

Exposure

Newsletter for the



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

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Regular club meetings:

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

As you are aware, we have been reviewing some of our processes through a survey. That review has now been completed, with a number of members filling in the survey. The results are that the majority of members (79%) prefer to continue with the 4 grades, the same as in 2023. The grades are Advanced, Intermediate and Novice grade with the images critiqued by accredited judges, plus an additional Beginners grade that is critiqued by other members of the club.



In regard to the scoring system, the majority (64%) prefer to stay the same as 2023, with the levels of Gold, Silver, Bronze & Acceptance as well as a photo of the month. However, a number of members also commented that they felt that having up to 3 photos of the month is too many and have proposed that it should be only one photo of the month with a definite maximum of 2.

On the question of monthly themes, 79% of members indicated they would like additional themed months, with the majority suggesting 3 months in total. We already have a black & white month and will look at options for two more themed months.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Mark Fitz and Deb Ford for their fabulous presentations at the workshop night. Their generosity in sharing their skills and knowledge is truly amazing and we all came away feeling greatly inspired.

The library exhibition has now moved to Sarina library. Thank you to the staff at the Gordon White library for their assistance. We already have the booking set at the library for October next year. The staff at Sarina are very excited as this is the first exhibition of its kind at their library. They have asked that the images stay up until the end of January. I encourage everyone to visit the library to view the display. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Jennise, Sharon and Carolyn for transporting the images to Sarina and for hanging them in the library. I am aware that it was a very long day.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to come to the end of year Christmas Dinner/Awards night. It is always a fun night and I'm looking forward to it.

Take Care
Sue



Awards

Mono Awards in Photography Magazine were announced recently, and the following awards were given to our members listed

Sue Mayer-Miller – Awarded 3 x Highly Commended's – 1 in Places, 1 in People, and 1 in Animal Category and 4 x Commended – 2 in Places and 2 x in Animals

Deb Ford - 2 x Highly Commended in People Category
5 x Highly Commended & 5 x Commended in Animals Category

Jeff Jones – 1 x Highly Commended & 3 x Commended in Places

Deb Ford Lots of images chosen for the 'Nitro In The Cane' – Drag Magazine



Our only birthday to celebrate this month is

Bashir Gabriel on 20/11

Have a fabulous day Bashir

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Sunflower outing, Eton - 17th October

Stacey shared with members about the opportunity to visit a Sunflower Field in Eton on Tuesday 17th October. While it was short notice, and many folk are working, four members went out at 7am and were greeted by a field of glorious yellow sunshine on stalks! You can't help but smile when confronted with the vista. Bees were in abundance, but were no threat to our wandering through the field looking for 'a different' specimen to photograph. It was surprising that in a vast field, there could actually be so many different sizes, stages of development, shades of colour, and differing 'personalities' in the flower heads. While the morning warmed up quickly, we kept on photographing - what a great morning we shared. The farmer popped in for a chat, and was surprised by the interest in his field. He's decided to grow some again next year.... So watch out for that!



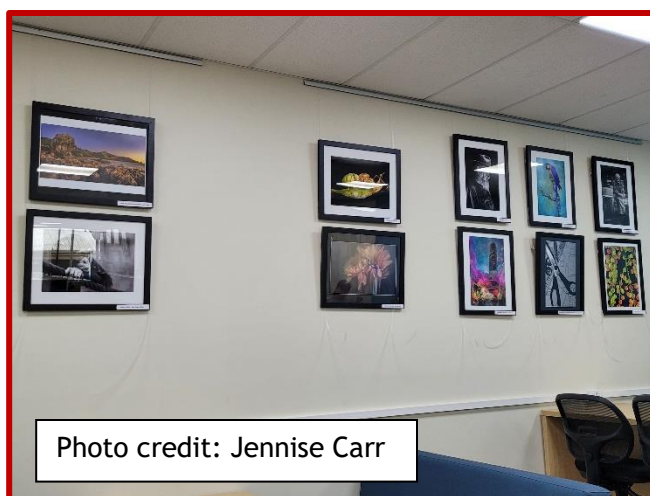
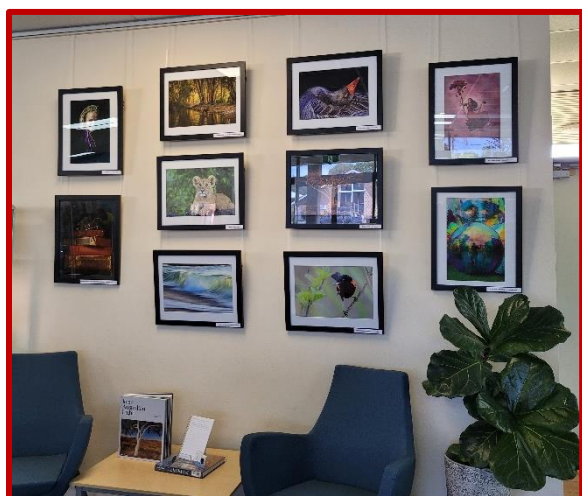
Photo credit: Jennise Carr

