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**A Monthly Newsletter of the Mackay Camera Group Inc**

# *Exposure*

## *Executive Members >>>*

*PRESIDENT: Sue Mayer-Miller*

*VICE PRESIDENT: Deb Ford*

*TREASURER: Heather Atkinson*

*SECRETARY: Jennise Carr*

## *ORDINARY MEMBERS:*

*Stacey Nicholas &*

*Carol Connolly*

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monthly  
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## *President's News*

Hello everyone,

At our last meeting we decided that we would look at updating our current logo and banners. The logo has been in place for some years and has served us well, but it's time for a fresh new look. Therefore we are asking you or anyone you know to come up with a new design and send it through to the club's email address. If we get a few, we will put it to a vote.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Stacey for her workshop on lightroom and for sharing her document with us. I know that everyone who attended came away with a whole new set of skills. There's always so much to learn!

Although I was unable to attend, I believe that the outing to Boulder Creek was great. It's a beautiful serene spot where you can obtain some lovely images.

Please have a look at the upcoming external competitions (details in the newsletter below) and start considering images that you may like to submit. In particular, please consider entering the Mackay Show.

Jennise has led a very enthusiastic committee and has managed to secure some sponsorship from the community. This has resulted in a new and improved schedule with new categories and increased prize money. It's also a lovely way to display your images in printed form.

Finally, for those who may be attending the PSQ convention, I hope you have a fabulous time and come away with increased enthusiasm and knowledge.

Cheers for now  
Sue

# Happy Birthday

Jacqui Patterson 9<sup>th</sup>  
Greg Rabnott 14<sup>th</sup>  
Stephen Allworth 16<sup>th</sup>

We trust you all have an amazing day.



**Congratulations to Deb Ford** for placing first in Digital Camera Warehouse weekly Competition. The theme was “Close Up”.

**Congratulations to Lenore Hansen** who has been awarded an Associate from the Australian Photographic Society.

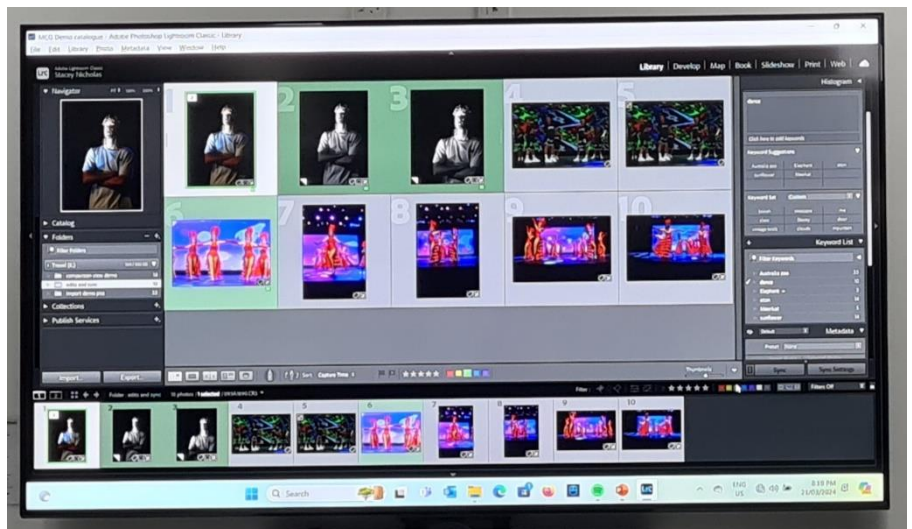
## Marvellous MARCH ACTIVITIES

Workshop 21<sup>st</sup> March

*Lightroom – basic info*

**Thanks to Stacey** for leading us through the steps to resize and group edit our images, how to create presets for exporting, and labelling your images to help find them when needed.

Such a wealth of information and knowledge shared and gained. She has also prepared a document that is up on the Closed Facebook page for you to refer to. Take the time to read this document, as it contains many useful tips, with diagrams to help follow each step.



## BOULDER CREEK OUTING 24/3/24

A few of our regular attendees were not able to join us for this outing, but we still had a really good attendance and enjoyed the afternoon and evening.

