

EXPOSURE

QUOTE FOR THE DAY



CLUB MEETINGS

Meets the first Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Sarina Room, Jubilee Community Centre, Alfred Street, Mackay.

Workshops are scheduled the third Thursday of each month.

CLUB EXECUTIVE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. It is a great privilege for me to have been selected as President for the year. We have a very exciting year ahead and I look forward to sharing stories, skills and laughs with you all.

I would like to extend congratulations to the selected members of the Management Committee - Karen O'Keefe as Vice President, Jennise Carr as Secretary, Heather Atkinson as Treasurer. Other committee roles include Kathleen Brand as Competition and Website co-ordinator, Lenore Hansen as Newsletter Editor & Competition/Facebook Co-ordinator and Heather Atkinson and Deb Ford as Workshop/Outings Co-ordinators. I look forward to working with the team.

In my annual report, I mentioned the core values of the club. The values of generosity of spirit, the respect shown to others and a nurturing learning environment is what makes our club strong. I hope to continue and build upon these values.

Learning about photography is what inspired me to first join this club. As a B grader I sat and listened to the thoughts and suggestions from our internal judges. I got so much from their words of wisdom and was motivated to move to A grade. Now my photographs are seen by external judges. When I sat down and thought about this I felt so grateful to have the opportunity to be part of this learning environment. All of it done by volunteer judges who are experts in their field.

Their feedback is invaluable and we are all beneficiaries. The external, PSQ accredited

volunteer judges for A grade give willingly of their time to provide feedback to us. Having seen the detail in their comments I am very aware that this judging must take many hours to complete. We learn so much from listening to the critiques.

This led me to going onto our website and reading what the club handbook says about the subject of judging:

"The judge is asked to judge in a constructive manner. The benefit of having your photos judged is to help improve the overall standard of the club. So it is in everyone's interest that the judge is fair and constructive to help improve the overall standard of the club. Consequently, it is important to listen to the judge and their comments as a lot can be learnt from this. It is important to understand that you may not always agree with the judges' decision or critique but the judges' decision is final and should be accepted with good grace."

I hope these words will help people reflect the next time their photographs are judged.

Finally, I am really looking forward to the coming months. We are planning some great workshops & outings and we plan to get the calendar of events out to you soon. And of course, I am really excited about the PSQ in May. I hope that everyone who can attend has registered as it will be a great event.

Sue Mayer-Miller
President

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2020 Mackay Show Competition

The 2020 Mackay Show competition is fast approaching. If you are wishing to enter the competition you need to be thinking about your entries now. This year a new matt system has been introduced to help keep costs down for participants and these will be available through Mackay Camera Group and Creative Shots Photo Club. Please watch this space for further information as details regarding the competition are finalised. As a precursor, the sport category has been removed and a new category of Photojournalism has been included. More sections have also been included for the Youth Photography categories.

FEBRUARY A GRADE EXTERNAL JUDGING

This month our February A Grade images were critiqued by Fran McFadzen, PSQ Accredited Judge. Fran has quite a list of achievements, too many to include here, but her photographic interests and accomplishments are very impressive. Overall, members were happy with the detail of critique especially our newer A grade members being the first time having their images judged by an external source. Thanks again Fran.

Reminder – A Grade images are to be uploaded by the 10th of each month.

Please refer to the procedure on uploading of images and remember images have to be taken within the previous 24 months. Members are allowed **one** image that is older than 24 months.



Mackay Camera Group Inc

President's Report 2019

This photo of a group of club members sharing their love of photography and enjoying each others company at Blacks Beach early last Sunday morning epitomises the values & ethos of the club. (photo credit Deb Ford)

The members of our club have a Generosity of Spirit, in the sharing of knowledge & expertise, in celebrating the achievements of others and in the friendly and accepting attitude between members. From beginners to experienced photographers, everyone is welcomed and included. As well as this, it is evident that we all show determination and ambition to continually improve. It is these values that I have treasured in being a part of the club and in stepping into the President's role.

2019 was a year of many changes. John Blessas was a hard act to follow & we thank him. A new executive was elected and there were changes of executive members throughout the year. We also changed our venue for club meetings and the judging of photos changed from 6 to 4 images as well as the change in A grade being judged externally. With these changes, we adapted and consolidated which lead to a very successful year. Some of the the main highlights included:

- Mini PSQ in September - we were apprehensive about taking on this task, but once the decision was made to go ahead with it, members rallied together & the event was extremely successful. Thank you to all involved.
- Ozcare - 32 members' photos have been selected to be hung in the new aged care facility being built in West Mackay. We are so proud to know that the aged residents will be able to view & appreciate our photos for years to come. Hopefully the images may brighten their days.
- Volunteer community events - members volunteered to take photos for the Black Dog Ride, which aims to raise awareness of mental health issues; And members volunteered to take the photos for the Highland Fling family event.
- Gordon White Library exhibition in October

We can also be proud of the standard of photography in our club. For such a small club we certainly pull above our weight. This is evident in the awards received by club members at the Mackay Show, the Salon of Excellence, the Ekka, the Australian Photography Magazine competitions, the Camera House weekly competitions & others. Congratulations to all members who have received awards and recognition throughout the year.³

We are extremely fortunate to have as club member, John pickup. John recently received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Governor General's Australia Day honours list, for services to the community as a regional radio broadcaster and as a former member of the Brushmen of the Bush. John began his career as a photographer in the 1950s and we continually value his experience, advice & expertise.

