“Photographs open doors into the past, but they also allow a look into the future.”
— Sally Mann
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Photographic Society of Queensland Annual Convention

4th – 6th May 2019

At Club Manly on Moreton Bay

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Emerald Photographic Club

The PSQ would like to thank the hard-working members of Emerald Photographic Club, for hosting the ‘Gems of the Outback’ PSQ Convention 2018.

View here the: ‘Gems of the Outback – the video’ by Alex Finlayson
https://www.emeraldphotographicclub.org/goto-the-weekend-in-pictures

Members, quests and Presenters who attended the PSQ Conference held this year in Emerald enjoyed three fun packed days of informative and exciting photography experiences. The Emerald Town Hall was a comfortable venue, with mornings and early afternoons lending themselves to fantastic presentations from Speakers. Then, each afternoon the opportunity to attended great indoor and outdoor photographic workshops.

The Sunday night PSQ Presentation dinner was held on a rural property a short way out of town, where we all enjoyed the ‘great outdoors’ meal and talking about more photography! After dinner, the SEQ competition results and awards were announced, with the prize cards and medallions presented to attending award winning members. A full list of the 2018 ‘Salon of Excellence’ competition results and amazing photographs can be viewed at:

Photo contributed by Fran McFadzen – The end of the PSQ 2018 Conference in Emerald
The PSQ would like to thank members of Caloundra Camera Group, Queensland Camera Group, PSQ Committee and Judges for volunteering their time and efforts to assist with the organizing, collaborating and judging of this year’s SEQ competition.

2018 Salon of Excellence Results

Club Trophies

Highest Aggregate Points: 3,210 points
Queensland Camera Group

Highest Number of Acceptances: 32
Queensland Camera Group

Champion A Grade Print
Kathleen Brand – ‘As Time Goes By’

Champion A Grade Digital
Ed Anderson – ‘Fast Moves’

Champion Non-A Grade Print
Peter Moodie – ‘Neon Colour Magic’

Champion Non-A Grade Digital
Nadia Filiaggi – ‘Bearded Man’


Caloundra club continues to grow in numbers and enjoys a healthy “share night and competition night” attendance. (attendance only being slightly reduced by football). We enjoy informative and instructional evenings on “share nights” – 2nd Wednesday of the month, and informative and thought-provoking comments and suggestions from visiting judges on competition nights, 4th Wednesday of the month. Our social secretary provides some wonderful trips and outings, some even giving our caravan community the opportunity to air out their rigs. If you are holidaying up our way and would like to pop in, remember we meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7pm for a 7:30pm start, at the rear carpark hall of Caloundra Indoor Bowls on North St.

A few years ago, the Salon of Excellence Queensland was a much-anticipated competition in the “club life” calendar. But after a few calendar and structural changes in other events, the impact on SEQ was such that it started to lose popularity. It was becoming increasingly difficult to raise interest in hosting and participating. SEQ is a part of the life and history of our camera clubs. For some members at Caloundra Camera Group, it was sad to think that it might fade into non-existence.

In the meantime, around the end of 2016, Caloundra Camera Group committee agreed to make a leap into the modern world of technology, and employed the services and software of Colin Woods, creator of “My Photo Club”, a camera club management site.

So, it happened that in 2017, Caloundra Camera Group was not only breaking in a new process of handling club competition and information, but we were also the host club for SEQ 2017. I’m proud to say, our club managed this duel challenge very well. So much so that it was agreed we would offer to host SEQ again in 2018 and do it “ON LINE”. The committee, in consultation with PSQ, agreed that by using the convenience and simplicity of My Photo Club, SEQ would be introduced to the modern world of internet management providing a degree of convenience previously not experienced. This convenience also allows participants to simply register on line, upload their images and pay their entry fees while sitting at their own desk.

