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Newsletter for the

Mackay Camera Group Inc.

December, 2022

Merry Christmas to all

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

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From the President's Pen -

Hello everyone,

As we come to the end of another year, I'd like to express my gratitude to all club members for your ongoing support, for the many laughs and for the enthusiasm that everyone shares. It really is true that a club is only as good as its members and we have great club members, that's for sure.

I'd especially like to offer sincere thanks to the executive: Deb Ford in her role as Vice President and external competition coordinator; Heather Atkinson as Treasurer and Workshops, Outings & Facebook Coordinator; and Jennise Carr as Secretary and assisting with the newsletter. I'd also like to thank Kirsten Brighton for editing the monthly newsletters, Caine Batley for keeping the website up to date, and Susan Teder for letting us use her workplace to frame images when needed and then to store the frames there. I also extend thanks to the PSQ and to the 11 judges who have spent their time critiquing our images this year.

Again, we have had some fabulous workshops and outings, covering a wide range of topics. Unfortunately, our photography weekend away to Yeppoon was cancelled due to covid but we hope to have another weekend away next year.

The participation in the monthly photo judging competitions has increased markedly this year, with 822 images being submitted. At our last club meeting, after much discussion a few changes to levels and grades were voted on. We will be adding an extra level to the scoring and we will be expanding the grades. See details in the body of the newsletter. Hopefully the changes we are making will be useful and supportive and we will review them at the end of 2023.

And finally a quote on which to ponder: "Photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place.....it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them" (Elliott Erwitt)

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

Cheers,
Sue

Happy birthday to those celebrating while we are on a break.

December:	Damian Walls	2nd December
	Sarah Brown	8th December
And in January we have	Stacey Nicholas	18th January
	Belinda Eckford	20th January
	Heather Atkinson	24th January

Congratulations!

Annual Awards

What a fabulous night we shared at our Annual Awards Night at the Breakwater Bar and Restaurant last week. We celebrated our top achievers work, along with some fun awards for all. It was a really relaxed evening, with fabulous food and great company.
We congratulate and celebrate with the following awardees who had received the hightest points scores for the entire year:

Champion A Grade Photographer – Deb Ford
2nd Place - Lenore Hansen
3rd Place – Lynnie Hutchins

Champion B Grade Photographer – Jennise Carr
2nd Place – Belinda Eckford
3rd Place – Carol Connolly

Most Improved: Belinda Eckford

Kev McCain Award: Deb Ford

Photo Credit – David Blackburn.
Lenore and Lynnie's Certificates held by Sue.

Thank you

As the year comes to a very quick close, we must take a moment to thank those who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to help make our club the great caring, sharing and positive club that it is.

To the **Executive Team,** we thank you. We as a club, appreciate all your hard work behind the scenes to help develop the club to be the great supporting club that it is.

Thank you also to the following members who have volunteered and filled other roles this year . Your input has been greatly appreciated also.

Competition Coordinator/Scorer:	Sue Mayer-Miller
External Competition Coordinator:	Deb Ford
Website Coordinator:	Caine Batley
Facebook Coordinator:	Heather Atkinson
Workshop Coordinators	Heather Atkinson/Lynnie Hutchins
Newsletter Editor:	Kirsten Brighton
New Member Liaison:	Deb Ford
Supper Roster Coordinator:	Jennise Carr
Mackay Show Delegates	Deb Ford and Jennise Carr

NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS – Seascapes, ICM and Drones

Photo Credit – Sue Mayer Miller

On 24th November Heather Atkinson and Jeff Jones shared their vast knowledge and experience with us on Seascapes, ICM and using Drones.
Heather reminded us that Seascape does not just mean the actual beach, as in water and sand. It could mean photographing the life savers equipment on the beach, birds by the shore, people fishing, other activities on the beach, or even the land surrounding the beach. Watch for opportunities to capture, and experiment with different settings to achieve the desired look. Jeff showed us some of his amazing drone footage of landscapes, often showing tidal movements on the sand. He explained to us how and where he uses the drone. For some of us novices, it was really fascinating to hear how this genre is achieved.
Thanks so much to you both for sharing your knowledge with us.

CLUB OUTING – 27TH November. Shoal Point Sunset.

A few members were able to get together for a Sunset shoot and try to put into practice some of the finer pointers that were given at our Workshop night. Unfortunately, the sunset colour did not materialize, which was disappointing, however there were other things to capture at the beach, including Gracie, Belinda's much loved little dog, who often appears as our little mascot on beach outings!

