

Club News

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Club Meetings:

3rd Wednesday of Month
'Sarina' Meeting Room
Jubilee Community Centre,
Mackay Regional Council Building,
Alfred Street, Mackay
6:45pm for 7pm start

A Quick Word from the President

What's in this issue ...

Hi to you all.

Well this is momentous. I have just been doing some checking to discover that I have been President for 8 of the last 9 years and I think another 3 to 4 before then. Prior to that Cheryl had the privilege.

I believe the club should provide opportunities for members to develop and explore different aspects of photography including various genres, exhibiting, workshops, outings, editing and printing. We meet and make new friends and discover new places. Through my bird photography I have found new places within easy reach around Mackay that I have never been.

The AGM is due in February. I would like to encourage all members to consider joining the committee even if it is for only a part of the year due to commitments as this gives you the opportunity to learn about the running of the club and provide some new and fresh ideas.

With Creative Shots and Mackay Camera Group running the PSQ Conference I would like to see as many people as possible enter the Salon of Excellence competition. Details are available later in this newsletter.

Our members are now very actively involved in organising the Mackay Show competition. This is another occasion to showcase our great photos. Check out the categories of both comps and start putting your images together NOW.

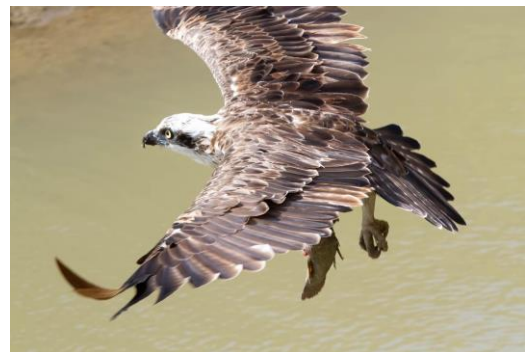
February's meeting will be very busy. We have the AGM, presentation of the 2019 awards and trophies, bring along your comp photos for March and the return of your entries from January.

For January's comp photos, we are trying a new format of the judging process to help achieve more considered comments and also speed things along. This won't change any way you present photos but hopefully will eventually give others the opportunity to also be involved.

I would like to thank the committee from 2019 and all previous committee members for your support and assistance. I would like to especially thank Marian for her help and support to cover for when things needed to be done and keep me on track.

I look forward to many more years of Creative Shots involvement in the future.

Mitch Galletly
Past President.



January Meeting Roundup



For anyone who wishes to follow up on the new technologies and gadgets described by our own Gadget Guy aka David P, here's the list of things mentioned at the January meeting:

[Gnarbox](#) - a rugged bak-up device

[SmallRig Tool](#) - 7 function tool for your camera bag

[Manfrotto Pixi Mini Tripod with Ball Head](#)

[Pelican Memory Card Cases](#)

[Peak Design Capture Clip](#)

[Sony a7R IV Mirrorless Camera](#)

Many thanks to David for his time and research, and for sharing his experience of using all six items.

Mitch spoke about the changes in the judging procedure to streamline the process and to give more feedback to the photographer. He also emphasised the need for storytelling in our images. Storytelling is not only an emerging focus in photography, but also the theme of the PSQ 2020 Convention to be held in Mackay 1st - 3rd May 2020. An article about storytelling in photography is attached to this newsletter email.

January Outing Report

Sunday morning and a casual wander along the Mackay city Heritage trail, followed by a hearty breakfast in Wood Street. Mitch had encouraged us to capture images that could play a part in the PSQ 2020 Convention promotions, so we did our best to photograph the historic Art Deco buildings and interesting laneways.



February Outing

The next outing will be a **Macro Workshop with Leigh de Wit**

When: Sunday 23rd February 2020 at 9am - 12noon

Where: CherishArtz Studio
37 Tolcher St
North Mackay

What: Leigh will have multiple stations of macro stages, a lightbox plus various lights. Look out for flowers, insects, bugs, oil drops on water plus everyday objects that look different up close.
Bring your macro lenses and/or extender tubes if you have them, tripod plus any other macro accessories you regularly use.



