



REDLANDS *Camera* CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Seeing God's Creations through the lens of a Camera

"Snaps and Snippets"

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INTRODUCTION:

A warm welcome to everyone!

Allen would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, participation and encouragement over this past year. 2007 has been a very successful year for the Club. We have had a very active committee who have been ably supported by many willing people. The work done by our Committee is much appreciated and a special vote of thanks is given to those people who have filled executive positions.

Our Membership has increased significantly during this year and many of our new members have actively participated in the program including a variety of workshops, competitions and field trips.

The program for 2008 is currently being compiled and as always, your suggestions are very welcome. There is a Suggestion Box at the Front Desk at each meeting, or please approach a Committee Member, who can be identified by their Red Name Badges. We want to hear your suggestions, or indeed your concerns if you have any!

The draft program for next year looks to be varied, informative and motivating. Some events that have been finalised are shown below under Coming Events. The final calendar will be available in December and will also be put onto the Club's website. And of course, as opportunities arise throughout the year, we will try to incorporate these into the program. Our aim is to present you with a broad spectrum of activities and presentations so that everybody will find something of interest.

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Walter Colaico gave a very interesting presentation on macro photography at our November 5th meeting. This was very well attended. Walter's handouts were eagerly snapped up and there are now extra copies available. Please see Allen.

Pele Leung. Members will remember the brilliant presentation Pele gave earlier this year. His latest stunning images may be viewed at www.peleleung.com/news.htm. Do take the time to view them.

The Jacaranda Festival at Grafton proved to be an excellent outing. Len and Elke Maloney and Lorraine, Allen and Robyn Forbes attended the festival on separate occasions. From their reports, Grafton was indeed picture postcard material and this event is highly recommended for a visit next year.

The PSQ BBQ was attended by three of our members and the day, which included several photo opportunities, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

COMING EVENTS

2007

November 19th: Judging of our November (and year final) Monthly Competition - Subjects "Open" and "Patterns". Judging will be done by Stewart Parker, PSQA.

December 3rd: The yearly results of our Monthly Club Competitions will be announced and trophies for our competition winners will be awarded.

This will be our final meeting for the year. Members, their families and friends are all invited to attend. We are planning an interesting evening of award winning audio visual presentations compiled by internationally recognised photographers. A special Christmas supper will be provided. Julie Kirwood is organising the supper and needs assistance from Members in providing the food. **Let's make this a special occasion to finish our Club year, so, please see Julie at next Monday's meeting with a commitment of food, or call her on 3822 6847.**

2008

January 21st: Basic photography, (the use of light, rule of thirds etc). Presenter will be Andrew Goodall of the Maleny Club.

January 26th: Photo Shoot at the DPI, Cleveland.

February 4th: Indoor portraiture, with John Lomas.

February 9th: Workshop (details to follow)

February 18th: Indoor portraiture with models. Cameras required.

March 3rd: Ten Great Images, presented by Gerard Saide of the Toowoomba club. We ask you to contemplate an image that has had an impact upon you for whatever reason, be it shocking, or perhaps of great personal meaning.

Entries are to be lodged for this month's competition. (Details to follow)

March 8th & 9th: Club Exhibition of Members work at Cleveland Uniting Church Hall

March 15th: Early morning shoot and BBQ at Oyster Point, Cleveland. Family members are most welcome.

March 17th: Competition judging.

COMPETITIONS

Maitland International Salon and the 27th Newcastle Exhibition.

The Maitland International is highly regarded and is one of only two International Salons to be held in Australia. Entries close on 7th January 2008 for Maitland and 21st January for Newcastle. Please contact Allen for the entry forms.

TRAVELLERS

A warm welcome back from their trips overseas to Beth Nicholls, Pam Faulkner and Margaret Kemmery! We hope to share some of the memorable moments of your trip in the near future.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Over the past year the club has acquired a range of equipment such as CDs, books, etc. The committee has decided to make these items available for members to hire providing certain lending or hiring regulations are met. We will make details available at the commencement of the 2008 year.

