

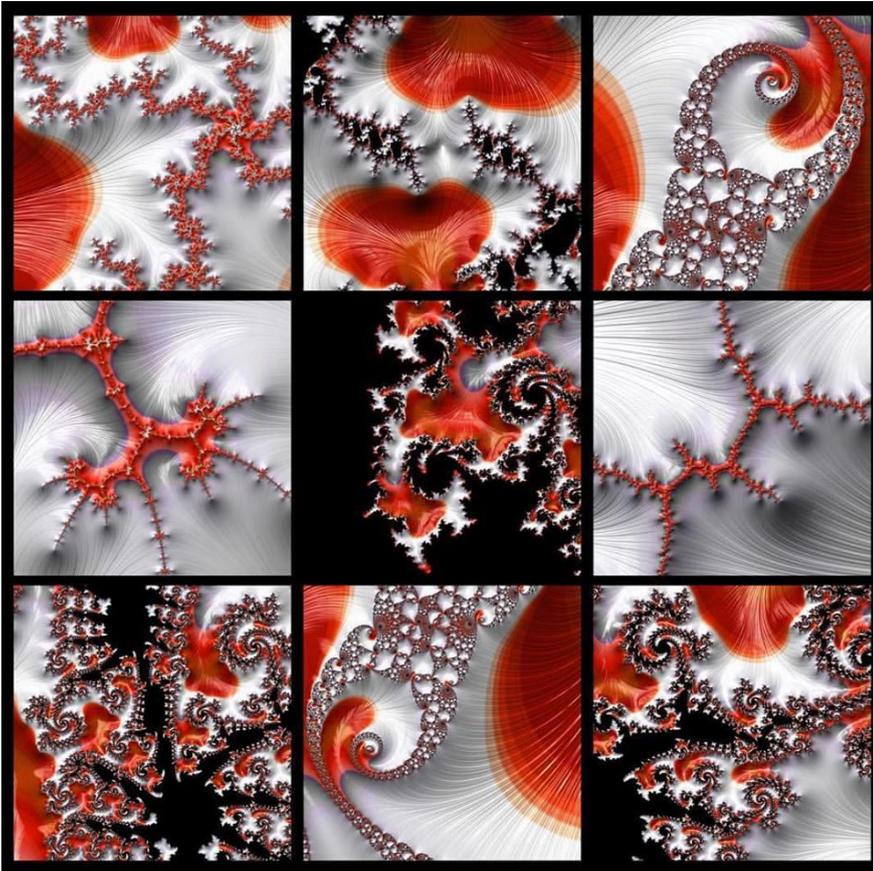
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PSQ Newsletter – September Edition

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“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”

— Aaron Siskind



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PSQ Management Committee Changes

Photographic Society of Queensland held it's AGM in June, where a new management committee was elected. On behalf of PSQ I would like to express our greatest appreciation to all the contributions made by previous management committee members, some of which have been associated with PSQ for many years and have decided it is time to take a break from committee life. Please help us welcome all new committee members and those previous members who remain on the committee with us for another year. We look forward to a fun and productive 2017/2018.

A word from PSQ President – Sue Gordon



Photograph supplied by Sue Gordon

In way of introduction, my name is Sue Gordon and as of June, I am the current President of the Photographic Society of Queensland. I have been a member of the committee for a number of years, along with my husband. Together we have in the past taken care of the SEQ competition and various exhibitions.

It is an honour and privilege to now serve the clubs of Queensland as President. I see my mandate for the time I hold this position as raising the profile of the PSQ and clubs in general as a means of furthering the community of photographers we currently enjoy.

As of this year, PSQ has become a sponsor of the club's section of the RNA photography competition, and I look forward to a long and profitable relationship with them in the future. Results for the recent competition can be found at:

<https://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/results>

In the search area, select photography from the category list and click on 'Display Results'. It was wonderful to see some familiar names. A huge congratulations to those who received awards. We will continue to promote the event and expect to see an increase in the already high standard, and in the number of entrants.

One of the tasks the management committee has set for ourselves; is to update certain areas of the constitution and by-laws to reflect the current workings of the association, and to institute procedures and guidelines for the activities of the committee to ensure smooth transitions between successive committees.

I look forward greatly to connecting with individual clubs and their members, and encouraging them to consider being a part of PSQ events, such as the upcoming BBQs and Judges Forums to be held later in the year in Townsville and in Caboolture.

Sue Gordon

QLD Camera Group & Gold Coast Retro Photographers Group

Queensland Camera Group and the Gold Coast Retro Photographers Group had their annual combined meeting in August at Lake Somerset. The beautiful photographs shown below were taken by Ben Stoffl over the weekend.



“Somerset Dam” by Ben Stoffl



“The Old Moore Winery” by Ben Stoffl

Judges Executive

November is rushing at us fast, there will be two Judges Forums in November again this year. Due to the problems with trying to connect both events with Skype it has been decided to run the two BBQ's on different dates.