February Meeting- What's On

February Meeting is **Wednesday, 19th February 2020**

Venue: Jubilee Community Centre, "Sarina" Meeting Room,

Parking at the MECC or Art Space. Access via door facing MECC carpark. There's an electronic calendar displaying all meetings in progress. Hit the buzzer for the 'Sarina' Meeting Room to let us know you're there and we'll beetle down to the door and let you in.

Time: 6:45pm for 7pm start

It's the **Annual General Meeting** plus **Competition Night**.

Please consider nominating for a Committee position. The AGM Nomination Form is included as an attachment with this newsletter.

It's also **Awards Night**. The presentation of all **Awards Certificates** plus the trophies for **Highest Total Points Score** and **2019 People's Choice Award** will be presented.

- Don't forget to also submit your competition images for March 2020.

2020 Meeting & Exhibition Schedule

January 12th ✓	Mackay City Heritage Walk photoshoot
January 15th ✓	Information Night with Gadget Guy David P
February 19th	AGM followed by Competition Night
February 23rd	Macro Workshop with Leigh de Wit
March 18th	AGM - Followed by Competition Night
April 15th	Information Night
May 1st - 3rd	PSQ 2020 Convention
May 20th	Competition Night
June 24th	Information Night NOTE: Change of date due to Mackay Show
July 15th	Competition Night
August 19th	Information Night
September 16th	Competition Night
October 21st	Information Night
November 18th	Competition Night
December	EXHIBITION

2020 - People's Choice Exhibition -

The Peoples' Choice Exhibition each year is a chance for members to showcase their work to the Mackay public. It has proved very popular with visitors to the Gordon White Library, with many people casting votes for their favourite image. The photographer of the highest voted image of the exhibition is awarded a trophy.

The last two Peoples' Choice themes were **Australia** and **Diversity of Nth Qld**. Do you have any suggestions for the 2020 exhibition? If so, please bring your ideas along to the February meeting. We'd love to hear from everybody.

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MAY 2020



ALL WELCOME

All levels of photography enthusiasts are welcome, from beginner to the more established.

You do not have to be a member of a photo club to attend

Opening Evening Friday May 1st through to Monday May 4th 2020

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PRESENTERS

Glenn McKimmin
Karen Alsop, Justin Blank
Diana Ieventhal, Gary Cranitch
Rod Thomas, Jackie Hammer,
David Magro, Brendan Borellini,
Dean Holland & More

Price Schedule

3 Day Pass **Early Bird** \$180 per person

3 Day Pass \$200 per person

1 Day Pass **Early Bird** \$90 per person

1 Day Pass \$100 per person

Early Bird Registration closes 31st January 2020

Be a part of the "Why Mackay" initiative of the PSQ Convention 2020.

2020 - Queensland Photography Competitions



Photographic
Society of
Queensland

The **Salon of Excellence Queensland** is run in conjunction with the PSQ 2020 Convention. Categories include both Print and Digital sections, in A Grade and non-A Grade divisions. The categories are Nature, People, Social Documentary, Open Mono and Open Colour.

Salon of Excellence Queensland

Details of the entry conditions are attached with this newsletter email.

Closing date for print and digital entries is Friday 27th March 2020.
Closing date for audio visual entries is Tuesday 24th March 2020.



Mackay Show 2020: 16th, 17th, 18th June

The **Photography Schedule** is due for release in early February 2020.

Keep your eyes on this [site](#).

Carefully read all the entry terms and guidelines as there have been some changes from previous years.

Remember, the size of entry images for the SEQ Qld, Mackay Show and Brisbane Ekka are the same. You only need to print once and then enter in any one or all three of these competitions.

Photoshoot Idea

Covered in Chrome is a group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 7am - 9am. The meetup point is Mackay Harbour and is followed by a drive through Mckay city.

COMPETITIONS

We're providing links to various competitions that come to our notice. Please read all the T&C's to ensure that you're happy with the copyright information as to what happens to your image once submitted.



