

President's Piece

Welcome to a new month at Queensland Camera Group and an especially warm welcome to our newest members joining in the last month or so. We are thrilled that you have chosen our club and hope you enjoy making new friends and learning new skills. In March the QCG will kick off its 12-month road show of an exhibition of members' work to Brisbane City Council libraries with gallery space. The aim of the road show is to raise the profile not only of the QCG but also its members and their work. Please contact me or any member of the committee if you would like to participate!

Our first guest speaker for the year, Dean Holland, held the audience in the palm of his hand with his talk on travel photography and gear. My highlight was when I turned around to face the audience just after Dean had demonstrated a time release image being processed before our eyes on an iPhone – jaws actually dropped! If you are interested in learning more about How to Take Better Photos Dean can be contacted via this link: [photography courses in Brisbane](#).

Enjoy the month of March and all the photographic opportunities it offers. I'm praying for cooler Brisbane weather – I think I take better photos when the breeze is cool and temps are sub 24 degrees!

Anne Pappalardo
President QCG

Upcoming Events

Thur 2 Mar	Speaker: Wayne Radford (award winning portrait photographer specialising in B&W portraiture and artistic colour creations)	<i>Entries due 2 Mar</i>
Thur 16 Mar	Judging: People and Open	
Sun 26 Mar	Outing: TBA	
Thur 6 Apr	Stef Dunn (landscape photographer)	<i>Entries due 6 Apr</i>
Thur 20 Apr	Minimalism and Open	
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony of your choice	

Special Interest Group Meetings

Portraiture	Saturday 18 March	Saturday 22 April	Saturday 20 May
Focus Group	Thursday 23 March	Thursday 27 April	Thursday 25 May

Focus Group Co-ordinator for 2017 is John Edwards (johnedwards4074@gmail.com)

Guidelines for Upcoming Competitions

Please note: in all competitions the same image must not be submitted as a projected image and a print.

PEOPLE: A photograph of a person or people that is strictly not a close-up and not a formal portrait. The person/s in the photograph must be the main subject however the image could depict their environment or a broader scene. Must be a live human being (manikins, statues, ornaments not accepted).

MINIMALISM: Where the focus is on one key element and the rest of the composition is simple, clutter free.



Thursday 2 February
Club Welcome night with speaker Dean Holland



Ken Butler with speaker Dean Holland (photo by Tony Fitzgerald)

Thursday 16 February
Competition Judging Scapes & Open



President Anne thanks guest judge Paul Tilley (photo by Tony Fitzgerald)

Portrait Group
Saturday 18 February 2017

The Portrait Group's first meeting for 2017 provided us with the perfect opportunity to create original and powerful images of musical performer Naomi. We planned lighting to create a suitable effect for our subject and learned a lot about performance preparation as well as studio setups. Members' images are on the website in Galleries/Special Interest Groups.

Photographers: don't forget to give me your best shots to pass on to our wonderful volunteer model.

Review and photos by Gaye Edwards



Focus Group
Thursday 23 February 2017

First Night, February 23rd, went off like a cracker! Paul Harrop gave one hell of a presentation at the Kenmore Library on his work and photography at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. His images, including some very memorable macro shots, were great and his conversation kept the 15+ audience enthralled throughout the 90 minutes.

March Focus Group: Our Facilitator on the night will be Ray Shorter and his subject is to be "Black & White". Ray's presentation will start promptly at 7pm, doors open at 6:30pm with supper at 8:30pm.

Review and photo by John Edwards

Outing: Mt Tamborine
Sunday 26 February 2017

Mt Tamborine was the first Photoshoot of the year. No one seemed keen to do a dawn shoot so we all arrived for breakfast at Drift, a coffee shop near the information kiosk. We discussed the options for photography, reviewed the maps, then went off in different directions. We all met up for lunch at another coffee shop, The Mountain Brew Coffee, in Main Street. Between us all we had visited a winery, shopping areas, rainforest, lookouts, waterfalls, the hang gliders area (without hang gliders), the botanic gardens and other places I can't recall right now. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and a few were optimistic of taking shots that would be useful in future comps. Most went home after lunch, but a few went to check other places on their way. All in all, a happy productive day! Do look on our website gallery for some of our images and do attend more photoshoots so you can enter the photoshoot comp later in the year.

Article by Esther Andrews, photos by Gaye & John Edwards



SCAPES

Prints	Donald Bryant	Sea Scapes No 1	Merit	B
	Esther Andrews	Evening Peace	Honour	AB
	Margaret Miller	Lake Eyre From The Air	Honour	AB
	Ben Stoffl	Fingal	Merit	A
	Phil Lawrence	Bunyeroo	Merit	A
	Ray Shorter	Autumn Road, Yukon	Merit	A
	Rob Dearden	Here Comes The Rain	Merit	A
	Ken Butler	Manly Boat Harbour	Honour	A
	Tony FitzGerald	Manhattan From Brooklyn	Honour	A
DPIs	Carol Clark	In The Clouds	Merit	B
	Alan Don	Surat	Merit	AB
	Margaret Miller	Desert Landscape	Merit	AB
	Paul Harrop	Snowys and the Murray	Honour	AB
	Ben Stoffl	Gold Coast Skyline	Merit	A
	Ken Butler	Solstice Dawn	Merit	A
	Rodney Nancarrow	Time To Fish	Merit	A
	Stewart Parker	Snow Capped	Merit	A
	Tony FitzGerald	Shepherd's Warning	Merit	A
	Gaye Edwards	Sunkissed	Honour	A
	Ray Shorter	Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre 1	Honour	A