Caloundra Camera Group has taken on this task as a service to the Queensland Camera Group community and with the intention of preserving a competition that is part of the fabric and landscape of Queensland club life. We will be hosting the Salon of Excellence again in 2019 and will be producing a “procedures manual” for future clubs to use as a guideline to cover all aspects of “setting up and managing the day” that we have encountered in our run of hosting for three consecutive years.

Our first hope is that other Clubs will watch our progress with interest and confidently offer to host future salons. Our second and equally important hope is that club members will be inspired and excited to participate in SEQ2019. Let’s Raise the Bar and make 2019 truly the greatest celebration of photographic talent.
The club hosted a lovely and talented group of photographers from the Tweed Photo Arts club in May. It was a pleasure to be able to show the group around the district and give them an insight into rural life. Of course, also provide some wonderful photo opportunities in and around our district.

Peter O’Brien visited our club in June and gave a live critique of our monthly set subject F8.

It is always interesting to have a live critique and to be able to ask a few questions. Peter also showed members some of his wonderful images.

Club members are busy choosing three of their favourite images for an exhibition to be held later this year in the Surat on Balonne Gallery. It will be an exciting opportunity for members to showcase their work. The exhibition will open to the public on November 3rd 2018.
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RBWH Art Space,
Butterfield St, Herston

When:
3rd – 31st August, 2018

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Queensland Camera Group warmly invites you to visit its
2018 Print Project - a bi-annual photo competition & exhibition

See the artwork of nineteen members at
Percolator Gallery, 134 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington
Friday 20 July to Sunday 22 July, 10 am to 4pm daily

Entry is free and will also feature digitally displayed images of all members of the QCG. Grab a coffee at one of the local Paddington coffee shops and make a morning or afternoon of your visit!

Our thanks to sponsors Frontier Digital, CameraPro & the Photographic Society of Queensland

*** SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR ***

The Editor would like to sincerely thank all members who have contributed their clubs’ stories, events and photographs to this month’s FLASHES Newsletter!

Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Our Newsletter can only be as good as the input from our PSQ Affiliated clubs.

THANK YOU 😊
Fungi Photography Weekend

Who’d have thought that in late 2017, when the Keppel Coast Camera Club booked this event, that three months without rain would follow. We waited nervously. No rain – no fungi.

On 17-18 March this year, the renown fungi photographer, Steve Axford arrived. It had rained in the week before (Phew!!!) Steve’s time lapse work with fungi appeared in David Attenborough’s Planet Earth 2 Series, and he has an amazing reputation for fungi photography internationally.

He started photographing fungi after he retired, and said he never imagined his work would end up on such a high-profile series. To see his work, visit https://steveaxford.smugmug.com

The weekend began with a one hour public workshop where 50 participants were shown the wide range of fungi that Steve has recorded, and were provided with information on how the images were made.
Fungi Photography Weekend

That session was followed with a session of practical application for photographers under the tutelage of Steve using materials brought into the workshop room. The fungi were sourced from supermarkets, and several hours were spent mounting them on a nails though square bits of Masonite and arranging the logs, bark, sand, soil, hay and to present the fungi in realistic lighting and circumstances indoors. This session concentrated on focus stacking and macro photography.

On the Sunday, Steve led an expedition of 15 photographers to Byfield National Park seeking the real thing. The range was surprising, and fungi of all varieties were found in all sorts of circumstances.

Feedback following both sessions was overwhelmingly positive. Steve Axford is highly recommended as a potential speaker, teacher and fungi finding mentor.

Steve Axford was assisted by Catherine Marciniak who is famous in her own right as an ABC Producer.
The James Cook University Australasian Mental Health in Higher Education 2-day Conference and Photographic Exhibition was held in July at their Townsville campus.

The North Queensland Camera Group were pleased to be asked to participate, with an exhibition of our images.

We set our own theme; Our Images had to tell a story that displayed an emotional state of being, and were titled with a one work statement, such as ‘Strength and Resilience’.

