Exposure

Newsletter for the

Mackay Camera Group Inc.

May 2023

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

Hi everyone,

What a fabulous time we had at the PSQ convention held during the May long weekend. It exceeded all expectations, and the members of Rockhampton Photography Club did a magnificent job of hosting such a large event. The presenters and workshop leaders were truly inspirational, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

It was great to see so many members of our club and Creative Shots club in attendance. Between the two clubs, there were about 25 people from Mackay, so we were very well represented.
Congratulations to members from both clubs who entered and achieved acceptances and placings in the Salon of Excellence Competition. Special mention must go to Stacey who received 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in the Creative section and a 3rd placing in the People section; as well as Jennise who received a 2nd placing in the Nature section. Well done to everyone.

Next year the PSQ convention will be held at Chermside and hosted by the Aspley Camera Club. Mark the May long weekend dates in your diaries as it is sure to be great.

The Mackay Show is just weeks away, so it's time to consider which images you might like to enter into the show. It is always so nice to see the images in print format and I look forward to seeing the display in the pavilion. Entries close at 4pm on 9th June, with the judging on 15th June. It is always interesting to come and watch the judging process.

We have many interesting and exciting outings and workshops coming up so please take note of these as outlined below in the newsletter.

Take care everyone.

Sue
President

Supper Roster

Thank you to **Caine and Jeff** for providing supper for us in May's meetings.
Elizabeth and Jennise will provide our supper during our meeting and Workshop evenings in June.

Thanks guys!

The following folk celebrate a birthday this month.

Esther van Schalkwyk	1st
Wynand van Schalkwyk	3rd
Karen O'Keefe	26th
Deb Ford	27th
Jennise Carr	30th

We wish you all a really happy birthday and trust you have a wonderful day.

Workshop 20th April – What Makes a Great Landscape

Led by Stacey Nicholas

This was another great night of learning. Stacey led us as we looked at several professional landscape images, and discussed what it was that we liked or disliked about the images. We considered all the usual factors, what is the story, what emotion is evoked when we look at the image, does it make us wonder what is just over the rise etc? How did the author achieve these emotions? We examined the use of layers and leading lines to create focus and depth. A few other things to consider were to check your horizon and ensure it is straight, and check in the image, and the edges of your frame for distractions. Remove if possible by moving slightly, or physically.

Some of the professional landscape photographers that were mentioned are listed below. Why not check out their websites and see their work. We are fortunate enough to have Phil Copp and Mark Fitz coming to conduct some training with us later this year.

Edam Raw
James Popsys
Mark Gray
Tom Putt
Mark Fitz
Phil Copp
Jim Picot
Brett Wood
Scott Kelby
William Patino
Nigel Danson

Photo credit: Sue Mayer-Miller

Recap of Outing

21st April

Landscape/Seascape/Sunset Practice – Mc Cready's Creek, Slade Point

Photo credit Heather Atkinson

Eleven members of our club met and went down to the beach to source a great location for our shooting practice. We tried to remember all the pointers that were learnt at our workshop the night before such as what story are you trying to tell, make the subject stand out, consider orientation, create depth with layers, ensure horizon is straight, use rule of thirds and then break them if necessary, check for distractions.

The tide was out completely, and that left small puddles of water nestled among the wave induced lined patterns in the sand. There were some great trees, reflections, patterns and leading lines to be discovered.

One needed to be careful where you walked, however, as there was one particular patch of sand that was very boggy, and one of our intrepid members went down. Careful extraction took place so that others were not bogged the same way. Glad the incident only resulted in wet clothing, and no injuries. We waited for the sunset and moved about the beach scouring our best vantage point. Low clouds sat on the horizon, and we wondered if the colour could peep through the heavy clouds. We were rewarded with glorious colour, and some members managed some amazing shots. Thanks, Stacey, for scouting this spot for us and helping us to be mindful of all the things that make a great seascape image.

Photo credit Stacey Nicholas

Photo credit Heather Atkinson

MAY ACTIVITIES

RESET, REFRESH REFOCUS

in Rockhampton

PSQ CONVENTION

MAY LONG WEEKEND

28/4/23 to 1/5/23

Here are just some of the comments members made following their attendance at this conference.

