MACKAY CAMERA GROUP INC

Competition Rules

Each photographer may enter up to (4) digital images per month for remote judging. These images need to be:

- Taken by and be the work of the person entering the images.
- Of photographic origin. Images of artworks need to have a significant creative element added photographically to the final image to qualify.
- Taken within the previous 24 months however members can enter one older image.
- Images cannot have been entered in any previous month's competition.
- There are 3 grades that are judged externally by accredited PSQ judges: Advanced, Intermediate and Novice.
- Beginners grade are critiqued by experienced club members without a level being assigned
- Photographers can only enter into one grade.

Mackay Camera Group Judging Criteria

- **All photos submitted in Advanced, Intermediate & Novice grades will receive an award of Gold, Silver, Bronze or Acceptance.**
- **Photo of the Month for each grade will receive an additional 1 point**:

AWARD LEVELS	JUDGING CRITERIA
GOLD (4 points)	**Images judged to be at this level should be of exceptional quality.** Image has strong emotional influence, visual impact or creativity and narrative content. Very interesting subject matter High level of impact to the viewer - (image has wow factor) Very strong use of compositional elements Technically very well handled
SILVER (3 Points)	**Images judged to be at this level should be of above average quality** Image has an emotional influence, visual impact or creativity and narrative content. Interesting subject matter Medium level of impact to the viewer - (image attracts viewers attention) Technically well handled.
BRONZE (2 Points)	**Images judged to be at this level should be of average quality** Image shows some aspects of emotion, impact, creativity or story Images may include interesting subject matter. Technically reasonably well handled.
ACCEPTANCE (1 Point)	Images judged at this level should be of acceptable quality Image is acceptable in most aspects (technical, content, composition etc) and creates some interest for the viewer. The score could be raised by some small improvements.