from beginner to the more established.

**You do not have to be a member of a photo club to attend**

Opening Evening Friday May 1st through to Monday May 4th 2020

**Book Today!**  
[www.psq2020.com](http://www.psq2020.com)

**BE INSPIRED & MOTIVATED**

**WORKSHOPS  
GALA DINNER  
& OUTINGS**

**PRESENTERS**  
Glenn McKimmin  
Karen Alsop, Justin Blank  
Diana Ieventhal, Gary Cranitch  
Rod Thomas, Jackie Hammer,  
David Magro, Brendan Borellini,  
Dean Holland & More



## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7pm** in the “**Sarina Room**”, **Jubilee Community Centre, Gordon Street, Mackay**. This is due to our usual room being unavailable on the Thursday.

## **Changes in 2020**

The club will remain with two grades; A Grade and B Grade.

Each grade can submit up to a total of 4 images.

**A Grade** will submit digital images to be judged externally by Accredited PSQ Judges.

Images are to be downloaded via the [webpage](#) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please use the title of your image as the file name, i.e. imagetitle.jpg (**tip**: saving the image with the title name prior to uploading will save you time)

All files must be JPG and no larger than 2 MB. For best viewing we ask that images are at least 1920 pixels along the longest edge.

1 Photo of the Month will be awarded along with Gold, Silver and Bronze images.

**B Grade** will continue to submit print images that will be judged internally.

There will be no small or large category for B Grade, only one category for images, but images can be of any size to a maximum of 12.9 inches X 19 inches.

1 Photo of the Month will be awarded along with Gold, Silver and Bronze images.

The Club is yet to make a decision on the process for awarding the Kev McCane Memorial Trophy in 2020 which traditionally has always been awarded to the highest point scorer over the course of the year. More discussion is to occur to finalise this award to make it a fairer competition across both grades.

## **2019 Annual Club Competition Results**

On Thursday 12 December we held our annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Night at Church on Palmer. The night was well attended, the food was exceptional as usual and everyone appeared to have a wonderful time catching up in a social environment and chatting about their love of photography.

Dave Hackett, who was accompanied by his wife, Marg was invited along by the Club to present the Kev McCane Memorial Trophy. Kev was Dave’s uncle and it was only recently that the Club was made aware of this family connection.



The trophy is presented each year in memory of Kev McCane who had a long association with the Club since its inception. Kev passed away in March 2002 and the trophy has been presented each year in his honour. Kev was a Life Member of the Club along with his wife, Lois.

**Image Statistics and Awards Presented.**

The total number of images critiqued for members this year was 542.

A total of 230 A Grade images were submitted in a digital format and judged by Accredited PSQ Judges.

A total of 312 B Grade images were submitted in a print format and judged inhouse.

The total number of Gold, Silver and Bronze images across both A and B Grades were awarded as follows:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
165	178	199

A Grade (Total 230 images)		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
44	81	105

B Grade (Total 312 images)			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Large	60	56	47
Small	61	41	47
	121	97	94

**A GRADE CHAMPION** was awarded to Kathleen Brand, second placing went to Lenore Hansen and Heather Atkinson was awarded third placing.

**B GRADE CHAMPION** was awarded to Sue Mayer-Miller, second placing was awarded to Debbie Ford and third placing was awarded to David Blackburn.

**MOST IMPROVED AND ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD** was awarded to Carmen Blackburn.

The **2019 Kev McCane Memorial Trophy “Photographer of the Year”** was shared this year with Kathleen Brand and Sue Mayer-Miller.

A big congratulations to all winners.





Lenore Hansen accepting the **2019 A Grade Champion for Kathleen Brand** from Dave Hackett

**2019 B GRADE CHAMPION SUE MAYER-MILLER** pictured with Dave Hackett trophy presenter



**2019 Most Improved Carmen Blackburn** pictured with Dave Hackett presenting trophy



Sue Mayer-Miller accepting the **2019 Kev McCane Photographer of the Year Trophy** (shared with Kathleen Brand) from Kev's nephew, Dave Hackett.



Congratulations to the following members going up to A Grade in 2020:

- Sue Mayer-Miller
- Debbie Ford
- David Blackburn
- John Pickup

## 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](#).



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.



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



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

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



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



**PHOTO FRIDAY**



More information [here](#)

## Monthly judging of images for December

Both A Grade and B Grade images this month were judged by John Blessas. John is an Accredited PSQ Judge and his feedback is always welcomed by members. Thank you, John.

On another note, it would be timely to thank our Competition Coordinator, Kathleen Brand for her efforts over the last 12 months securing PSQ judges for the A Grade judging. This is quite a huge task to undertake each month from securing the judge, uploading of all the images to Dropbox, many times renaming the images correctly, receiving the critique and then formatting the images and critique for presentation at the Club's monthly meeting. This task will become even bigger in 2020 with 4 new members moving up to the A Grade competition. Thank you, Kathleen, we really appreciate all your hard work undertaking this task on behalf of members.



