

Exposure

Newsletter for the



Mackay Camera Group Inc.

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7:00pm ~ 1st Thursday of each month

'Sarina Room' Jubilee Community Centre,
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Workshops - 3rd Thursdays of each month

Outings and excursions: arranged on a regular basis

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From the President's Pen



Hi everyone,

Our annual photographic exhibition at the Gordon White library is coming up for the month of October. This is always a highlight of the year and it is inspiring to see the images in print. What a lovely way to showcase our efforts. We always receive very encouraging comments from the public and some people have already indicated that they look forward to seeing this year's display. Please remember to bring in up to 2 prints at the next workshop. Also, we appreciate any help for the framing on Thursday 28th September.

Thank you to Jennise for her inspiring workshop on bird photography last month. Jennise's expertise and her passion for photographing birds is clearly evident. Thanks also to Jennise for organising our outing to Sand Fly Creek. We all had a wonderful time, topped off by breakfast. We enjoy the photography but we also enjoy the friendships and sharing between like-minded people.

I believe the weekend at Lotus Creek was fabulous. Thank you to Stacey for organising it. I was unable to go but have seen some of the lovely photos from members. How lucky you all were to spot a koala with its baby.

Our next workshop should be great. Cheryl Eagers will be covering flower photography. Cheryl's images of her flowers are awesome and she is always so willing to share her knowledge and tips. We are very lucky to have her do a workshop for us. Following that, Susan Teder will be showcasing her trip to Africa earlier this year. It should be a good night & I am looking forward to it.

Finally, I hope to see some of you at the Phil Copp workshop this Saturday and at the Orchid House next Monday.

Cheers for now,
Sue



Pamela Finger 7th	Elizabeth Butterworth 15 th
Lenore Hanson 9 th	Sue Mayer-Miller 23 rd
John Blessas 9 th	Janene Franklin 28 th
Anne Palfrey 14 th	

We would like to wish the above members
a wonderful **Happy Birthday** on their special day.
We trust it's a day filled with love, photographs and memories.

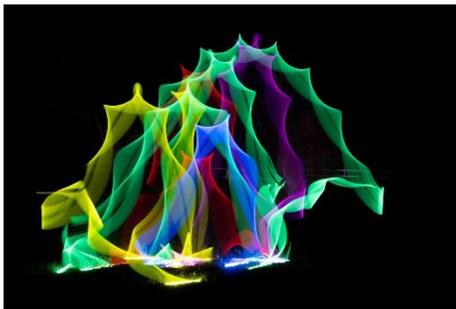
AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 12 & 13 Lotus Creek Homestead

by Caine Batley

On the 12th and 13th of August, some club members headed down the bumpy road to Lotus Creek Homestead for a magnificent weekend of photography, good food and lots of laughs.

Most of us got there around 10 am on Saturday morning and after a much earned cuppa, headed off in a few cars to the twin bridges area. The road leading to the creek was eventful, with emus, koalas, kangaroos, and lots of birds to photograph. Yells of "STOP" from the back seat of Heathers car were frequent as we spotted yet another bit of wildlife to capture, either leaning out the window or jumping out of the car before it even rolled to a stop! Needless to say we were pretty excited. Once we got to the twin bridges, we were treated to an amazing scenic site, and everywhere you looked was just ripe for amazing landscape shots. Or just to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet.



Saturday night back at the homestead and we all had wonderful meals and great conversation, before heading outside to do some light painting with glow sticks. Entertainment was on show, as the dancing and wiggling forms of Stacey, Elizabeth and the very patient Steve provided us with many cool patterns for our slow shutter speed shot, once we figured out how to focus, and remove our lens caps. 😊 There were lots of laughs and some great photos, and everyone headed off to bed happy and satisfied, with the promise of another good day ahead.

Sunday started off super early at 7am in the freezing cold. Ok it wasn't too bad, and once we got moving we all warmed up pretty quickly as the convoy left to go to Clarkes Creek, about a 45 minute drive away. There were lots of birds of every variety out in the early morning, and the birders among us were in heaven. Once we got to the creek, we were once again treated to one of the most beautiful spots around. I spent the first ten minutes just staring at one thing after another, with the creek burbling away next to us.

There were some lovely scenes for the landscape photographers, and plenty of birds flying over and through the trees, including a gorgeous wee kingfisher that we fell in love with.

But we soon started to get hungry, so we all travelled back to the homestead and had a really nice breakfast, and much needed tea and coffee.

Then it was time to pack and head home for most of us, whilst I chose to stay another night in my tent and head back on Monday morning. The Lotus Creek Homestead is a wonderful place to visit, and most people I have talked to are keen to go back soon.

Thank you to Stacey for organising a wonderful peaceful weekend, and I can't wait for the next one!



All photo credits:
Caine Batley



Workshop - August 17 How to Photograph Birds with Jennise Carr

Below are some comments received following Jennise's presentation on 'How to Photograph Birds'.

