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Photographic Society of Queensland Newsletter

March 2026

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There are lots of not-to-be-missed opportunities coming in 2026, so don't forget to mark them in your diaries.

Upcoming Events in 2026

Judges Forum (in person) 14-15 March 2026

Salon Of Excellence Digital and Print Competition is underway. Competition closes 27th March 2026.

PSQ Convention 2,3,4, May 2026 at Maroochydore RSL

PSQ AGM 24 May 2026 4pm via Zoom

Presidents Forum (online) 9th August 2026 4-6 pm

PSQ BBQ 13th September 2026 Venue TBA

Judges Forum (online) 11 October 2026 4-6 pm

Judges Forum 14-15th March



Wishing all our judges a great weekend for their in-person Judges Forum.



Invitation to Salon of Excellence Queensland 2026

The Brisbane Camera Club,
On behalf of the Photographic Society of Queensland, invites you to enter SEQ 2026.

Opening Date: 01 January 2026
Closing Date: 27 March 2026 (closing soon!!!)

Details are on the PSQ Website, don't miss out!
Go to PSQ website; click More; Salon of Excellence 2026

JUDGING

- DPI entries will be prejudged by 3 PSQ judges online, with final judging of awards and all judging of Print entries by a panel of 3 PSQ Accredited judges in early April 2026.
- All Awards will be announced at the Gala Dinner of the PSQ Convention 2026 on the Sunshine Coast.
- As well as the prestigious Individual awards there are also 3 club awards to compete for.
 - Club with the highest total points (Angus Buchanan Trophy)
 - Club with the highest average points (minimum 5 entrants) (Stewart Parker Trophy)
 - Club with the most acceptances (Dalby Photographic Society Shield)

A reminder to complete **all** of your selections, before you pay for your entry. You can go into Pixeroo and make changes your entry up until the closing date, but once you have paid, you cannot make any changes.

If you require any further information, please contact the SEQ Coordinator for the Brisbane Camera Club: Elayne Mitchelson Mb 0414 287 520 and leave a voice mail.

Or email: elaine.mitchelson@brisbanecameragroup.org.au



2026 PSQ PHOTOGRAPHY CONVENTION MAY 2ND - 4TH
SUNSHINE COAST

There may be rumors circulating that the PSQ Convention of the Sunshine Coast is sold out.

That is **definitely not the case**; there are still plenty of places available, and while some small workshops may be fully booked, the majority still have places free.

The programme will make this a spectacular event, and one not to be missed.
Time is running out to book your place, as bookings will close before the end of March.

Please go to the PSQ Website for further information and click on the link ([Link to Convention Webpage](#))

Don't let this opportunity to learn from the best, pass you by.

Photographic Society of Queensland AGM 2026

PSQ AGM will be held on Sunday 24th May at 4.00pm via Zoom.

Are you interested in taking up a position on the PSQ Committee?

All positions will become vacant at to the meeting and are available for nomination.

President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary; as well as Web Admin; Newsletter Editor, Events Coordinator, and committee member.

Nomination forms will be distributed at the end of April, with the AGM Notice

Presidents Forum

Following on from the successful Presidents Forum earlier this year, PSQ is delighted to offer another Zoom session on *Sunday 9th August 2026 at 4pm.*

PSQ invites all Club Presidents to this Zoom session to discuss and share ideas on ways to improve the club experience for members. This will be an open forum, and we hope that you will share what works for your club, and what hasn't in the past.

Could each President send me one item they would like to discuss, and I will put a list together. Hopefully we will be able to get through quite a few on the day.

Debbie Rychvalsky – rychaway@gmail.com

We hope to see as many Club Presidents as possible join us for 2 hours of friendly discussion and sharing of ideas.

Would you like to showcase your club's images on the PSQ website?

It's easy, just mail 2 images, preferably in landscape orientation at 400 pixels on the horizontal side to: psqweb@gmail.com with your club's name included.

Just a reminder for **Club Competition Directors** to please check the current list of available judges on the PSQ website at:

<https://www.psq.org.au/accredited-psq-judges.html>

<https://www.psq.org.au/understudy-judges.html>

Make a note of any judges who are currently on the **DO NOT CONTACT List** at:

<https://www.psq.org.au/inactive-retired--honoured-judges.html>

Sometimes our judges are unwell, busy or travelling, and are on the **no contact** list.

Your attention to this will be appreciated when choosing your judges for the rest of this year and into next year.

Thank you

Victoria Purdie

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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.
- Lecturers & Presenters Lists – This is updated regularly on the PSQ website

Could Club Secretaries please ensure that details for the President and Secretary or contact person for your club are forwarded to PSQ ADMIN (psqweb@gmail.com) so that your club details can be updated on the PSQ Website ASAP after your elections.

These are the details that we use to send information to your club.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Debra Rychvalsky

PSQ Secretary