

The Mackay Camera Group Inc.

# Short Club Handbook

2024



***Information for existing and prospective members  
of the Mackay Camera Group.***

***This member's book is a quick overview of the Group's objectives and  
activities.***

***It is only meant to be a summary. Refer to the full Club Handbook on the  
website for the complete Rules and Regulations.***

## **Aims and Objectives**

The Mackay Camera Group Incorporated is a non-profit group dedicated to furthering photography in the Mackay region.

### **1/ The Management Committee consists of the following positions**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members (X2)

Sub committees may be formed for special purposes or projects.  
New positions on the Management Committee may be created as required.

For a list of committee members, please check the club website,

[www.mackaycameragroup.com](http://www.mackaycameragroup.com)

### **2/ Meetings**

Held at the Jubilee Community Centre, "Sarina Meeting Room", Gordon Street, Mackay on the first Thursday of the month, at 7.00 pm (except in January)

### **3/ Membership**

Membership is for the calendar year.  
Fees are set for the following classes of membership;

Adult \$55.00  
Family. \$90.00  
Junior. \$20.00  
Pensioner/Senior (over 60) \$45.00

New members pay on joining the Club (Pro rata payment for the remainder of the year after June).

Monies raised are used for;  
Payment of Photographic Society of Queensland affiliation dues General club expenses

Life Members are elected by the club and enjoy the same rights and benefits as other members.  
Life membership may be offered to those members who have a history and record of service beneficial to photography within the club and community.

## **How to join?**

Come along to some meetings and workshops.  
Get to meet the rest of the members and take part in our workshops.

Then fill in an application and submit it online or bring it to a meeting. Fees are calculated pro rata during the year.

## **4/ Club Activities**

The club holds competitions, workshops and special events.

### **Workshops**

Workshops on various subjects are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.  
Field trips and external workshops are arranged throughout the year.

### **Competitions:**

#### **Monthly Competition**

Advanced, Intermediate and Novice Grade images are judged by accredited judges and are submitted digitally via a link on the club website.

Beginners Grade images are critiqued by experienced club members and are submitted digitally.

Members may submit up to 4 images.

#### **Salon of Excellence Queensland (SEQ)**

The club actively participates in SEQ and other external competitions. Details will be given to members throughout the year as these competitions are run.

#### **Mackay Regional Show**

The Mackay Camera Group contributes to the organisation and running of the Photography Section of the Annual Mackay Show.

#### **Special Events**

The club acts as Official Photographers for several organisations. In return for access to their events we provide free images to them.

The club exhibits the members works at the Gordon White Library and the Sarina library every year.

*All members are encouraged to enter as many of these external competitions and displays as possible.*

*Our standard of work has resulted in Places and Acceptances at the Mackay Show, SEQ and other State and National level competitions.*

### **Judging of Images**

Judging is to be unbiased, fair and constructive.

### **Award Levels**

**Gold** 4 points: Images judged to be this level should be of exceptional quality.

**Silver** 3 points: Images judged to be this level should be above average quality.

**Bronze** 2 Points: Images judged to be this level should be of average quality.

**Acceptance** 1 Point: Images judged at this level should be of acceptable quality.

**Photo(s) of the Month** additional 1 point:

Trophies and Awards are presented at the end of year dinner in December.