- Workshops were good, it was a big job well done There was lots of learning and it was good to have so many people there that we knew.
- Everyone was great, welcoming, lots to learn.
- Amazing camaraderie.
- All the speakers just wanted to share and encourage others. Realistic information you could take home.
- Architecture was not what I thought it was! I need to buy a new lens!
- All speakers were so passionate, so inspiring.
- Great to have reps from different camera brands there to speak to. A very expensive lens was loaned for one of the workshops.
- All round, a most wonderful experience with a few dramatic surprises along the way.

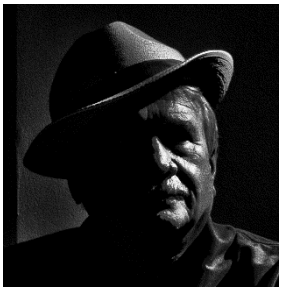
Results have now been posted on the PSQ website, and we **congratulate the following members** who achieved great results.

A Grade		**Non A Grade**	
Sue Mayer-Miller	- 6 Acceptances	Stacey Nicholas	- 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Creative
Deb Ford	- 5 Acceptances	Stacey Nicholas	- 3rd in People
Inge Blessas	- 2 Acceptances	Jennise Carr	- 2nd in Nature
		Stacey Nicholas	- 4 Acceptances
		Jennise Carr	- 1 Acceptance

Street Photography Workshops 12-14 May with PETER & ELAYNE MITCHELSON

We are fortunate to have access to some Street Workshop experts right here in town. We are combining with some members of Creative Shots club and will meet on Friday evening for a combined instruction and briefing. On Sat 14th morning, two small groups will go about town and put into practice all the things that we learned on Friday evening. That afternoon and evening the Italian Street Party will be taking place in the CBD and will be a great opportunity to further practice your skill. We will meet again early on Sun 15th for a review and debrief. Bookings for this activity are full at this time, but members are encouraged to use the Street Party as an opportunity to practice and develop your skills.

THIS MONTH'S WORKSHOP 18/5/23 - 7pm



Working with Black and White images – Stephen Allworth

and

Preparing Images for Competition – led by Sue Mayer-Miller

Stephen is an experienced Black and White photographer and will share his tips and tricks with us. Stephen has been a member of our club for a couple of years but has been travelling extensively. We are fortunate that he is in town again for a while, and willing to share with us. During August our competition judge has requested that we only use monochrome so this workshop will be really helpful in that regard.

Following a supper break, Sue will take us through the complete process of preparing our images for entry into any competition. As the Mackay Show approaches, and many other competitions are offered throughout the year, it's great to know exactly what to do and what to watch out for to make the most of these opportunities. Even if you don't think competitions are your 'thing', it's great to be aware of what we need to do even for our own monthly critiques. So don't miss this great workshop opportunity. This is your chance to ask any questions you might have regarding entering our monthly comps.

Breakaway Charity Horse Ride 27th May

While this is not an official activity of the club, in previous years, several members have attended and taken photos for the riders. This activity provides different opportunities for photographers to practice their skills, and to seek out special moments such as great connections between horse and their rider. Colourful costumes and decorated horses add to the festive atmosphere created on this great day. The ride usually commences from Brand Rd, Marian, and proceeds along the highway to Dows Creek School for a BBQ. This is a great fundraiser, and they are happy to have photographs taken. Those wishing to take photos can meet at 8.15am to capture the final preparations before departure. An opportunity is available for those wanting to go later in the day as festivities will continue at Dows Creek School.

Photo credit: Jennise Carr

MACKAY SHOW Tues 20- Thurs 22 June

This year's Mackay Show is shaping up to be a great event. There is an opportunity for photographers from across the region to enter their favourite images in the Photography section and have them judged and displayed for all to see in Pavillion 2. The timetable of events is listed below.

9 June	4pm	Closing time for entries
11 June	1pm	Judging of Junior Section
15 June	6pm	Open Judging
20-22 June		Mackay Show Open

Members of our club along with members of Creative Shots are asked to assist man the display during the period of the show's opening. If you would like to assist with this, a sheet will be available soon for you to sign up for your preferred timeslot. Times will be Tues and Wed 9am-1pm; 1-5pm; 5-9pm. Thurs will be 9am-1pm. Assistance with dismantling the display would be appreciated. This will take place from around 1pm Thurs 22nd June.