Last but not least, I wish to extend a big thank you to all club members and in particular the people who have taken on various positions throughout the year: Jeff Jones (President), Heather Atkinson (Treasurer), Sue Ball (Secretary), Karen O'Keefe (Secretary), Belinda Eckford (Vice President), Lenore Hansen (Newsletter Editor & Competition Coordinator) & Kathleen Brand (Competition and Website Coordinator). Also, thanks must go to the people who have taken the time to judge our images throughout the year, both internally & externally - your feedback is invaluable in helping us all to improve.

I am really looking forward to continuing our photographic journey in 2020 and to attending the PSQ convention in May.

Thank You

Sue Mayer-Miller, President



The Photographic Society of Queensland Inc (PSQ)

ALIVE & CLICKING

SEQ 2020 SALON OF EXCELLENCE

The Gympie Camera Club invites members of all PSQ affiliated organisations on behalf of the Photographic Society of Queensland to enter the Salon of Excellence Queensland 2020.

Note: All entries must be completed on the website that has been set up for the SEQ competition. Closing Date 27 March 2020 and sent/delivered by Friday 27 March 2020 to SEQ, C/- D & S Gordon, 5 Kayla Street, Shailer Park, Qld 4128. Late entries will not be accepted.

Click this [link](#) to enter in the following categories.

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
Audio Visuals All Grades	Open		Novice		

NEW MEMBERS

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

- ❖ LYN ROSER
- ❖ SARAH BROWN

CLUB SHIRTS

At our last club meeting members agreed to purchase a new club shirt through Bundarra for a cost of \$48. This was a special price at the time however if you are interested and would like a club shirt please see one of the Executive Members and they will be able to assist you in getting a shirt.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kathleen Brand and Sue Mayer-Miller, 2019 A Grade and B Grade Winners and Kev McCane Photographer of the Year Winners.



It's Annual Membership Time Again.

All club members are invited to join the MCG Inc Closed Facebook Group page. As stated, this is a closed group and only club members are invited to join. Once you become an approved member you can interact as much as you wish, the page has been set up to share information, ask questions, and network so please don't be shy, have as much fun as your heart desires and interact on the page.

The membership application [form](#) has been updated on the web page and can be found [here](#).

Please note there has been a slight increase in fees this year. Adult \$55, Family \$90 (2 adults at the same address), Junior \$20, Pensioner \$40 (60 or over)



Photo of the Month

“Waiting” - Sue Mayer-Miller

A Grade Photo Competition Results

Gold Awards: Inge Blessas (2), Kathleen Brand, Deb Ford, Jeff Jones, Sue Mayer-Miller, John Pickup, Sue Mayer-Miller (Photo of the Month) **Silver Awards:** Heather Atkinson (2), David Blackburn, Inge Blessas, Kathleen Brand, Deb Ford, Lenore Hansen (2), Jeff Jones (2), Sue Mayer-Miller (2), John Pickup **Bronze Awards:** Heather Atkinson (2), David Blackburn (3) Inge Blessas, Kathleen Brand (2), Deb Ford (2), Lenore Hansen (2), Jeff Jones, Sue Mayer-Miller, John Pickup (2). View all Gold Images on Web Page.



Photo of the Month

“Mango Bliss” – Karen O’Keefe

B Grade Photo Competition Results

Gold Awards: Susan Teder (2), Karen O’Keefe (2) (Photo of the Month). **Silver Awards:** Carmen Blackburn, Jennise Carr (4), Belinda Eckford (3), Karen O’Keefe. **Bronze Awards:** Carmen Blackburn (2), Susan Teder (2), Belinda Eckford, Karen O’Keefe. View all Gold Images on Web Page.

Upcoming Events

- **Club Executive Meeting**

Monday 17 February, 6pm at McDonalds North Mackay.

- **Camera Maintenance Workshop conducted by Garricks Camera House**

Thursday 20 February, 7pm, Sarina Room, Jubilee Community Centre, Alfred Street, Mackay, Followed by “Show and Tell” about your favourite image.

- **Next Monthly Meeting and Quarter Club**

Thursday 5 March 2020, 7pm, Sarina Room, Jubilee Community Centre, Alfred Street, Mackay. Quarter Club Theme is “Old Things”.

- **Reminder re PSQ2020 Mackay Registrations**

Early Bird registrations have now closed, check out the price schedule on the website www.psq2020.com and book today. Be a part of the “Why Mackay” Initiative of the PSQ Convention 2020.

- **Reminder re “Why Mackay” Initiative**

This project is an initiative of PSQ2020 and is aimed at highlighting the diversity of the people who live in our region and members of our club have been asked to contribute to the project. Photograph and video a person of your choice and provide to the PSQ Committee by 31 March 2020.

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](#).



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



PHOTO FRIDAY