Despite the weather having been quite overcast and showery through the week leading up to our outing, the overcast skies helped with low glare on the water. With the recent rain, the level of water in the creek was much higher than on previous visits, thus making it a lot more risky if you wanted to wade in and try for the shot from the centre of the creek. A few did, and thankfully no injuries to humans or equipment was reported! There was lots of great moss covered rocks and lush fern growth evident also.

What a magical and tranquil location to visit – to sit, enjoy and soak up the atmosphere of this gorgeous spot. Even though we had quite a number of photographers, there was plenty of space to spread out and find your own piece of paradise to photograph. Of course, our little mascot Gracie enjoyed running free in the water with Belinda.

Once the light faded and we had to leave, we stopped off at the Leap Hotel to share over a huge meal. What a grand way to finish a fabulous outing. Thanks to Heather for coordinating the arrangements for this outing.



Photo credits from top: Heather Atkinson, Malcolm Griffin, Heather Atkinson

**THEME - BLACK & WHITE PHOTOS NEXT MONTH!**

# *Amazing* APRIL ACTIVITIES

## **Wander Through the Valley** *Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April*

**Departing - 8:15am** KFC Carpark, Mt Pleasant

Joining others

**9:00am** Melba House, Mirani.

Our mid-week outing for those who can make it this month is taking a wander through the Pioneer Valley. We will meet at 8:15am at KFC carpark Mt Pleasant, or at Melba House, Mirani at 9:00am and carpool. Bring a selection of your lenses, tripods if you wish, comfy shoes and a waterbottle. Join us for a relaxed fun outing exploring some hidden gem locations on our doorstep. RSVP to Heather on the event page on fb.

## **Workshop - Editing x3 ways** *Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April*

**7:00pm** Sarina Room, Jubilee Centre

What a fun Workshop Night is planned! Come join us for a night of learning how editing affects how others see our images. The same image edited several ways can create a completely different feel and emotion. We will explore how this works, how important it really is, and so much more. Lets explore these options together! Don't miss it!

## **Day Trip - Eungella** *Sun 21st April*

**Departing - 7:30am** KFC Carpark Mt Pleasant

Joining others -

**8:15am** Woolworths carpark, Mirani.

Plan to join us on this day for a relaxed day exploring the birdlife, ferns, wildlife and spectacular scenery that is Eungella! Bring your long lens to shoot birds and platypus, plus an all rounder type lens for the scenery and foliage etc. You might also want to bring your tripod to capture some slow water action! We will have lunch at the Chalet, so come prepared. If you wish to carpool, see details below. RSVP to Heather your intention so we don't leave anyone behind!

## Sunrise Shoot - Blacks Beach

Sun 28th April – 5:15am

This event is **part of the Northern Beaches Activation** week of events. (28/4 – 4/5/24)

This activation is coordinated by community, for community and is all about helping people feel more active, creative, well and connected in our area. During this week there are over 30 free events happening.

Our role during this Sunrise Shoot will be to assist the public in taking photos with whatever device or camera they may be using.

Members who are interested in attending, please see further details on the fb closed page, and let Deb know you are planning to attend. Members of the public are required to obtain tickets simply as a means to cap the numbers of public attending.

Meet at Blacks Beach 5:15am.

## Calendar of Events

**It is possible that some dates and activities may change.**

4/4/24	Meeting & Critique	7:00pm	Sarina Room
10/4/24	Submission of Images for critique due		
11/4/24	Wander through the Valley Outing	8:15am 9:00am	Depart KFC Carpark, Mt Pleasant or Meet at Melba House, Mirani
18/4/24	Workshop Night	7:00pm	Sarina Room
21/4/24	Day trip to Eungella	7:30am 8:15am	Depart KFC Carpark, Mt Pleasant or Woolworths carpark, Mirani
28/4 – 4/5	Sunrise Shoot - Northern Beaches Activation Event	5:15am	Black's Beach
2/5/24	Meeting & Critique	7:00pm	Sarina Room
4,5 & 6/5/24	PSQ Brisbane Convention		
8/5/24	Botanic Gardens Walkabout & Coffee	9:00am	Meet at the Café area
10/5/24	Submission of Images for critique due		B&W images this month
16/5/24	Astro Workshop – Janice Terrill	7:00pm	Sarina Room
25/5/24	Breakaway Horseriders Charity Ride		Volunteers needed to photograph
1/6/24	Interclub Challenge Opens		
1/6/24	Shooting Astro with Janice Terrill		To be advised
6/6/24	Meeting & Critique	7:00pm	Sarina Room
7/6/24	Entries for Mackay Show close	4:00	Mackay Show Office
20/6/24	SHOW HOLIDAY		