A gallery wall with a teal background displaying numerous small framed photographs and artworks arranged in a grid-like fashion. The floor is covered with a grey, textured material, possibly carpet or stone tiles. The wall is decorated with a black baseboard and several small white rectangular markers. The artworks include various landscapes, portraits, and abstract pieces.

- A vibrant exhibition! Thanks for sharing it - Kate
- Gorgeous photos, lovely display - Del
- Beautiful photos. They are all so different and yet all are appealing
Kathryn
- Amazing Photos! - Jessie
- Beautiful work - Congratulations everyone on such stunning work!
- Great photos, where was the lion sighted?
- Great work - Judy
- My favourite is "The Queen" Deb Ford - wow!
- Absolutely Stunning - Andrea.



On Thursday 2nd November the photos at the Gordon White Library were taken down, and transported to Sarina Library. The staff have been preparing and planning for this exhibition for 12 months, and are excited to see it come to fruition. They will be keen to see the impact on the community and have asked for the display to remain there until the end of January 2024. We were only able to put up 20 images due to lack of hooks available, but they all look amazing. Thanks to Jennise, Sharon and Carolyn for getting the images to Sarina.





WORKSHOP - 19th October -

Mark Fitz - Travel and Wildlife Photographer

Thank you Mark for sharing your story with us. It was fabulous

to hear how you got started in this business, and how photography has led you to exotic locations to enjoy and bring to life for others through promotion of tourism. Mark inspired us to explore our own stunning backyard - the islands off the coast of Qld, as well as inland areas where unique land formation abound - all waiting for us to capture with our cameras! We are inspired now to get out there and enjoy our environment more than ever. You can follow Mark on Instagram, Tik Tok, facebook or via his website.



also featuring

Deb Ford - Macro Photography

Following Marks' presentation, **Deb Ford**, our Macro Queen shared her tips on Macro photograph with us. Thanks Deb for such a professional and well put together presentation. Deb explained the best ways to sneak up and capture bugs.

- 1 Avoid windy days
2. Use a flash (generally)
3. Look ahead to next bush before you move
4. Move s l o w l y so not to startle bug
5. Hold your camera up when moving so sudden movement doesn't startle bug
6. Try not using a tripod

Deb also demonstrated different methods of diffusers with flash to assist in creating correct lighting to maximize effect. Don't be deterred if you don't have a dedicated macro lens - simply use a zoom lens and you can get some fabulous shots. You need to have a steady hand though... (just saying!!)



Photo credit:
Deb Ford

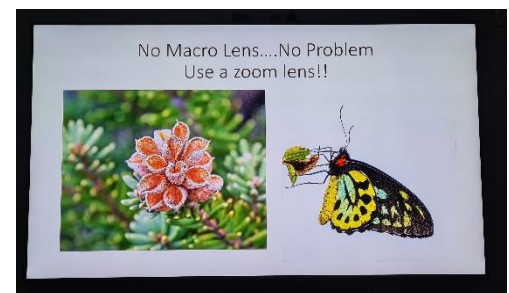


Photo credit:
Sue Mayer-Miller

21st October - Sunrise Northwall Beach - 5am

Nine members met at Northwall and enjoyed a lovely morning on the beach watching the colours emerge into gorgeous yellows and oranges as the sun rose higher. The colours did not last long, but the backdrop with the industrial vibe created a different background than we often think of for sunrises. The tide was not right for any surfing action, but it was a great time spent learning together anyway. We all seemed to capture some great images and most of us went for a coffee afterwards and shared some more quality time. What a fabulous way to start the day. Thanks Heather for organizing this outing.



