



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

EXPOSURE

February 2019

President's Report 2018

First, thanks for the support that many members of the club have given over the years. This is especially relevant to my pretty lady, Inge, for putting up with the problems and for her support.

Some things stand out:

- The club is more inclusive and the culture of keeping knowledge to be better than the next person has vanished. I feel proud of this one change. Thanks to Damian (the committee and several others) for their skill and sharing of knowledge.
- The look of the club is very open and inviting. This is not my doing. This is thanks to all of you sitting out there. Your attitude makes the club.
- The standard of photography has improved incredibly. This is evident by the level of awards received at Salon of Excellence, Queensland and the EKKA and other competitions.
- The using of external judges is showing different opinions of our work. As judges are individuals, the feedback from these judges will not be consistent. Every judge will see images differently and different judges will give different results for the same image. BUT, if the "playing field" is level, no one is disadvantaged, and the external feedback is good for the club.

What should we look at next?

- A dedicated competitions secretary. Someone to look after arranging our competition, to arrange the external judges and to look at getting our members to enter external competitions.
- Photo critique and background story nights where we look in depth at some members images. (Thanks to John Pickup for this suggestion).
- Better attendance at workshops.

So, thanks everyone. In future meetings I can make, I will be sitting and relaxing and enjoying just being there in good company.

John Blessas

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Important Dates

- 21 Feb 2019** Workshop –What’s in the bag/Show and Tell? Bring your camera, manual and notepad, and your favourite photo to provide some insight into why it is your favourite.
- 7 Mar 2019** Monthly meeting and photo judging
- 21 Mar 2019** Workshop TBA

Annual General Meeting – 7 February 2019.

A note from our new President, Jeff Jones.

Hey there peeps, Thursday 7th evening was our first meeting of the year and also our AGM with John, Inge, Lenore and Kathleen stepping down from their positions and leaving big boots to fill.

Nominated to fill in the vacancies were Sue Mayer Miller as Vice President, Sue Ball as Secretary, Heather Atkinson as Treasurer and myself as President. Lenore Hansen is happy to do the newsletter when she can and Sue Mayer Miller will handle it in her absence. Damien Wall will no longer be a workshop coordinator or be on the executive but will be happy to be the “go to” guy and all round Mr Fixit.

I have never been overly comfortable being in the limelight, nor do I like being the centre of attention! But, with such a formidable and capable team to work with I know that I will gradually improve as we go along, as we all know, getting out of our comfort zone is a sure way to improve ourselves. For those who weren’t there the other night John Blessas suggested that our first workshop night on the 21st Feb be a “gear” night where we bring along our kit and go through a few of the why’s and how’s of what we do and what the various gadgets and so on can do. On the same night we can bring along one print each and talk about what thought processes and camera settings were used and what processing was involved in the editing.

I feel that a special mention should go to John and Inge as the time and effort they have given the club over the last several years has been immeasurable to say the least. There has been a good “vibe” around the club over the past couple of years with new members and some great photography and outings and I am predicting that this year will be even better. So, here’s cheers to a great year ahead thanks Jeff.

President:	Jeff Jones	Facebook/Web Coordinator:	Kathleen Brand
Vice President:	Sue Mayer-Miller	Workshop Coordinator:	TBC
Secretary:	Sue Ball	Official Outings Coordinator:	Heather Atkinson
Treasurer:	Heather Atkinson	Competitions Secretary:	Lenore Hansen
Newsletter:	Lenore Hansen	PSQ Liaison Officer:	John Blessas

Monthly Judging and Photo Competition

At our AGM it was decided to go back to two grades, A and B grade due to the limited number of members submitting images in the Novice Grade. Members were happy with this change and looked at it as a way of challenging and improving their skills.