Townsville

The first will be in Townsville on the 11th and 12th of November.

This will be a two-day event that will be a “mini convention” to showcase PSQ and the Judges Executive. There will be presentations, workshops and photo shoots. The idea is to show photographers in the north what to expect if they went to a PSQ Convention (but on a bigger, better, wow scale). If are in North Queensland it will be well worth your time to attend.

Brisbane

The PSQ BBQ/Judges Forum will be at the Caboolture Historical Village on the 25th of November. While the day is “shared” with PSQ, it is an opportunity to both get and give feedback on matters that affect our judging. (While there may be some negative feedback, these speakers will be limited to addressing procedures only. There will be no direct criticisms of individuals allowed.) If you are attending it will be a good idea to bring the family and have a full day wandering around and getting photos when you aren't busy with the meetings. Judges attending the forum will have their entry fee to the Historical Village paid by PSQ. Everyone else attending will be charged a discounted fee of \$10 (usually \$15) Entry to the BBQ is \$15

Brisbane

Proposed for March 2018.

One-day Judges Forum, limited to Accredited and Understudy Judges only. This will be a day where we have guest speakers, a workshop and a round table discussion of matters of concern brought up by those attending. We need feedback on this. If the judges Executive arranged this forum, would you attend? What subjects do you want to be addressed? Can you suggest a venue?

We would like as many Accredited and Understudy Judges as possible to attend these forums. Unless we can get feedback, we don't know what you want us to do with respect to further forums, information to clubs (committees and competition secretaries), and what you would like us to arrange for the proposed one day Judges Forum in the Brisbane area in March 2018.

So, please attend if you can and give the Judges Executive your thoughts and feedback on what you would like to have happen in the future.

Information is on the PSQ, Townsville Camera Club and Mackay Camera Group websites.

Please contact Sue Gordon, Robyn Frew, Maureen Cathy or John Blessas for further details on this.

Congratulations

We have two new PSQA's.

Sue Gordon and Michael Steffinini.

Congratulates them on achieving your accreditation.

The Combined PSQ & Judges Executive Mini Convention in Townsville

Keynote speaker: Victoria Purdie.

The PSQ/Judges Mini Convention will be held in Townsville over the weekend of the 11th and 12th of November.

This will be an opportunity for photographers in the north of the state to experience some of what a Photographic Society of Queensland Convention can be like.

It will be a full-on weekend with speakers, interactive workshops and photo-shoots.

From the start at 9.00 on Saturday until it finishes at 2.30 on Sunday there will be speakers on photography, practical Photoshop, NIK software, judging and more.

This will be backed up by workshops where those attending will get insight into quick Photoshop fixes, how to use the free NIK add-on's and to see how the mindset of some judges works when they look at your images.

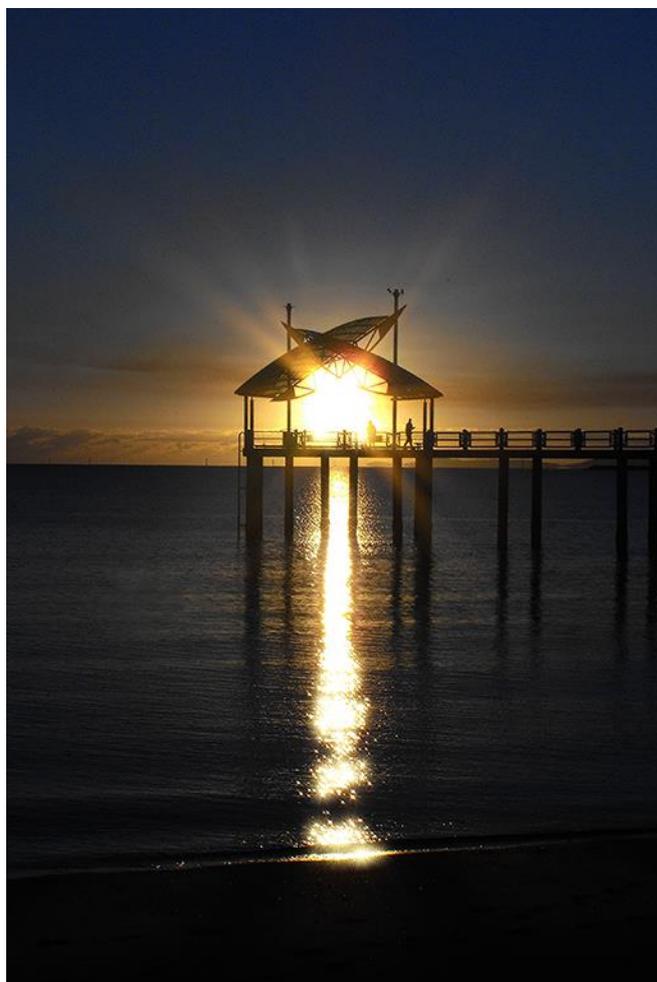
And there are great photo shoot locations where you can go Saturday afternoon/night and Sunday morning.