Photo Credit: Malcolm Griffin



Christmas Breakup & Annual Awards Dinner

14th December Breakwater Bar & Restaurant

6:30pm



Plan to come and join us for a great night of **fun**,
a bit of *frivolity*, **delicious food** along with
celebrations.

This will be a memorable evening – so bring your spouse for a great night out! You might want to bring a little camera too!

RSVP and payment by 30th November

\$40 per person

Spouses/partners welcome



November workshop - LIGHT PAINTING - 16th November 7pm



The workshop this month looks like a beauty! We will have a training session on using coloured lights and slow shutter speeds to create some interesting patterns and designs. After a teaching session we will go outside into the park next door and put into practice the things we have learned. Bring your camera, general lens, tripod, shutter release if you have one, notepad and pen.

Light Painting on Saturday 18th November The above workshop will be followed up by another outing to put into practice some of the skills we learned at the Workshop. The time and venue are still being finalized, but watch for further details on the Closed Facebook page, and email! We will be using models, so everyone gets to photograph the lights! I can't wait to give this a go!

Supper Roster November/December

Deb Ford and Ann Le Riche-Perree are on the roster for November's meetings. Heather and Jennise will bring our supper for December's meeting. Thank you for providing our goodies!



TO OUR JUDGE THIS MONTH

Thanks to our local PSQ Accredited judge John Blessas, who gave his critique this month for our images for Advanced, Intermediate and Novice Grades. John always gives an honest and helpful review, and we appreciate the time and care given to his critiques.

We look forward to working with Terry Power from Cairns who is our final judge for the year.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
02/11/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
16/11/23	7pm	Workshop- Light Painting	Sarina Room
18/11/23		Light Painting Outing	tba
30/11/23		RSVP and payment for Awards Dinner	
07/12/23	7pm	Final Club Meeting for the year	Sarina Room
14/12/23	6:30pm	Christmas Breakup & Awards Dinner	Breakwater Bar & Restaurant

Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month -Advanced Grade



Congratulations

Sue Mayer-Miller

Awarded Gold & POM -

Advanced Grade

'Hello'

Congratulations

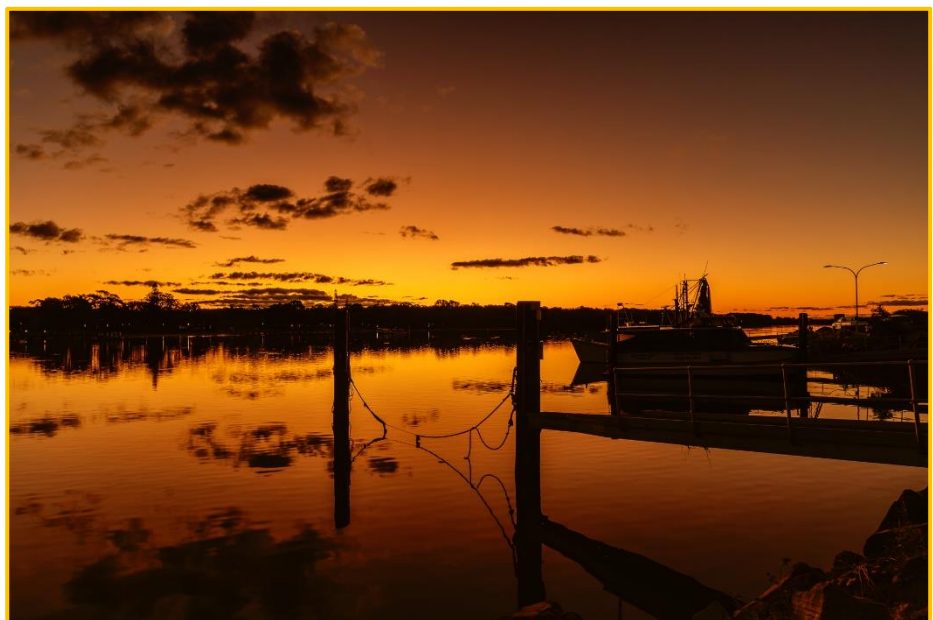
Heather Atkinson

Awarded Gold &

POM - Advanced

Grade

'Yamba Sunset'



Photos Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade



Congratulations
Lynnie Hutchins
Awarded Gold -
Advanced Grade
'Did You Hear Me
Mable?'



