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My serious involvement in photography increased when I retired. I joined the Keppel Coast Camera Club at Yeppoon five or six years ago, and found myself helping others to learn photography. I joined the Rockhampton Photography Club too, because they have more to teach me. I am webmaster for the KCCC, and for the Photographic Society of Queensland.

I've joined the Photographic Society of America, and the Photographic Society of Australia to learn more about making and post processing of images. I'm finding that the more I learn, the more I need to learn. It's a never ending process.

In the past two years, I have competed in international and national photography competitions. I collected more than 500 acceptances and awards. In 2020, I was awarded the Qualified Photographic Society of America (QPSA) and a Fellowship of the Australian Photographic Society of Australia (FAPS). In 2021, I was awarded as Artiste, Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique: (AFIAP) and the PPSA from the Photographic Society of America. I highly recommend entering these competitions – it has honed my photography skills and given me a lot of incentive to improve my skills further.

If you would like me to mentor you into competition involvement – please contact me – I'd love to help you get started.

My photographic interests are wide. They include scapes, people, fauna, flora, you name it. Now I'm moving into the creative use of Photoshop to explore photography as 'art'.

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