2019 will see a continuation of A grade images being judged externally by qualified PSQ Judges as was the case in 2018. At this time a maximum of 6 images can be uploaded for judging, this may be reviewed at our next meeting as we seek members thoughts on reducing the number of images. As we are still looking for a Competitions Secretary, the club may call on John Blessas to assist with arranging this for the first couple of months, or when Kathleen has had an opportunity to sit down with Damian to handover the requirements of managing the web page, she may be able to assist with this. Lenore has expressed an interest in looking after this area but will be away travelling and not available until May.

The B Grade images at this time will remain with print judging and down the track we may look at also including this grade with the external digital judging. Some members have expressed concern over the cost of printing, others have indicated that they like to actually see the printed images on the night and enjoy the club bringing in external judges to critique the images. As you can appreciate to critique digital images handed in on the night may bring its own set of challenges, we are not excluding this suggestion, nor including extending the digital external judging, but it will need to be discussed further.

A maximum of six images can be entered at a meeting, up to three in the 6x4 section, and up to three in the Large section. Large prints are anything other than 6x4, up to A3 size.

Club competition is Open with no particular theme nominated.

For more detailed judging information, see

<http://www.mackaycameragroup.com/documents.html> and

<http://www.mackaycameragroup.com/competitions--rules.html>

Membership



It's Annual Membership time again.

The membership application form has been updated. The form can be found [here](#).

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

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



Upcoming Events

Photographic Society of Queensland Annual Convention 4th – 6th May 2019

***** BOOKINGS NOW OPEN *****

Mount Gravatt Photographic Society. is proud to present 'Take! Make! Illuminate!' - the PSQ Conference for 2019.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
Annual Convention
4th – 6th May 2019
Club Manly on Moreton Bay

We invite you to join us in Manly where our objective is to explore some of the many creative possibilities that photography presents. Taking and making images is a standard process in our photographic community. We wish to illuminate creative ways the processes can be handled whatever the genre of photography involved. We wish to stimulate your creativity and challenge you to explore photography beyond preparing images for judging. Our aim is that you leave the convention refreshed and motivated to broaden your photographic outlook, to be more creative in your photographic pursuits.

Hector Beveridge | President MGDS

"You don't take a photograph, you make it" | Ansel Adams

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our sponsors:

   

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 **Photographic Society of Queensland**

This convention is proudly hosted by the Mount Gravatt Photographic Society with assistance from the Wynnum Bayside Camera Club.



The draft program is available [here](#) and information on the Presenters can be accessed [here](#). Preliminary Workshops being arranged for the Friday night, Saturday and Sunday include light painting, digital art, creative photography, alternative processing and event photography. Check out the [times and dates here](#).

Details regarding accommodation in the Wynnum Manly area are available [here](#).

Early Bird Registration are open until the 16/03/2019. The three-day special price of \$125.00 then goes up to the full registration price of \$160.00 after this date. Individual registration prices for Saturday, Sunday or Monday are also available if you are only able to attend on one of these days. A listing of pricing for tickets is set out below for your information.

PSQ Convention

SATURDAY 4 MAY 2019

Tickets

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Early Bird Registrat	Three days Until 16/03/2019	\$125.00
Full Registration	Three days	\$160.00
Saturday Registratio	Registration for Saturday only	\$80.00
Sunday Registration	Registration for Sunday only	\$80.00
Dinner: Saturday	Dinner on Saturday	\$30.00
Gala Dinner: Sunday	Gala Dinner on Sunday	\$40.00
Alt. Processes WS – (9 Available)	Alternative Processes Workshop	\$60.00
Monday Registration	Registration for Monday only	\$35.00

SEQ 2019 – Competition INFORMATION

The Caloundra Camera Group invites members of all PSQ affiliated organisations on behalf of the Photographic Society of Queensland to enter the Salon of Excellence Queensland 2019.