Congratulations
Lynnie Hutchins
Awarded Gold -
Advanced Grade
'Feedtime for Mr
Heron'

Photos Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade



Congratulations
Deb Ford
Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'Hairy Little Beastie'



Congratulations
Inge Bleassas
Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'Planning Mischief'



Congratulations
Deb Ford

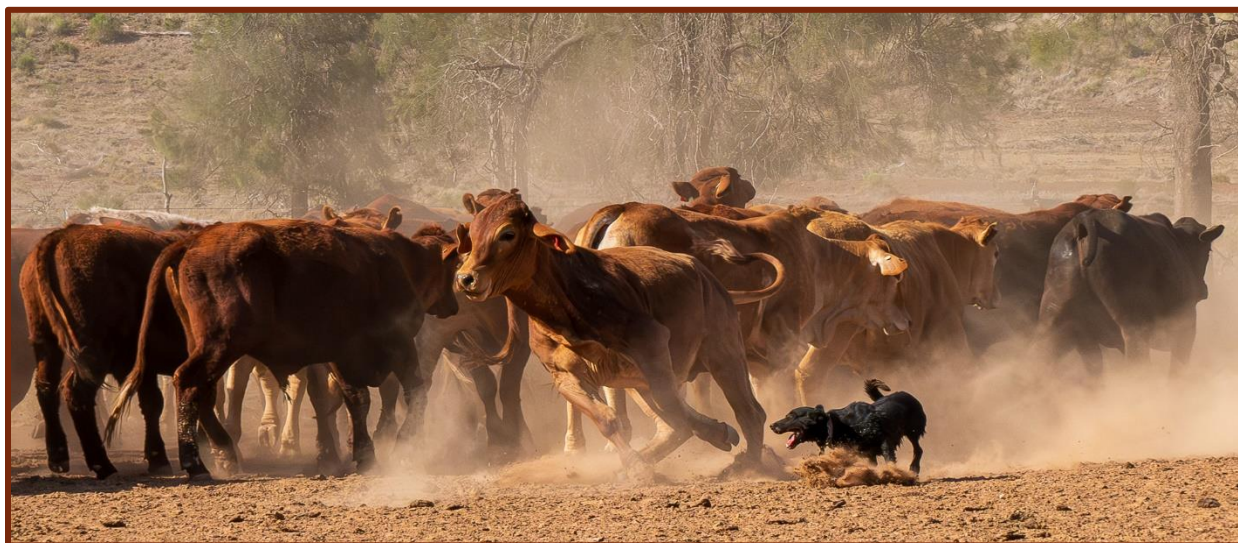
Awarded Gold Advanced Grade
'Smoke Her Up'

Congratulations
Sue Mayer-Miller

Awarded Gold Advanced Grade
'Tracks'