## Photo Judging Results - December

### **B GRADE 6x4**

#### **Gold**

David (2)  
Debbie  
John  
Jennise (2)  
Sue (2)

#### **Silver**

Carmen  
Carol  
Debbie  
John

#### **Bronze**

Carol (2)

### **B GRADE Large**

#### **Gold**

David (2)  
John (2)  
Jennise  
Sue M-M

#### **Silver**

Debbie  
Jennise  
Sue M-M

#### **Bronze**

Carol  
Carmen (2)  
Debbie

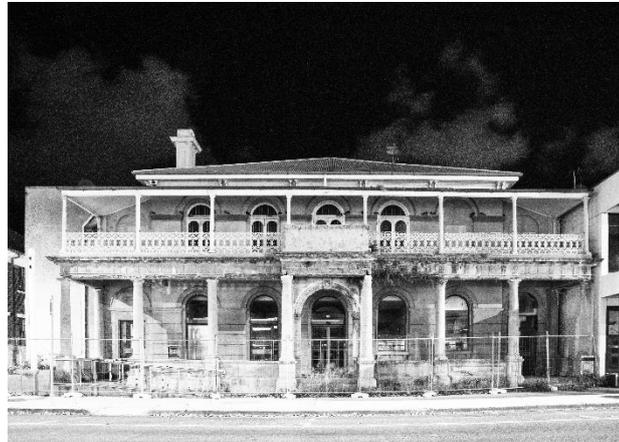


Photo of the Month – 6x4  
*Commonwealth Bank –  
Jennise Carr*



Photo of the Month –  
6x4  
*Dragonfly – Debbie Ford*



Photo of the Month –  
Large  
*Keeleys Road Dry Land –  
David Blackburn*



## **A GRADE**

### Gold

Heather (2)

Inge

Jeff (3)

Lenore

### Silver

Heather (2)

Inge

Jeff

Kathleen (3)

Lenore (2)

### Bronze

Kathleen

Lenore



Photo of the Month  
*Arabella – Heather Atkinson*



## Gold Images December Judging

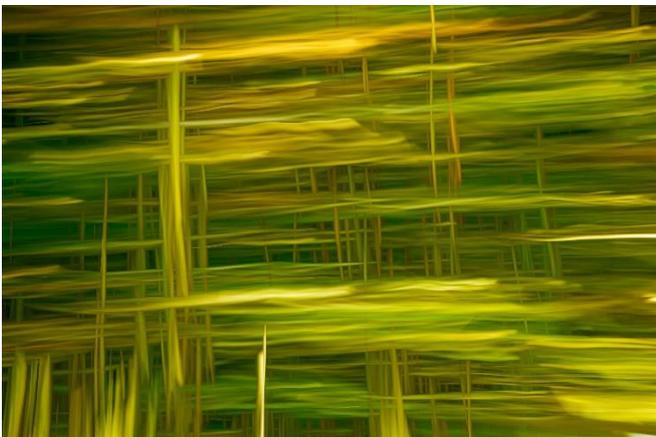
Below are member's images awarded Gold in both A Grade and B Grade.



A Grade – Gold Award  
*Bambuzza – Jeff Jones*



A Grade – Gold Award  
*Morning on the Beach – Heather Atkinson*



A Grade – Gold Award  
*The Grass – Jeff Jones*



A Grade – Gold Award  
*Pelican Pod- Lenore Hansen*



A Grade – Gold Award  
*Slow Down – Jeff Jones*



A Grade – Gold Award  
*Times Past – Inge Blessas*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Old Door to the Bank – Sue Mayer-Miller*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Homeless trolley sleeping rough in the city – John Pickup*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Lady Beetle – David Blackburn*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Flower – Jennise Carr*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*People underneath the Arches – John Pickup*



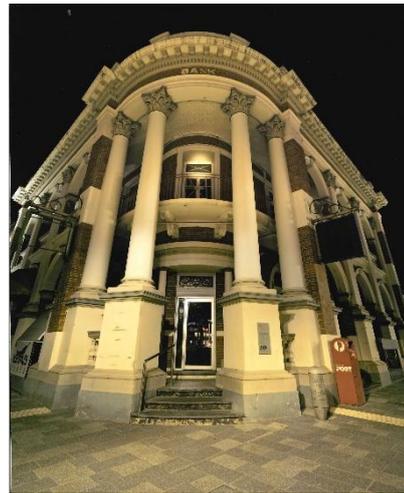
B Grade – Gold Award  
*Sunrise – Sue Mayer-Miller*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*White Faced Heron – Jennise Carr*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Conversation Piece- John Pickup*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Old Bank – David Blackburn*

B Grade – Gold Award  
*Mia – David Blackburn*



B Grade – Gold Award  
*Black Cockatoo – Sue Mayer-Miller*





## December Quarter Club Winners – “Christmas” theme



*Christmas Wreath - Sue Mayer-Miller*



*Aussie Christmas – Lenore Hansen*

***Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.  
See you in the next decade!***

