**Dan DEMY-GEROE** EFIAP MAPS PSQA

I became a PSQ Accredited Judge in 2002 and was a member of the PSQ Judges Executive for several years from 2003. I have been a member of the Mount Gravatt Photographic Society in Brisbane since 1989 and a member of the Australian Photographic Society since 2000. I have been a successful entrant and exhibitor in international salons since 2001 and entered Australian national salons from 1991. In 2006 I was awarded my FAPS honour by APS and my AFIAP honour in 2013.

I first became passionate about photography about 40 years ago after travelling in New Zealand and Australia and after a friend introduced me to projected colour slides taken with an SLR camera. My first SLR camera was a Konica T3n purchased in 1976 followed by a Nikon FE in 1980. I have been using Nikon equipment for my main cameras since then. I worked with colour slides for competition for many years as well as some monochrome and colour print work. Since 2004 I have mainly worked with digital projected images and more recently digital prints.

Most areas of photography interest me including landscape, social documentary, street, photojournalism, travel, nature, people, creative and architecture. My current major interests are in travel photography and abstract close-ups. I am particularly drawn to images featuring natural beauty, story-telling potential, good lighting and good design. I was a manager in the Queensland Government before retiring in late 2012. I have travelled widely in Australia and many other countries, particularly in the last ten to fifteen years. Since retiring I have devoted more time to photography, travel and other leisure activities. I enjoy judging and try to offer helpful and constructive advice to fellow photographers.