OUTING TO WETLANDS – KEELEY'S ROAD

On 6th November several members of our club combined with members of Creative Shots for a great morning Walkabout at the Wetlands. Belinda Eckford had arranged the outing, and we all enjoyed walking at our own pace, taking photos of whatever took our fancy. It was an unhurried time, and allowed opportunities to share and chat as we walked around discovering birds, dragonflies, plants, and other things you would expect to find at a wetland area. Following our stroll, we went to Deb's Seafood at Slade Point and shared breakfast together.
Thanks Belinda for organizing this event – it was a great morning.

DISPLAY AT GORDON WHITE LIBRARY

A very big THANK YOU to those who contributed to make our display at the Gordon White Library such a success. The images were displayed during the month of November, and below are a few comments from visitors:

- Love the ducks
- Beautiful!
- Man with Dog is beautiful
- I thought 'Unconditional' was a well-done drawing. Beautifully named.
- Some great photos. Well done to the photographers. Some beautiful images and memories have been captured.
- Clever strawberry capture! Love the birds too.
- Amazing, beautiful. Well done!
- Very nice display
- Very beautiful art. Very inspiring and detailed work, just beautiful.
- Very well done. Can't decide the best.

CHANGES TO OUR GRADES AND LEVELS IN 2023

During the club's meeting in November, members voted on some changes to be made in both the Grades and Levels within our monthly photographic competition. These changes are designed to allow the critiques being given at the appropriate skill level of the photographer which will help us develop our skills further. This will be reviewed annually.

	2022	**2023**
Grades	A & B Grades Judged externally	*Advanced, *Intermediate, *Novice judged externally. *Beginners grade judged internally by club members
Levels	Gold 3 points	Gold 4 points
	Silver 2 points	Silver 3 points
	Bronze 1 point	Bronze 2 points
		Acceptance 1 point
	1 x POM in each grade, extra 2 points	Up to 3 POMs in each grade, 1 extra point

ANNUAL STATISTICS

For those who like statistics, here are some for you regarding the numbers of submitted images and results throughout the year.

	Number of Images	Gold	Silver	Bronze		% Gold	% Silver	% Bronze
A Grade	509	127	226	156		25.0%	44.4%	30.6%
B Grade	313	82	134	97		26.2 %	42.8%	31.0%
TOTAL	822	209	360	253		25.4%	43.8%	30.8%

MACKAY CAMERA GROUP JUDGES FOR 2023

Photos Submitted by 10th of:	For Meeting in:	Judge	Location	Notes
January	February	Fran Cross	Hervey Bay	
February	March	Glenn Rossiter	Brisbane	
March	April	Graham Harris	Toowoomba	
April	May	Richard Bassett	Kidaman Creek	
May	June	Cheryl Robertson	Townsville	
June	July	Angela Gregory	Bundaberg	(understudy judge)
July	August	Maureen Carthy	Townsville	Black & White/ Monochrome only
August	September	Margaret O'Grady	Brisbane	
September	October	Michael Stefanini	Brisbane	
October	November	John Blessas	Mackay	
November	December	Terry Power	Cairns	
Reserve		Cheryl Eagers	Mackay	

OUR JUDGE THIS MONTH

Thanks to our judge this month John Blessas. We appreciate the time, effort and suggestions made to help us improve our images.

Photo of the Month - A Grade

Congratulations
Deb Ford

Photo of the Month –
A Grade
'Got the Munchies'

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Photos of the Month - B Grade

Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Photo of the Month –
B Grade
'At Rest'