OPEN

Prints	Allan Clark	New Holland Honeyeater	Merit	AB
	Paul Harrop	The Fly Inn Beauty Pageant	Merit	AB
	Ben Stoffl	Milk Processing Plant	Merit	A
	Gaye Edwards	World Of Her Own	Merit	A
	George Greenaway	Dwarfed	Merit	A
	Phil Lawrence	Outdated	Merit	A
	Roger Bartlett	It's Painless	Merit	A
	Anne Pappalardo	Watched	Honour	A
	Ken Butler	Travelling No More	Honour & Most Apt Title	A
	Ray Shorter	Transcontinental Hotel...Farina Ruins	Honour	A
DPIs	Allan Clark	Kudu Male	Merit	AB
	Margaret Miller	At The Waterhole - Ellies!	Merit	AB
	Paul Harrop	Migrating Kites	Honour	AB
	Ben Stoffl	Mountain Shifters	Merit	A
	Ken Butler	Working Bee	Merit	A
	Rodney Nancarrow	The King Needs New Clothes	Merit & Most Apt Title	A
	Roger Bartlett	Summer Rain	Merit	A
	Anne Pappalardo	Interrupted	Honour	A

QCG Exhibition – Park Village, Middle Park

Print entries from the February competition are currently on display outside Frontier Digital at Park Village, Middle Park. Please try to stop by and check these out.



Welcome New Members

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The club has a new librarian....and the library has a new “home”.

Yes, after many years as the club’s official librarian, David Bullock has passed the baton to new member Paul Harrop. Firstly, thanks Dave for his many years’ dedication in managing our club library and secondly to Paul for taking over this very important role. To commemorate the end of his term as librarian, Dave put his camera on the shelf for a while, took a trip to Bunnings and got out his woodworking tools. The result of all this non-photographic activity is a brand new bookshelf to house our library. Dave is pictured alongside his beautiful new creation. We also discovered Dave has a “green” sidethe old book shelf has been repurposed to house his tools at home. Are we likely to see fewer pics from Dave in the future and more handmade timber creations?

Article & photograph by Tony Fitzgerald



It’s Not Nice Being Made Redundant...

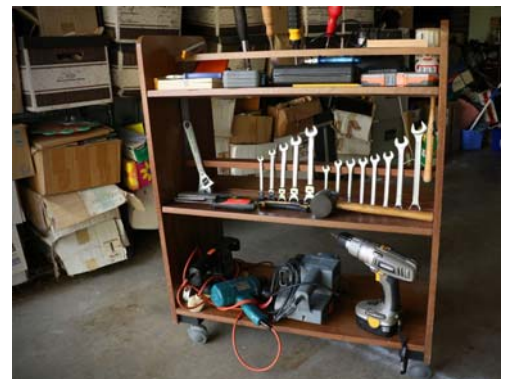
I had spent a long and lonely time in my dark cupboard during the Christmas and New Year’s break so I was overjoyed when the day of the first QCG meeting for the year arrived and the roller door was lifted and there were the familiar faces of the members going about their activities to prepare the hall for the meeting. I waited patiently to be pushed out onto the stage to take up my role and proudly display my books, but no one came to remove me from the cupboard; why? My excitement was soon to be dashed and my life would appear to become meaningless. One of the club members trundled in a new bookcase and pushed it, in front of me, across the stage – my stage – I was devastated. New books, which I had never seen before, were then loaded onto the shelves of the new bookcase and for a moment I thought perhaps I was to have a companion to share the cupboard during the weeks between meetings but no, it was not to be, and as I fought back the tears my books were wrenched off my shelves and handed over to the usurper.

You would think that things could not get worse and you would be wrong – for it then became obvious that I was to be made redundant and probably discarded as a pile of junk as David offered me to the audience only to find that nobody wanted me. Can you imagine how I felt? Then David made a very poor joke by saying he would take me home and perhaps convert me into – ah – bookcase. Well I wasn’t laughing. How insulting was that? I was already a bookcase and a good one, diligently looking after the books and keeping them in order, serving the club well for many years.

So I was stuffed into the back of David’s car and driven off to my fate.

But wonder of wonders, by the time we arrived at David’s place he had decided that I could have a new career, an exciting new job as a tool trolley... a tool trolley! My life was changed in an instant, I now had a whole new world to explore. I started my new role the very next day. Now I see the daylight every day and I look after all the tools in the garage and keep them in good order and easily accessible. I am rolled out regularly from my resting place to participate in all sorts of interesting projects. I am also allowed to look after the power tools – dear reader, power tools, can you believe it – POWER TOOLS!

Article by the ex-bookcase, now tool trolley; photograph by David Bullock.



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