**Keep checking for updates on the fb Closed page, and your email.**

# BASIC DETAILS for UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Name of Comp	Opening Date	Closing Date	Location	Grades		Categories
<b>Mackay Show Society</b> (Individual entry)	Open now	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mackay	Open to all photographers Print only	<a href="http://www.mackayshow.com.au">www.mackayshow.com.au</a>	People, B&W / Monochrome; Scapes, Nature, Creative, Street Photography, Drone Photography, Smart Device, Rural, Open
<b>River City Print Interclub Competition</b> (Enter as a Club)	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Brisbane	A Grade & Non A Grade	20 <b>printed images</b> chosen by club to submit	Open Colour; Open B&W, Open Animals; Portrait; Open Non A Grade
<b>Qld Interclub Competition</b> (enter as a Club)	1 <sup>st</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> August  26 <sup>th</sup> Sept Online Awards & Presentation	Tweed Heads	A Grade & Non A Grade	Images may be colour or monochrome across all themes.  Club to choose digital images to be submitted	Architecture, Food Photography, Creative, Scapes, People, Non A Grade Open; Nature

## Supper Roster

<b>April</b>	Anne Le-Riche Perree	Sue Mayer- Miller
<b>May</b>	Jeff Jones	
<b>June</b>	Malcolm Griffin	
<b>July</b>	Heather Atkinson	
<b>August</b>	Elizabeth Butterworth	
<b>September</b>	Deb Ford	
<b>October</b>	Jennise Carr	
<b>November</b>	Janene	
<b>December</b>	Heather Atkinson	Belinda Eckford

## Are you creative ?

We are on the hunt for a new club logo. We thought it was time we updated and modernised our current logo.

If you – or someone you know, has some creative design knowledge and would like to design something that reflects our club's ethos and activities, we would love to hear from you.

Email any suggestions to our club email by the end of April.



Every photographer will eventually experience a time when they're just not feeling very creative.

You may feel uninspired, frustrated with your work, or just stuck in a rut. When you face a situation like this, there are several things you can do.

## 1. **Try a Different Type of Art**

How about dedicating some time to other artistic activities that may help to restore your creativity?

You could draw, paint, play music, work on graphic design, or some other type of art. Taking some time to expand your horizon could be just what you need.

## 2. **Push Yourself**

How about giving yourself a challenge that may help you to break out of that creative rut?

Instead of avoiding photography, you could choose some sort of challenge that gives you some newfound energy and motivation.

There are plenty of different things you could do, including:

- Limit yourself to a single lens
- Try a new type of photography
- Take a walk and photograph whatever you come across
- Use your smartphone camera

## 3. **Work on Editing Old Photos**

If you're like many photographers, you enjoy actually taking the photos more than you enjoy editing them.

As a result, most photographers have a lot of photos on their hard drive that have never been processed.

If you're struggling and you don't feel like taking photos right now, one option is to use your time to go back and work on those photos that you've already taken.

These are just some ideas to help you start being more creative each day.

Once you start applying them, you may well come up with more of your own.