- Thanks to Jennise for an excellent presentation tonight that was both informative and professionally put together. I look forward to using the tips I learnt tonight on the birdwalk this weekend.
- Great workshop 🙌🙌
- Great night Jennise, thankyou 🌻
- I agree. Thank you Jennise. The workshop was really informative and we all learnt a lot.
- Thank you so much Jennise for such an interesting and well thought out presentation about my favourite genre tonight. Looking forward to Sunday to put it into practice. Thank you all also for the very warm welcome tonight.

Deb Ford was scheduled to do a presentation on Macro Photography that evening also, however due to an unexpected family issue, this has been postponed until a future date. We look forward to you bringing that to us Deb.



Photo credit: Sue Mayer-Miller



Walkabout Birds and Macro - August 20

Quite a large group of members met at the Boatramp in River St in search of birds to practice the skills learned on Thurs 17th. As we made our leisurely way along the Sandfly Creek Reserve walk, we were blessed to find quite a variety of birds, and we experienced different levels of success in actually capturing some of them! It was a great friendly morning shared together, pointing out different species, and generally enjoying each other's company. Elizabeth did a 'Heather', snapping unsuspecting members to record our adventures. Following our return to the carpark, we moved onto Jamaica Blue's café in Sydney Street Market complex and shared breakfast together. Thanks to all who

participated, and practiced photography together. It was a great morning.

Photo credits: Elizabeth Butterworth



Library

Our annual display held at Gordon White Library will take place during the month of October. Members are asked to bring their printed images to the club workshop night on 21st September. The club has 24 frames, which we will insert the images in at Susan Teder's workplace on Thurs 28th at 9.30am. Frames will then be transported to Gordon White Library on Friday 29th September. Following the display at the Gordon White Library, our photos will be taken to exhibit at Sarina Library during November. Make sure you invite friends and family to view the display and leave a comment in the Visitor's Book. Any assistance that members can give inserting the frames or transporting them would be greatly appreciated.

September Activities

Landscape Workshop 16th with Phil Copp

Members book and pay directly through his webpage. Phil is an experienced landscape photographer who will cover landscapes, sunset, and Astro photography during the workshop. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from very others outside of our own expertise in landscape and Astro. Meet at 3pm at Shoal Point. See more details on the facebook closed page.



Orchid House, Queens Park Mon 18th September

We plan to go to the Orchid House on Monday for us to photograph the orchids.

Opening Hours – you can attend at any time during the following times. Maya from the Botanical Gardens will be there, but she appreciates someone who has photography skills to assist others if needed.

- 10-11am - photographing in the Orchid House
- 11-1pm - Free time – suggested meeting for coffee/lunch, taking other photos in the park
- 2-3pm - Orchid House is reopened for photography

Flower workshop - 21st September 7pm Sarina Room

Cheryl Eagers will share with us the art of Flower Photography. This is one of Cheryl's passions, and she has a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills to share. She is a local and we are lucky to have her experience here in Mackay. Ensure you don't miss this one. Tips she will share can be used in other areas of photography, not just flowers.

Following Cheryl's presentation, Susan Teder will share some of her experiences from her recent adventures in Africa.



Supper Roster October

Lynnie and Sue will provide our supper during our meeting and Workshop evenings in October.

Thank you for providing our goodies!



14th December – 6pm

Annual Awards Dinner

Breakwater Bar & Restaurant



Plan to come and join us for a night of celebration as we share a fabulous night of food, fun, memories and awards

TO OUR JUDGES THIS MONTH



Thanks to our PSQ Accredited judge Margaret O'Grady of Brisbane who gave her critique this month for our images for Advanced, Intermediate and Novice Grades. We appreciate the time and care given to her extensive critiques and suggestions for improvement.

We look forward to working with Michael Stefanini of Brisbane who is next month's judge.

Thanks also to Lynnie Hutchins for giving great suggestions to our Beginners Grade. These suggestions for improvement are greatly appreciated by our members new to photography.





OTHER DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Venue
7/9/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/9/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
16-17 9/23	3pm	Workshops - Landscapes, Sunset and Astro with Phil Copp	Meet at Shoal Pt
18/9/23	10am	Orchid House Walkabout	Queens Park
21/9/23	7pm	Workshop - Flowers -Cheryl Eagers & Presentation from Susan Teder	Sarina Room
28/9/23	9.30am	Framing images for Gordon White Library	14 Grendon St, Nth Mackay
29/9/23		Photos to GW Library for October	
5/10/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/10/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
19/10/23	7pm	Workshop - Landscapes with Mark Fitz	Jubilee Centre
02/11/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
16/11/23	7pm	Workshop	Sarina Room
07/12/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
14/12/23	6pm	Award Dinner	Breakwater Bar & Restaurant