Below is a link to the Photography Schedule with all the details of the competition. Read carefully all the rules of the section you are considering.
https://mackayshow.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Photography-Schedule-2023.pdf

This link will take you to the entry form to complete your entry.
https://mackayshow.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Photography-Entry-Form-2023.pdf.

If you have any questions, talk to Deb Ford or Jennise Carr as they are on the Show Committee.
This is last year's Grand Champion entrant – 'Stood Up' by our very own Sue Mayer-Miller.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Venue
10/5/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
12-14/5/23		Street Photography Workshop	Sarina Room & Various
18/5/23	7pm	Black & White – Stephen Allworth Competition Ready – Sue MM	Jubilee Centre
27/5/23	8.15am	Breakaway Charity Horse Ride	Marian
1/6/23	7pm	MCG Meeting	Jubilee Centre
6/6/23	9.45am	Jarradale Alpaca Stud Visit	Meet at KFC carpark, Mt P
10/6/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
15/6/23	6pm	Mackay Show Open Judging	Sarina Room, Jubilee Centre
20-22/6/23		Mackay Regional Show	Volunteers needed to man stand
22/6/23 NEW DATE	**7pm**	**MCG Workshop**	**Jubilee Centre**
6/7/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/7/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
20/7/23	**6pm** (new time)	Portrait Workshop – John Blessas	Jubilee Centre
23/7/23		Practice of the Portraits with Dancers	Mackay CBD
3/8/23	7pm	Club Meeting	Sarina Room
10/7/23	12 midnight	Competition submission deadline	Online
12-13/8/23		MCG overnight outing	Lotus Creek Homestead
18/8/23	7pm	Workshop – Photographing Birds	Sarina Room
16-17 9/23		Workshops – Landscapes with Phil Copp	To be advised
19/10/23	7pm	Workshop – Landscapes with Mark Fitz	Jubilee Centre

SAVE THE DATE

August 12 &13 Lotus Creek Homestead. This is an exciting opportunity to get out and about and immerse yourself in the beauty of the landscape, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Book your own accommodation – see their website for options and pricing. Meals are available too. Spouses are welcome. There will be no set program, but you are free to explore the surrounding area, and share together with others on this time away. Don't miss it! It will be epic!

TO OUR JUDGES THIS MONTH

Thanks to our PSQ Accredited judge **Richard Bassett** AAPS PSQA from Kidaman Creek who gave his critique this month for our images for Advanced, Intermediate and Novice Grades.

Richard has been an accredited judge since 2010 and says

"My freelance photography work has allowed me to capture those special moments, such as Weddings, Family Portraits, Pets and Events, creating lasting memories. My involvement in photography has given me the ability to play an active role in mentoring enthusiastic photographers in their journey for self-improvement and that award-winning image."

We appreciate the time and care given to his critiques and suggestions for improvement.

Thanks also to **Heather Atkinson** for giving great suggestions to our Beginner Grade.

Next Month's judge is Cheryl Robertson from Townsville.

Photo of the Month - Advanced Grade

Congratulations
Inge Blessas

Awarded Gold & POM -Advanced Grade
'Lest we Forget'

Photos Awarded Gold – Advanced Grade

Congratulations
Jeff Jones

Awarded Gold – Advanced Grade
'Dead Tree Billabong Pano'

Congratulations
Susan Teder

Awarded Gold – Advanced Grade
'Thirsty'

Congratulations
Lynnie Hutchins

Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'Guarded Repose'

Congratulations
Deb Ford

Awarded Gold– Advanced Grade
'Is This Pose Cute'

Congratulations
Lynnie Hutchins

Awarded Gold - Advanced Grade
'A Fine Fisherbird'

Photo of the Month – Intermediate Grade

Congratulations
Carol Connolly

Awarded POM Intermediate Grade
'Ready to Pop My Top''

Photo of the Month - Novice Grade

Congratulations
Sharon Anderson

Awarded POM - Novice Grade
'Happy Life'