SUB GROUPS

Following up on the audio visual workshop that was held earlier this year it has been suggested that a group be formed to meet at the club on say a Saturday or weeknight to work on producing an Audio Visual. If anyone is interested then please let Maureen or Allen know.

If you are interested in joining a different type of Sub-Group also let us know. A couple of suggestions have been made for sub-groups, include Photoshop, Macro etc. If there is sufficient interest we will look at organising these for 2008. Also let us know if you think there is another topic that warrants setting up a group. Send an email to Maureen at secretary@redlandscameraclub.org.au or ring her on 3821 6830.

FAREWELL



Sorry to say that Chris Greenway (pictured) is leaving Redlands to head to Yeppoon to live. Chris, thanks for your cheery smile and the help that you were always willing to pass onto other members. Good luck, Chris!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

"Passion for Pixels" <http://www.passionforpixels.com> is a most interesting and successful photographic web site and contains many good articles, tips and images. There is one Article titled "A Beginner's Guide to Commenting on Gallery Photographs" that discusses a process on how to assess and comment on an image. This could also help you in assessing your own images. It is a very comprehensive site so just do a search on the title to get to the relevant page.

DOWNLOAD LENS HOODS INSTANTLY

(You may find this information useful, however please note the Club doesn't take any responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise of the content)

<http://www.lenshoods.co.uk/canon.php> PDF lens hoods are currently available for different lens from a variety of manufacturers.

Why use a printable lens hood?

Printable lens hoods offer a number of advantages over their costly counterparts:

- Ultra compact - can be carried unfolded.
- No waiting to order one - simply download, print, cut-out and attach.
- Redundancy - don't worry if you lose one; just print another!
- 100% recyclable.
- Can be modified to cater for different digital SLR sensor crop factors.
- Available in both 'rounded' and 'petal' versions.
- They're absolutely free! Downloadable PDF lens hoods to print and cut out

THE DARRAN LEAL WORKSHOP

(Summary by Maureen)

The Workshop was very successful and enjoyed by the 15 people who attended on both days. Darran covered a wide range of photographic topics and information. Although there was a variety of experience and knowledge within the group, everyone seemed to gain an increased understanding and knowledge of the photographic processes, both within the camera and in post-production techniques. Each person also seemed to gain further insights to the potential of their own equipment. We all came away with renewed motivation to try new techniques and creative ideas. Apart from increasing our knowledge, we also had a lot of fun.

CLUB WEBSITE

Latest Additions and Updates (A word from Nicolette)

Our Club website is about to celebrate its 1st birthday next month, and has recently had some new additions and updates made to it after feedback and suggestions from the committee planning meeting.

See the latest updates at www.redlandscameraclub.org.au. The website is not only an opportunity to market the activities of the Club to the greater photographic community, but also to provide an informational source for Club members. Our website now regularly has about 150 - 200 visits / hits per month and becomes particularly busy around annual Exhibition time.

A new page has now been added called "**Photo Ops**". This page is a list of Events and Places for possible 'Photo Opportunities' which is provided to give club members ideas and awareness of events and locations, in and around the South East Queensland area, which may be of interest for photographic outings. This "Photo Ops" page will continue to grow and be updated as details of events and interesting places come to hand, so if you have information that you would like to share with others please email through the details so it can be included on the site.

Another recent addition has been the publishing of the results of the 2007 - 10th Annual Redlands Exhibition, which can be accessed from a link at the bottom of the "Exhibitions" page on the site. Also when the new Club Calendar / Program for 2008 is finalized this will be added to the site as well.

Also our "Gallery" page of Club Members photographs is gradually growing with nine members now displaying their work. We would really like to see more members contributing images to the Gallery and encourage you to perhaps take the opportunity over the Christmas break to pick out six (6) images to publish on your Club Gallery page. If you are interested in submitting images to the Gallery pages please send an email to webadmin@redlandscameraclub.org.au or have a chat with Nicolette at one of the Club meetings.

As the Club website continues to grow and evolve we would very interested in any ideas or suggestions that members may have and encourage members to provide feedback via the new Suggestion Box at club meetings or email to webadmin.

Well that's all from me. So until next we meet Happy Snapping!!

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