Photo Awarded Gold & Photo of the Month - Advanced Grade



**Congratulations
Heather Atkinson**

**Awarded Gold & POM - Advanced Grade
*'Out of the Mist'***

Photo Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade

**Congratulations
Deb Ford**

**Awarded Gold -
Advanced Grade
*'Let There be Light'***



**Congratulations
Deb Ford**

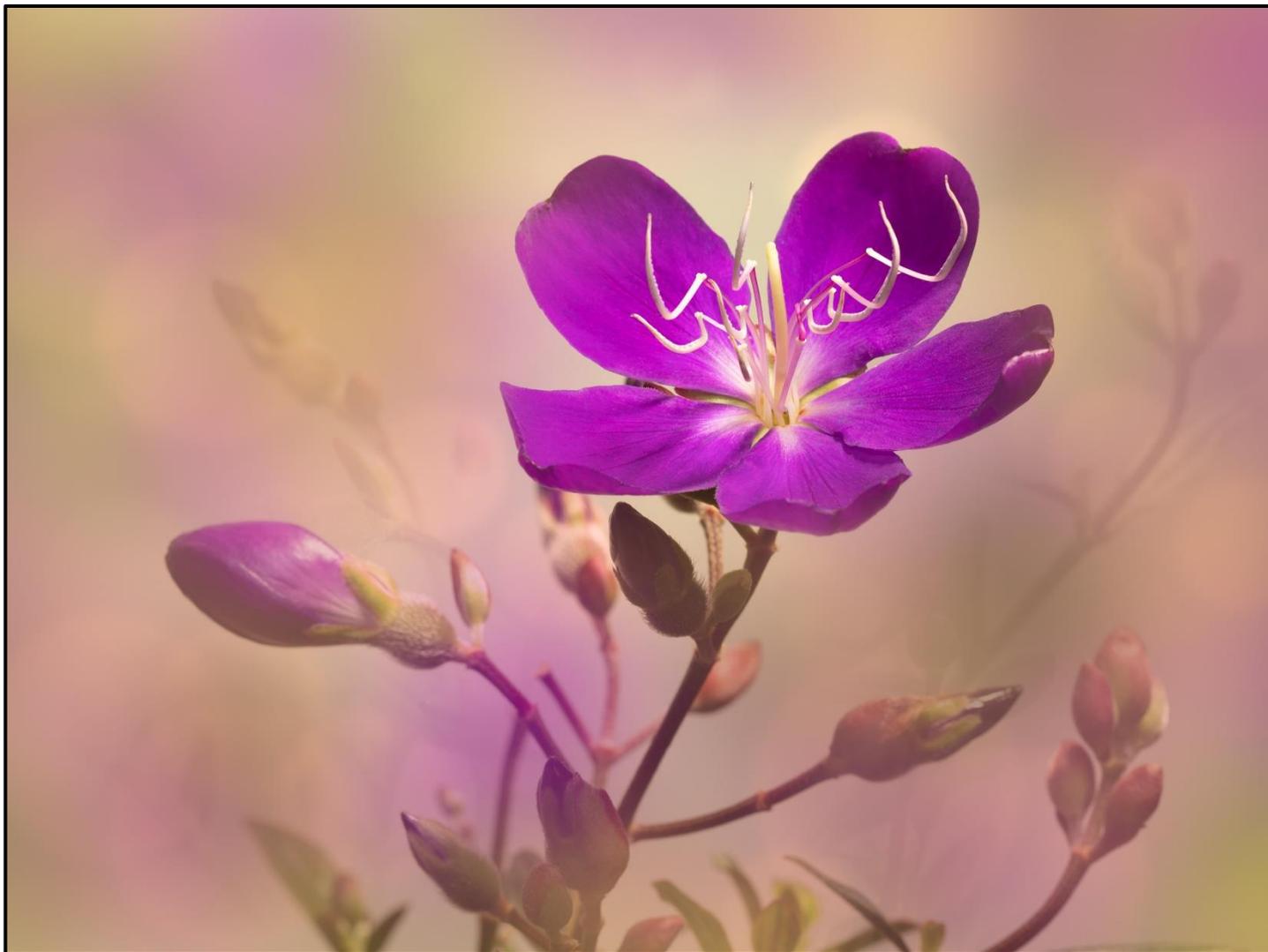
**Awarded Gold -
Advanced Grade
*'Skyward Splendour'***



**Congratulations
Deb Ford**

**Awarded Gold- Advanced Grade
*'The Innocent Face of War - Ukraine'***

Photo Awarded Gold & Photo of the Month - Intermediate Grade



**Congratulations
Stacey Nicholas**

**Awarded Gold & POM
Intermediate Grade**

'Fading Beauty'

Photo Awarded Gold & Photo of the Month - Novice Grade



Congratulations
Elizabeth Butterworth
Awarded Gold &POM
'Through the Mist of Time'