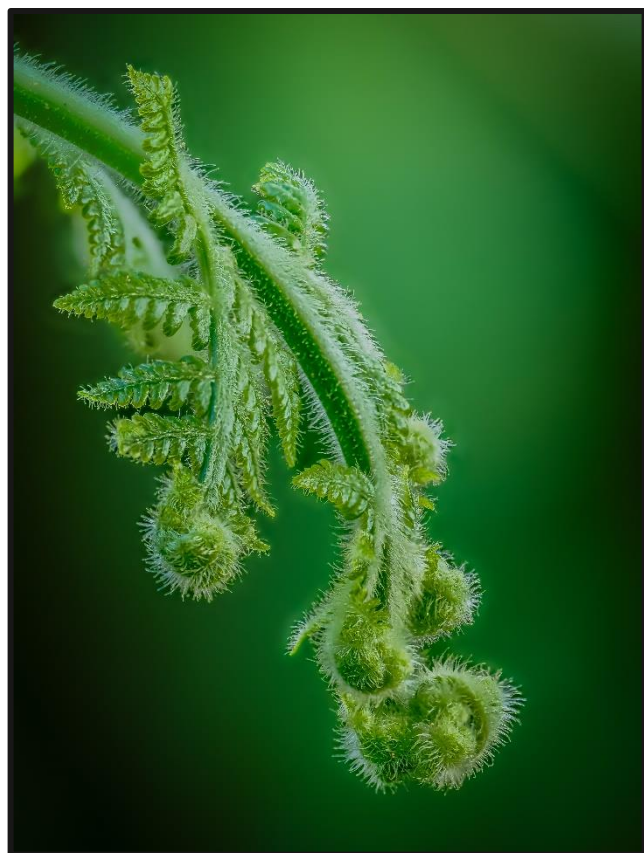
Photos Awarded Gold & Photos of the Month - Intermediate Grade



Congratulations

Anne Palfrey

Awarded Gold & POM Intermediate Grade
'Get Back in Line'



Congratulations

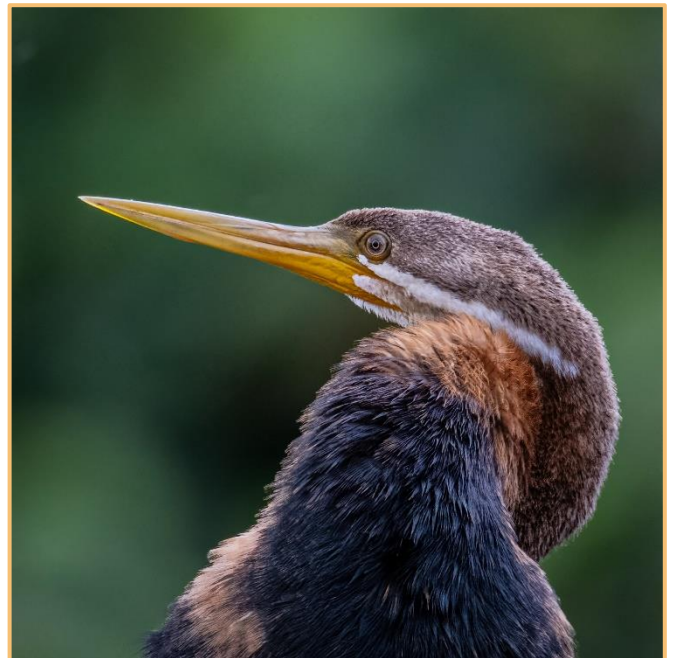
Belinda Eckford

Awarded Gold & POM Intermediate Grade
'Spring Has Sprung'



Congratulations
Belinda Eckford

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade
'Serenity'



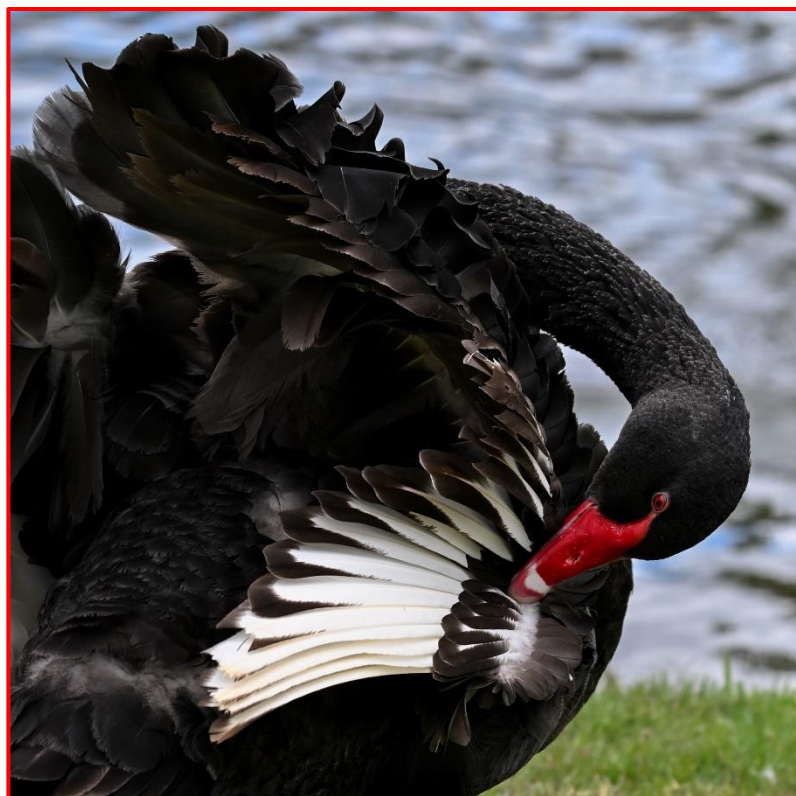
Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade
'Sleek 'n Soft'



Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade
'Sweet Precision'



Congratulations

Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade

'Ah, Right There'

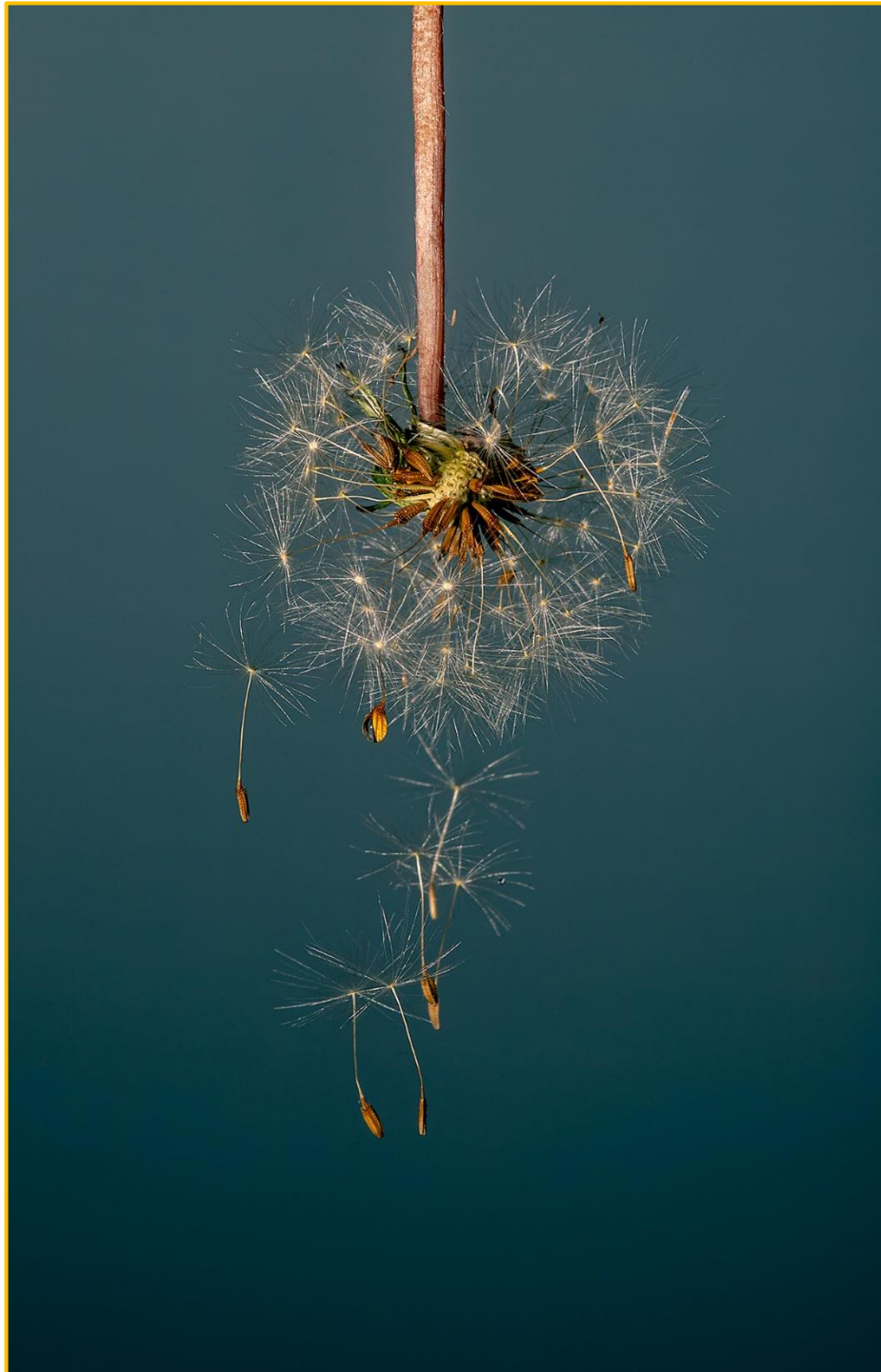
Congratulations

David Blackburn

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade

'Dancing Flowers'





Congratulations

Stacey Nicolas

Awarded Gold - Intermediate Grade

'Disconnect'

Photo Awarded Gold & Photo of the Month - Novice Grade



Congratulations
Elizabeth Butterworth