***But the key thing is to find your inspiration and embrace creativity.***

*Photo of the Month*  
**Advanced Grade**



**Congratulations**

*Susan Teder*

**Awarded Gold & POM**

*'Wired'*

# *Photos Awarded Gold*

## *Advanced Grade*



**Congratulations**

*Belinda Eckford*

***Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade***

*"Lift Off"*



**Congratulations**

*Belinda Eckford*

***Awarded Gold – Advanced Grade***

*'Psychedelic'*

# *Photos Awarded Silver*

## ***Advanced Grade***



**Congratulations**

*Heather Atkinson*

***Awarded Silver – Advanced Grade***

*'Angry Bird'*



**Congratulations**

*Stacey Nicholas*

***Awarded Gold – Advanced Grade***

*'Holding it Together'*



**Congratulations**

*Sue Mayer-Miller*

***Awarded Silver – Advanced Grade***

*'On Guard'*



**Congratulations**

*Stephen Allworth*

***Awarded Silver – Advanced Grade***

*'Rameses'*



**Congratulations**

*Stacey Nicholas*

**Awarded Silver - Advanced Grade**

*'Rippling Gills'*



**Congratulations**

*Sue Mayer-Miller*

**Awarded Silver - Advanced Grade**

*'Weathered'*

# *Photo of the Month*

## *Intermediate Grade*



**Congratulations**

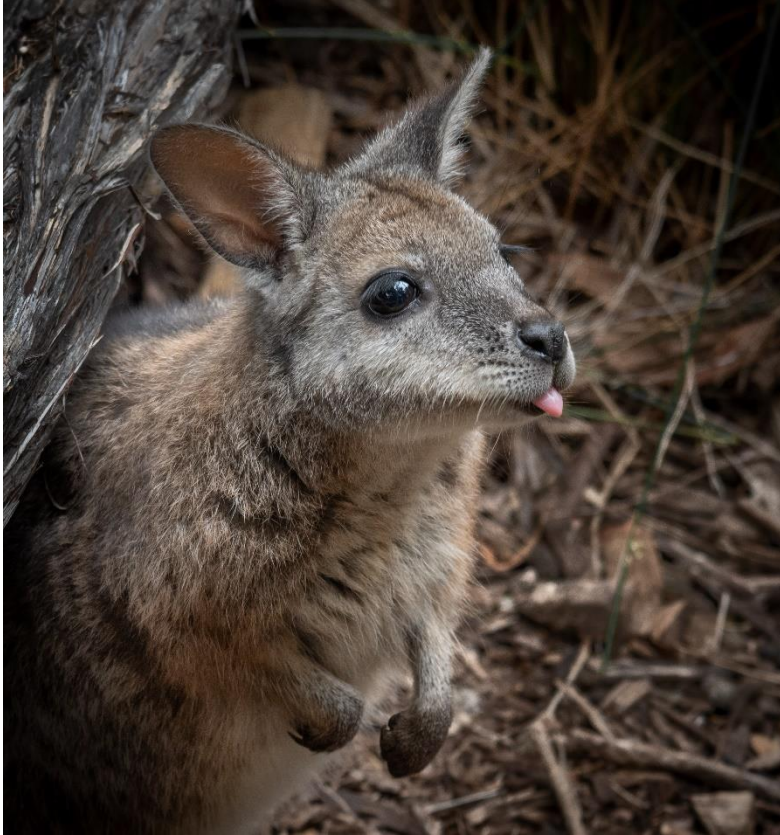
*Malcolm Griffin*

***Awarded Gold & POM - Intermediate Grade***

*'Pier at Night'*

# *Photos Awarded Gold*

## *Intermediate Grade*



**Congratulations**

*Pamela Finger*

***Awarded Gold – Intermediate Grade***

*'How Could You Not Feed Me?'*

**Congratulations**

*David Blackburn*

***Awarded Gold – Intermediate Grade***

*'Splitting Bark''*





**Congratulations**

*Malcolm Griffin*

***Awarded Gold – Intermediate Grade***

*'Never Ending'*

# *Photos Awarded Silver*

## *Intermediate Grade*



**Congratulations**

*Jacinta Pennisi*

***Awarded Silver – Intermediate Grade***

*'All Veins Lead to'*



**Congratulations**

*Malcolm Griffin*

***Awarded Silver – Intermediate Grade***

*'Bloom in the Rain'*



**Congratulations**

*David Blackburn*

***Awarded Silver – Intermediate Grade***

*'Rock Craters'*

*Photo Awarded Gold &  
Photo of the Month*  
**Novice Grade**



**Congratulations**

*Elizabeth Butterworth*

**Awarded Gold & POM– Intermediate**

**Grade**

*'Selfie'*