The call for entries for Australasia's preeminent contest for emerging photographers, [Australasia's Top Emerging Photographers 2020](#), is now open. The competition has uncovered and helped boost the careers of numerous emerging photographers from Australia and New Zealand. **Entries close 16th February 2020.** Read more [here](#).



[Australian Photography Awards](#) is on the hunt for Australia's most original, powerful and thought provoking photography. Competition is open to everybody. Enthusiasts. Professionals. **Entries open from June 2020.**



A digital photography competition site. Sign up for FREE to see what it's all about. Some amazingly interesting images. Follow the link [DPChallenge.com](#)



PHOTO FRIDAY

A new theme every week. For more information follow the link [camerahouse - Competition](#)



Photographic Society of Queensland

Salon of Excellence Queensland

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Entries close 24th January 2020. More information [here](#).



birdlife photography

2020 Competition - Various themes - see [Competition page](#) for details.



A free monthly competition with a new theme every month. For more information follow the link [Australian Photography - Free Monthly Competition](#)

Aesthetica



Deadline for entries is 31st August 2020

Details [here](#)

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Brilliant Prints
The Canvas Printing People

Follow the link [Brilliant Prints](#)

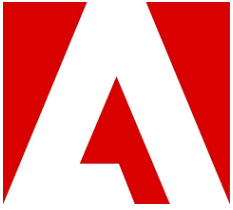


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Processing Software

Here are a few options ... we'll keep adding to the list as these are not all that's out there and available ...



Here's the link:
[Adobe Creative Cloud](#)
A free trial is available.



Here's the link:
[On1 Photo Raw](#)
A free trial is available.



Here's the link:
[nik collection](#)



Here's the link: [Topaz Labs](#)
A free trial is available

Photography Gear for Sale

This space is available if you have excess gear and would like to sell it or give it away. Contact the Club at newsletter@creativeshots.com.au
Give us some details, contact number etc and a photo and we'll list it here for you.

Competition Category Definitions

Flora and Fauna

Fauna includes all creatures in the animal kingdom – wild, domestic and pets. Examples include, among others; mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, birds, mollusks and arthropods. Flora shows plants including flowers, fungi, lichens and other living (or once living) things that are not in the animal kingdom. In each case the primary subject for flora must be the plant (not for example, a landscape that happens to have some trees scattered around). Maximum Print size: A3

Portraiture

Images should show a person or small group of people either isolated or in context of a place. Portrait photographs may be candid shots or highly controlled studio shots, or anything in between. Maximum Print size: A3

Landscape and Architecture

Landscape shows natural spaces and extends to seascape, countryscape, moonscape, starscape or any other naturally occurring physical 'scape'. Architecture includes any man made structures. Maximum Print size: A3

Creative

Images produced through the use of imaginative skill. Creativity may occur in setting up the scene, capturing the image, in post production or any combination thereof. Original images must be the photographers' own work - effects such as textures, overlays etc. using software are permitted. Maximum Print size: A3

Photojournalism

Depicts a photographic story of an event and its impact, including news, sports, personalities and human interest. This category also includes street photography. The story telling value of the photograph shall be weighed more than the pictorial quality. In the interest of credibility, photographs that misrepresent the truth, such as manipulation to alter the subject, or situations that are set up for the purpose of photograph, are unacceptable. Maximum Print size: A4.3

Novice

This category is meant to encourage new members, point & shoot users and members who are beginner photographers to compete and hone their skills. Members may remain in Novice until comfortable to compete in other categories, but cannot return to Novice. No points will be awarded but each entry will receive a critique. Maximum Print size: A3.

Monochrome

Any photograph containing shades of only one colour. If toning is carried out, it must be over the total photograph - partial toning and/or the addition of one extra colour is not acceptable as a monochrome section. Maximum Print size: A3.

Competition Guidelines

All the Competition Categories are run each competition night - there is no fixed subject for competitions.

Each member will be able to enter a maximum of 6 images in total.