Awarded Gold & POM
'Magic is Serious Business'

Photos Awarded Gold - Novice Grade



Congratulations

Lourens Basson

Awarded Gold - Novice Grade

'Not Lost, But Yet Not Found'

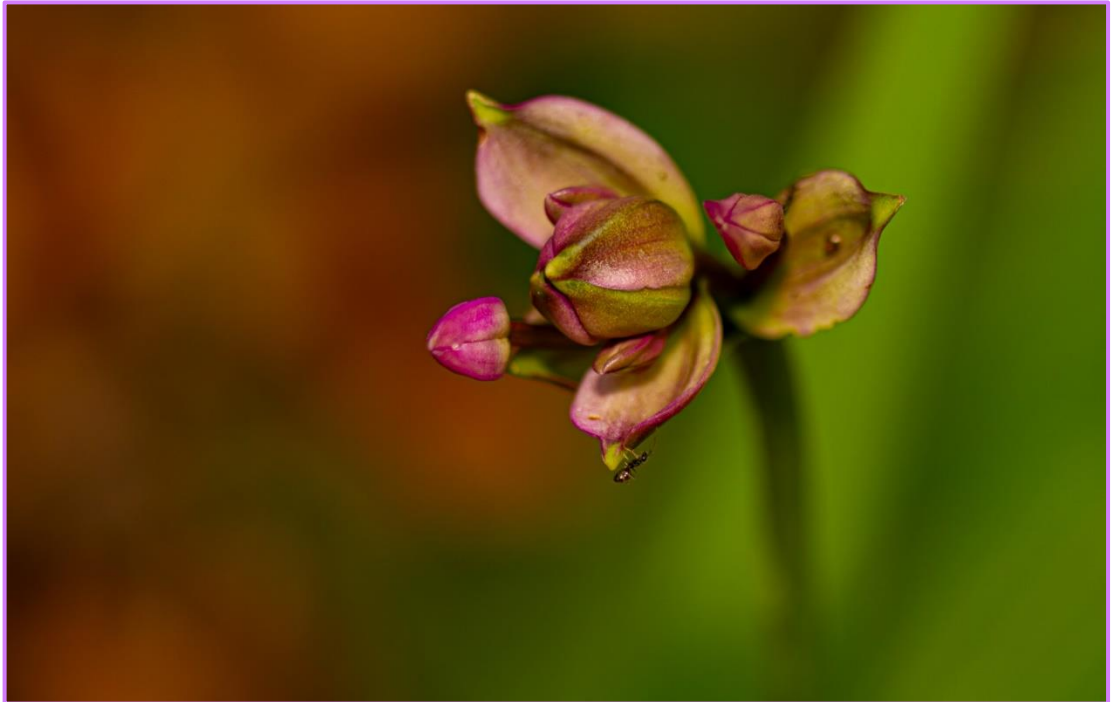
Congratulations

Lourens Basson

Awarded Gold - Novice Grade

'Wonder Through the Night'





Congratulations

Elizabeth Butterworth

Awarded Gold - Novice Grade
'Slow Down and Look'

Congratulations

Lourens Basson

Awarded Gold - Novice Grade
'Caught with Ease'