Not only did we have images taken with DSLR we also had some very impressive phone images. I can honestly say our photographer’s images were truly outstanding and I thank our members for participating.

I would also like to thank John Robertson at Colour Edge for printing of the works. The quality of your printing made our images shine.

From an attendee at the Conference— “It went well and was full on—the exhibition had plenty of viewers and was well received when I spoke to other attendees.” How good is that!

Thinking on the conference theme, has reconfirmed in my mind that photography has a massive impact in our lives.

Not only do we use photography to record events and special occasion in our and our families lives, we can use it as an artistic tool, to express ourselves in an artistic manner. Better still, it allowed photographers to get out into the community and interact with others.

And, if they join a camera club like the North Queensland Camera Group, they also get friends and fellowship from being part of our extended photographic family.
CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Office of Fair Trading

The PSQ Secretary, Robyn Frew, advised that the changes proposed to our Constitution to amend the end of our financial year, was passed at the PSQ AGM on 5th May 2018.

These changes have now been accepted and registered as ‘Registration of Amendment of Rules’, with the Office of Fair Trading on the 27th June 2018.

This means The Photographic Society of Queensland’s new financial year ends:

31st of March each year

The alteration allows time for the Treasurer to finish the PSQ’s financial records in time for our AGM, held during the PSQ Convention each year.

secretary@psq.org.au

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CLUB AFFILIATION FEES

Are now OVERDUE

Affiliation renewal invoices were sent out to club Secretaries mid-June by the PSQ Treasurer Margaret Hamwood.

If your club has not paid their PSQ Affiliation Fees to date for the 2018-2019 year, then YOUR CLUB no longer has PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE through The Photographic Society of Queensland.

Have your clubs’ PSQ Affiliation Fees been an oversight?

If so, please forward your clubs payment Fees, together with the completed invoice promptly to the PSQ Treasurer.

For any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Margaret at:

treasurer@psq.org.au

THANK YOU 😊
The PSQ Queenslander Travelling Photo Exhibition is available for any PSQ affiliated clubs to utilise at club functions, workshops, exhibitions, or as a display at your club. If you would like to take advantage of this lovely collection of photographs, please contact PSQ to arrange delivery.

Join Other Clubs on Your Travels

Are you travelling across Queensland throughout the year? Why not pop in and visit the neighbouring camera clubs while you’re on your journey. If you would like to join them and meet some friendly like minded people, get in touch and organise to meet up at their club meetings or get together and chat about all things photography.

You will find a list of all PSQ affiliated clubs on the PSQ Website below:

Photographic Society of Queensland

For further information for your club and members please visit www.psq.org.au

You will find information on:
- Affiliated clubs List – club Secretaries, please ensure your details are current
- Judges List – contact details & accreditation information provided here
- Judges manual – very informative
- PSQ Insurance Policy – information about what your club is covered for
- Monthly Featured Club Images – Apply directly to Fran McFadzen, PSQ Web Admin
- Lecturers & Presenters Lists

Share Your Club News in the PSQ Newsletter

Has your club been up to anything exciting?
Have you got a photo/s you would like to share in the PSQ Newsletter?
Do you have a photography story that you would like to tell?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please contact me on the email address below. Your club’s exciting activities and outings can be seen by the other fifty plus affiliated PSQ club’s by sharing your events, stories and photos!

Please ensure any photographs emailed through are your own or come with permission from the photographer. Also include the photographer’s name and photograph title so the artist can be credited. This would be most appreciated. Please submit photographs as Jpegs no larger than 1MB in size.

Note: Submissions for the next edition close on 30th of September 2018. Articles for inclusion will be at the discretion of the Editor and/or PSQ Committee and may be edited and/or corrected if required. Advertising for upcoming club events are required to be submitted with details, artwork and photographs prepared, in a PDF format with reduced sized images, A4 Portrait shape preferred. Please keep written articles to a minimum of 1 x A4 page. Thank you ☺

Contact the Editor: editor@psq.org.au