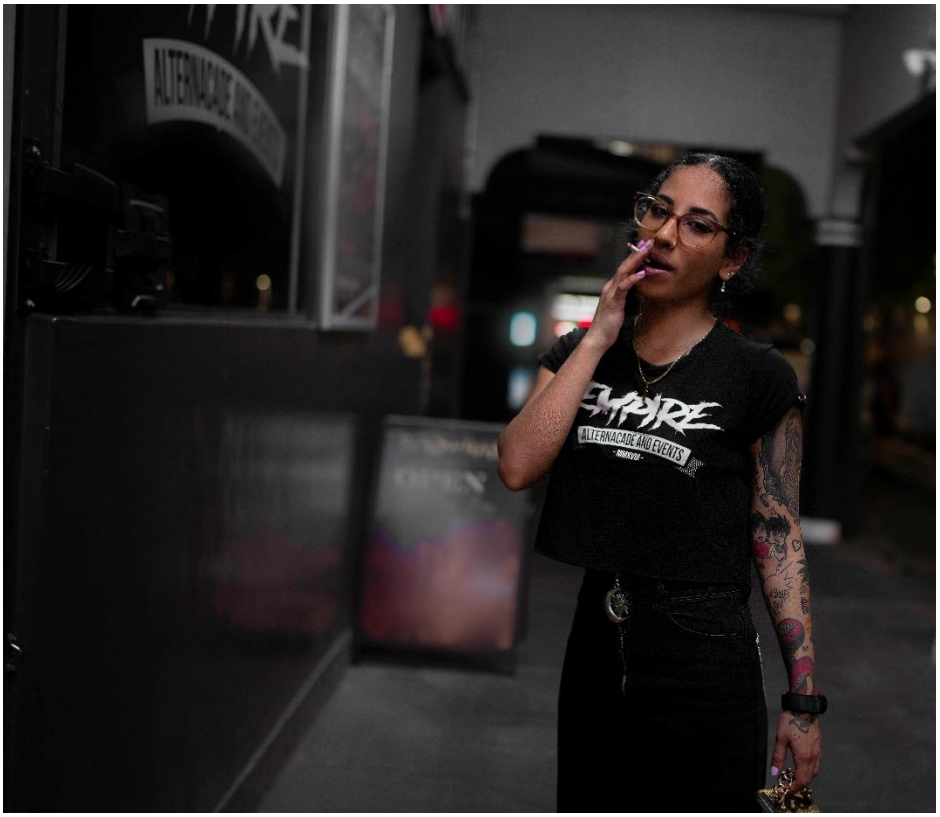
Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Photo of the Month –
B Grade
'Breakfast'

Photo Judging – Gold A Grade

Congratulations
Lynnie Hutchins
Awarded Gold – A Grade
'B&W Bauhinia'

Congratulations
Deb Ford
Awarded Gold – A Grade
'City Streets'



Congratulations
David Blackburn

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Night Life'

Congratulations
Susan Teder

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Petal Time'

Congratulations
Carmen Blackburn

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Searching for Light'

Congratulations
Inge Blessas

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Love'

Congratulations
Inge Blessas
Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Plane Reflections'

Congratulations
Susan Teder

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Tide'

Congratulations
Inge Blessas

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Works Done'

Congratulations
Carmen Blackburn

Awarded Gold – A Grade
'Yellow Exposure'

Congratulations
Deb Ford

Awarded Gold & POM –
A Grade
'Got the Munchies'

Photo Judging – Gold B Grade

Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Bright Flutters'

Congratulations
Stacey Nicholas

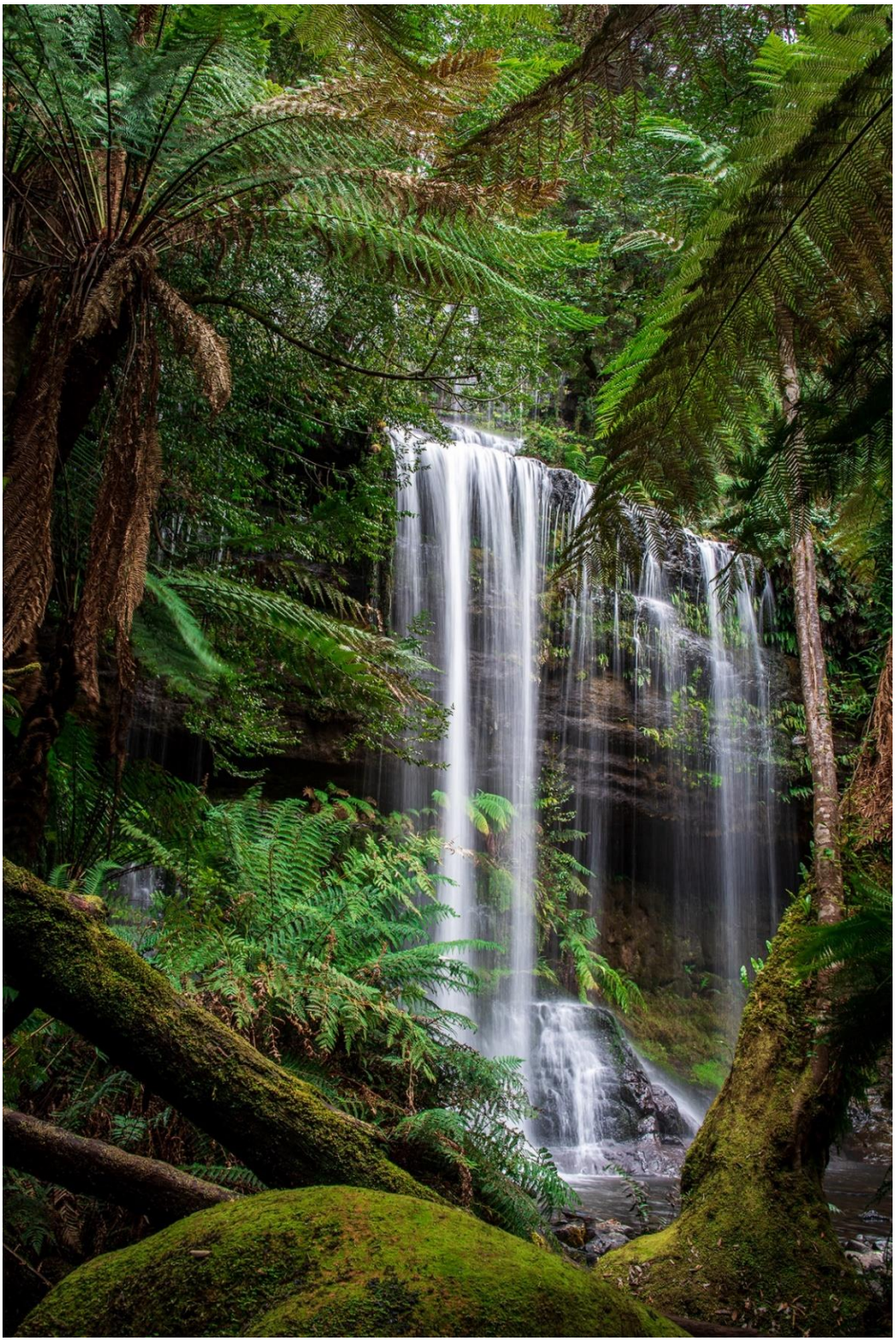
Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Mid Ocean Paddle'