This is a unique chance to check out what you can expect if you go to the PSQ Convention in Emerald next year.

So, if you are in North Queensland, please take this opportunity.

The only negative is that, I must warn you, PSQ Conventions are incredibly addictive!

Once you get to take advantage of an offer like this you will be hooked.



"Beach Sunrise" Sunrise through the jetty, off the Strand.
Photograph by John Blessas



"Townsville" Photograph by Robyn Frew

Bribie Island Photography Club News

John Lomas Portraiture Masterclass Workshop at Bribie Island

On Sunday July 16th Bribie Island Photography Club held a most successful Portraiture Masterclass Workshop at the Bribie Island Arts Centre. The Workshop was conducted by John Lomas of PSQ, assisted by his team of helpers. John organized six beautiful models, three of whom were of South Sudanese origin, a make-up artist, artistic director and several other people to help with the workshop. We had twenty-eight keen photographers attend from Aspley, Caboolture, Brisbane, Burpengary, Noosa and Queensland camera clubs as well as members from our own Bribie Island Photography Club.

After a welcome by President Gordon Bentzen, the day began with John giving a very informative sixty-minute presentation and demonstration on setting up and managing light in portraiture. This was followed by morning tea served in the courtyard of the Arts Centre.

We then had a ninety-minute practical session photographing the models in various poses and using lots of interesting props, in both indoor and outdoor settings. All the while, John and his helpers were there giving expert tips and advice to the photographers. Participants were encouraged to photograph the models in various lighting set-ups, and to hold reflectors to learn about using and directing light.



Lunch was served on the veranda of the Arts Centre, and was followed by another ninety-minute practical session photographing the models, both indoors and outdoors.



As part of the day John Lomas generously offered to provide a prize of a four hour, one-on-one, portraiture workshop for a 'Photo of the Day' competition, to be judged by John. This prize was won by Marjorie Borissow of Caboolture club. Thank you to John for your generosity and congratulations to Marjorie.

Members of Bribie Island Photography Club would like to thank the PSQ for a grant of \$500 which enabled our club to run this workshop.

We would also like to thank John Lomas and his team for giving their time and knowledge so generously. All participants went away with new knowledge and skills to practice in their portrait photography. It was a great day of learning and friendship



PSQ 'Queenslander' Print Exhibition

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.

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 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 get in touch with me and we will work together to get your club update, photos and stories shared.

Please ensure any photographs emailed through are your own, or come with permission from the photographer. If you could also include the photographer's name and photograph title would be most appreciated.

Note: Submissions for the December edition close on the 15th of November 2017. Articles for inclusion will be at the discretion on the Editor and/or PSQ Committee. Articles may be edited and/or corrected if required. Please keep written articles to a minimum of one A4 page.

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PSQ Convention 2018 - Emerald, QLD

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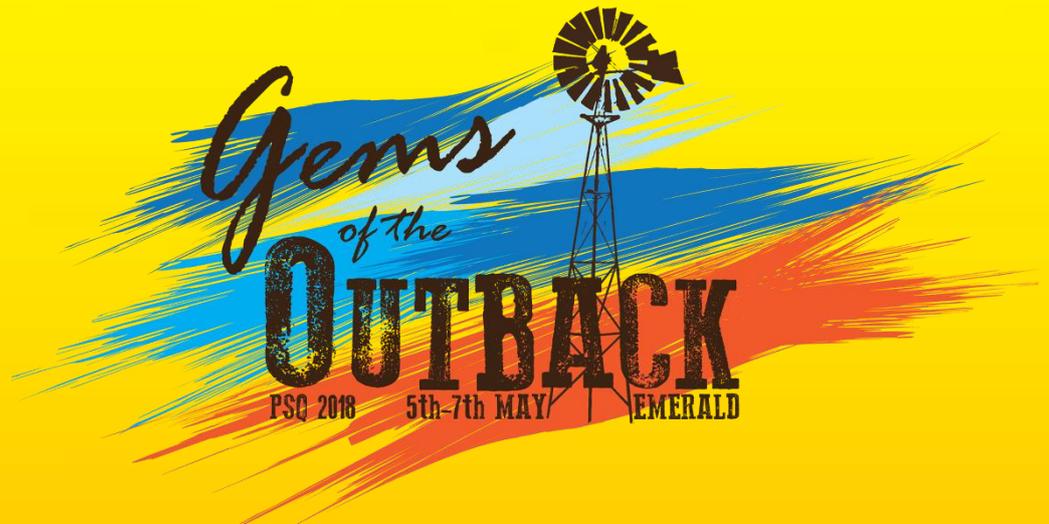
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5th - 7th May 2018

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forward to a great weekend of
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