Each member may enter a maximum of 3 images per category.

Images must have been taken within the previous 6 months.

Images must have been taken by the member entering the image.

All post processing must have been completed by the entrant, or under their explicit instruction.

Member must be financial to enter competitions.

Print Size: Maximum A3.

Points Earned:

Each image entered earns you 1 point towards the annual Club Awards. Plus, Gold = 3 points, Silver = 2 points, Bronze = 1 point.

Photo of the Month in each comp category earns an extra 1 point. (So, the more you enter the more chance you have of becoming an award winner).

Images may be submitted as a print or as a digital file.

Images for competition must be submitted at the preceding Information Night.

This allows one month for the judges to convene and conduct their judging. All images will be displayed on the Competition Night and critique given.

(As every effort is made to calibrate the computer screen and the projector to get the colours correct, members will need to realise that the digital file may not view the same as their home computer screens are not calibrated. It is at the member's discretion whether they submit a print or digital file).

Digital

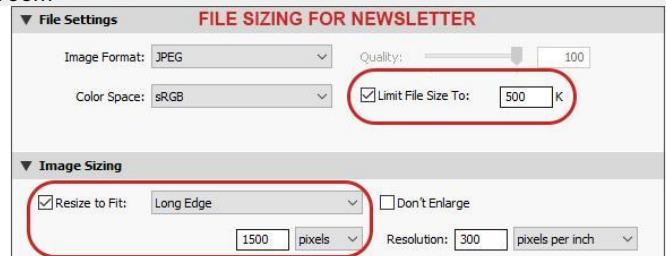
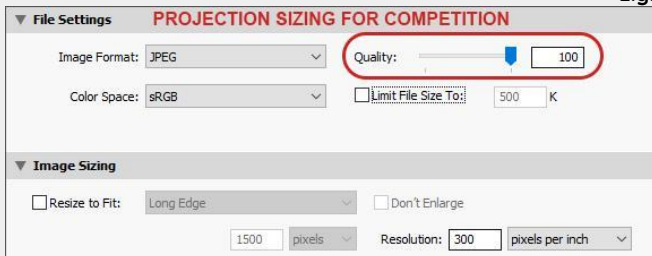
Images supplied in digital format to be sized as follows and supplied on usb to the Projection Coordinator before the start of the meeting:

Note: by providing your images in digital format, you automatically agree that the Club can share your images on the Club's website, social media and Newsletter.

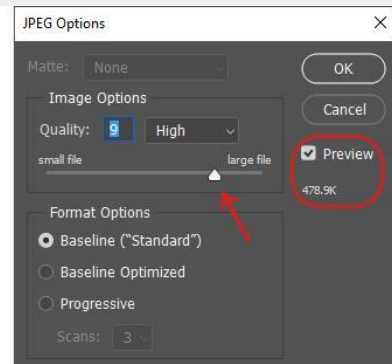
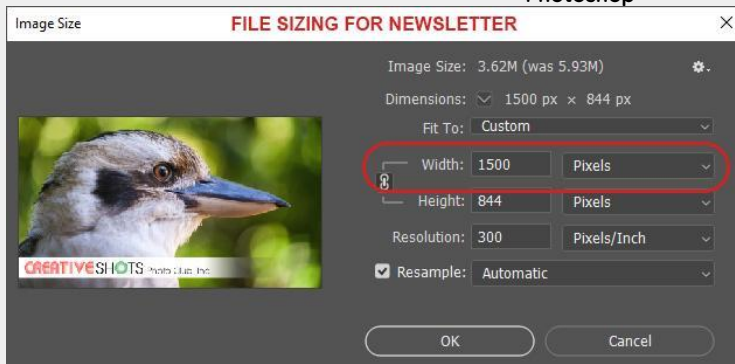
Size: 1500 pixels on the long side

Naming your Images: yourname_category_imagename
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Lightroom



Photoshop



These updated Definitions and Guidelines can also be found on our website <https://creativeshots.com.au/competitions/>