Congratulations
Belinda Eckford

Awarded Gold – B Grade
I've Got My Eye on You'

Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold & POM B Grade
'Breakfast'



Congratulations
Stacey Nicholas

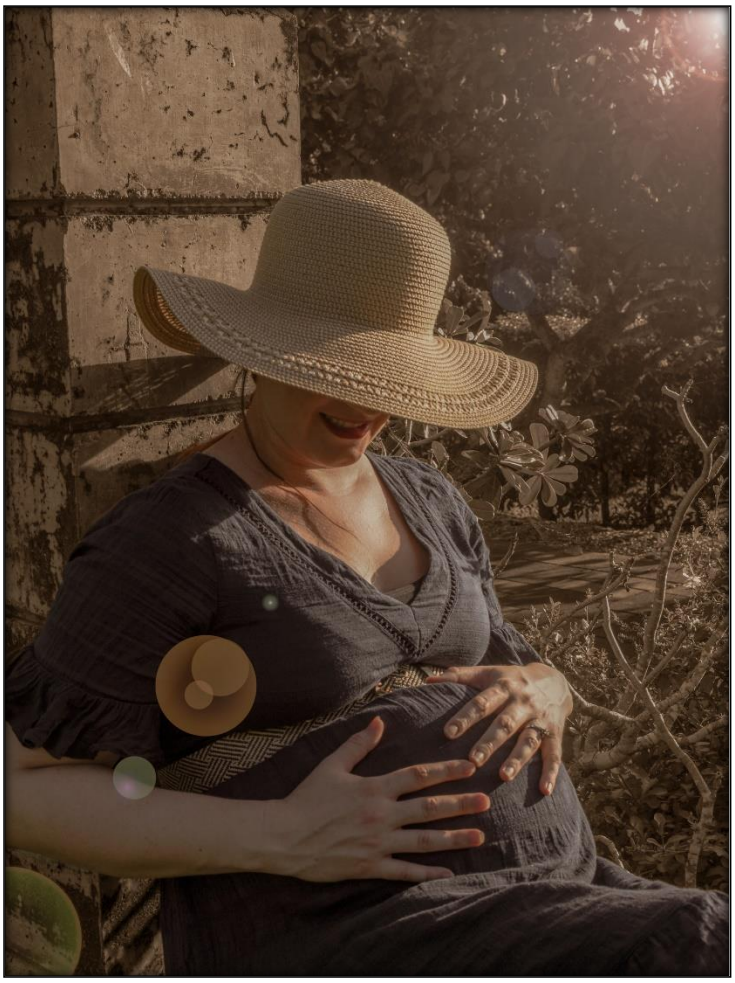
Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Gossamer Threads'

Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Precious'

Congratulations
Jennise Carr

Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Poised for Flight'



Congratulations
Kirsten Brighton

Awarded Gold – B Grade
'Unborn Miracle'

Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Awarded Gold & POM – B Grade
'At Rest'