Categories for the photography competition are as follows:



Categories	Sections				
Prints A Grade	Open Colour	Open Mono	People Colour or Mono	Nature Colour	Social Documentary
Digital Projected Images A Grade	Open Colour	Open Mono	People Colour or Mono	Nature Colour	Social Documentary
Prints Non-A Grade	Open Colour	Open Mono	People Colour or Mono	Nature Colour	Social Documentary
Digital Projected Images Non-A Grade	Open Colour	Open Mono	People Colour or Mono	Nature Colour	Social Documentary

All entries must be completed on the website that has been set up for the SEQ competition. **Closing date is the 24 March 2019.** Judging of the competition will be held on Saturday 6 April 2019 at the Caloundra District Bowling Association commencing at 9.00am.

Program and entry information available [here](#)

Click [here](#) for direct entry to SEQ 2019 Competition.

Mackay Show – 18, 19th,20th June 2019

Schedule and Entry forms will be available mid-February. The next meeting scheduled with Creative Shots and members of the Mackay Camera Group working group is Thursday 14 February 2019 at 60 Wellington Street, Mackay at 7.00pm.

2019 Schedule of Meetings and Events	
February 14	Inter-Club meeting for 2019 Mackay Show
February 21	Workshop – “What’s in the Bag” and Show and Tell”
March 7	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging – Quarter Club theme “Creative”
March 11	Executive Meeting
March 21	Workshop – To be advised
March 24	Entries close PSQ Salon of Excellence
April 5	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging
April 18	No workshop due to Easter
May 2	Monthly Meeting and Photo Judging
May 7	Executive Meeting
May 16	Workshop/Outing To be advised
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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Heather Atkinson on receiving a Highly Commended Award (Photographer of the Year 2018 – Australian Photography presented by Panasonic) in the Landscape category for her portfolio “Out and About”.

The 2018 competition was the largest in the six years it has been running so to be recognized at this level is a significant achievement. Well done Heather!



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.



*Salon of
Excellence
Queensland
2019*

PSQ Salon of Excellence 2019 have a [registration page](#) for those interested in entering in 2018.

Grades and definitions are listed on the site.



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



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Capture
the weather
Photo
competition



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](#)



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.



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographic Exhibitions of Australia would like to invite you to enter the following International Photographic Salons in 2019. Conditions of entry can be found on both web sites. Take the time to have a look at the previous Galleries, there are some really fabulous images to inspire you.

[SYDNEY HARBOUR INTERNATIONAL](#)

Closing Date – 14 April 2019 –
Midnight AEST

[SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY](#)

Closing Date – 14 April 2019 – Midnight
AEST

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.



Photo Judging Results

B GRADE 6x4

Gold

Karen O'K (2)
Carmen (1)
Sue M-M (2)

Silver

Karen O'K (1)
Sue B (1)
David B (2)
John P (1)
Sue M-M (1)

Bronze

Sue B (2)
Susan T (3)
Carmen (2)

B GRADE Large

Gold

David (1)
Carmen (1)
Sue M-M (3)
Susan T (3)

Silver

Sue B (3)
David (1)
Carmen (1)
Karen O'K (2)
John P (1)

Bronze

David (1)
John P (2)
Karen O'K (1)
Carmen (1)



Photo of the Month Small
Escalator – Sue Mayer-Miller



Photo of the Month Large
*Windmill Michy Dam
– Susan Teder*



No images for A grade were submitted. Judging of A grade images for March will be uploaded for external judging and presented at the next monthly meeting on 7 March 2019.

Photography tips

[Learn the skill of Critiquing Photographs with these 5 Tips.](#)

[10 Ways to critique your photos to improve your photography.](#)

[21 Settings, Techniques and Rules All New Camera Owners Should Know](#)

[The Exposure Triangle: Understanding How Aperture, Shutter Speed, and ISO Work Together](#)

[Aperture, Shutter Speed, ISO, & Light Explained-Understanding Exposure & Camera Settings](#)

[Understanding Shutter speed, Aperture, and ISO \(The exposure Triangle\)](#)

[How to Shoot in Manual Mode Cheat Sheet for Beginners](#)



