



# 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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## REDLANDS U/C CAMERA CLUB

### INTRODUCTION:

Welcome, one and all to this, our 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the year.

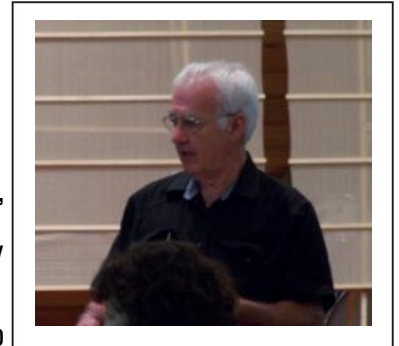
September's club competition with subjects "OPEN" and "TREES" saw a HUGE number of entries and as a result, the judging by Warren Veivers FAPS, PSQA took quite a while.

Many thanks to Warren (pictured) for doing a great job and also giving such valuable feedback. Judging each image must have taken a considerable amount of his time. Warren commented on the very high standard of work submitted, so congratulations to all those Members who received awards.

Whilst everyone finds the feedback from judges helpful, concern has been expressed about the length of time being taken. As a result of these concerns the Committee has discussed this issue, amongst many others, at their recent meeting. Changes have been made and will be come into force at the beginning of 2008. (See Committee Notes later in this edition).

Geoff Higham, PSQA, will be our guest judge on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Geoff is currently the chairman of the PSQ Judging Committee. Our judge for the November competition will be Stewart Parker, PSQA. We look forward to welcoming these gentlemen and to listening to their comments.

We also had a very interesting presentation from David Smith on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The topic was "Photographing the Invisible". We were treated to some very unusual subjects that were indeed invisible to the naked eye. David is only too happy to discuss his area of expertise and to share his technical knowledge with our members in greater detail. He can be contacted on 3207 8912. Thank you David!



### OFFICE BEARERS

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Allen Forbes

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### COURSES

We have been advised of two courses that may be of interest to Members.

Dr Anne Russell who recently gave a talk on "Back to Basics", is running a series of courses to be held later this year.

The Queensland College of Art (Griffith University) is also running a series of courses later this year.

Details of both courses are available at the Front Reception or you can contact Allen on 3245 6886.

### DARRAN LEAL WORKSHOP

Excitement mounts as this event comes closer. Maureen recently spoke with Darran about the course and the planning for both theory and practical will prove to be an interesting time for all participants. The Workshop is a 'sell out' with people now on the Waiting List. It pays to get in early to these events!

Darran's website is <http://www.wildvisions.com.au/> if you want to have a look at the type of work he does and the huge variety of tours and workshops he undertakes.

## COMING EVENTS

**October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Judging of October Monthly Competition Subjects "Open" and "Action". Judging will be done by Geoff Higham, PSQA,

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**November 5<sup>th</sup>: Change of Program:** Mr. Walter Colaiaco will give a Presentation on Macro Photography - a topic requested by many of our members! Walter has been a regular presenter at our Club this year and his depth and breadth of knowledge has been well received and appreciated by many members. Walter is also a regular contributor to the **Australian Photography Magazine**. He has a very interesting article in this month's edition on 'Simple Editing Steps to Improve Your Images'.

*Due to the unavailability of models, we have deferred the Model Indoor Portrait Night until early next year and hopefully it will follow a Presentation by John Lomas on Studio Portraiture.*

**Entries** for our next club competition are due. Topics are "Open" and "Patterns". This will be the final competition for 2007.

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### CLUB PROGRAM 2008

Many suggestions were put forward for consideration and 2008 promises to be an interesting and varied year photographically. The Program should be finalised and in Members hands by December.

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### WEBSITES OF INTEREST

- Here is a link to a website for obtaining photo mounts at a very reasonable price. Thanks Nicolette! [www.frameshop.com.au](http://www.frameshop.com.au)
  
- This is an email received from a couple in England; the sites may be of interest.  
*"Hello, Let me introduce myself Carol and my Husband Barry. We are currently in the UK but hope to join you in your wonderful country sometime next year as long as Australia gives us our Parent Visa.  
I would like to introduce you to our web site [www.beckhamdigital.co.uk](http://www.beckhamdigital.co.uk) where you will find a lot of tutorials for Elements/Photoshop and also the unique slide show software PicturesToExe 5.  
Take a look at our slide shows on our web site as well as our Photo Galleries and please forward our address to your members.  
Barry and I did a couple of lectures in Brisbane when we were visiting our family in January 2006. All the best to your club and we hope to be able to lecture at your club sometime next year or in the forthcoming years.  
Carol & Barry Beckham" [www.beckhamdigital.co.uk](http://www.beckhamdigital.co.uk) [carol@beckhamdigital.co.uk](mailto:carol@beckhamdigital.co.uk)*
  
- This is the web site for Walter Colaiaco who has presented many times during the year and will again in November.  
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/waltersimaging/Index.html>

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** The Annual PSQ Barbie to be held on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bardon Community Hall.

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**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Judging of November Monthly Competition Judging to be done by Stewart Parker, PSQA.

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**October and November:** The **Grafton Jacaranda Festival** is being held throughout October and November. The crowning of the Festival Queen will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the Grand Parade will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** This will be our final meeting of the year. Members are invited to bring family members and friends to share the evening. A very interesting program featuring award winning AVs created by internationally recognised photographers has been arranged. Trophies will be awarded to the section winners of our Club Competition. A special Christmas supper will be served and in this regard would members please liaise with Julie Kirwood and bring a plate of food.

### THE CHOSEN ONES

#### For November

Supper Susan Smith  
Setting Up etc Denis McGrath

## COMMITTEE MEETING

Your Committee met on October 3rd and discussed a very lengthy agenda. The primary aim of the meeting was to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements of our fast growing membership. We also took into consideration the results of the Survey conducted earlier in the year, as well as the extensive feedback received from Members over the last few months.

We are always keen to hear from the Membership, no matter how long you have been a member, and welcome comments, feedback and suggestions from the Members. It is only through this interaction that we can meet the wishes of the majority of people. One decision to assist in this feedback is to set up a Suggestion Box at the Front Reception desk at each meeting.

In addition to that, if you have a particular issue, topic, or for that matter a complaint, that you would like to make the Committee aware of, the President, Program Director and Secretary are available for you to talk to at any time. So please use the following numbers to contact them, or approach them at the Club.

David Lockett,	President	3804-4059
Allen Forbes	Program Director & Treasurer	3245-6886
Maureen Maxwell	Secretary	3821 6830

The Committee unanimously agreed to a number of changes, additions and alterations particularly to the Rules of the Competitions. The following is a summary of key decisions

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## MONTHLY CLUB COMPETITIONS

In order to restrict the time spent on judging, we will split the topics to **OPEN** only for one month and a **SET SUBJECT** only the following month. This pattern will continue throughout 2008.

Entries from each member will be limited each month to a maximum of **FOUR ITEMS, ACROSS ALL MEDIA**. This is half of what it is currently.

It was also decided to retain the **SLIDES SECTION**, however the **YOUTH SECTION** will be discontinued in Club Competitions, but retained in the Annual Redlands Exhibition.

As a result of the above, we have effectively reduced the number of possible images to be judged by 50%. This should significantly cut down on the time taken for the Judges to give feedback, as well as give more time for Members to socialise.

There will also be a change to the sizing of digital entries to conform to the Australian Photographic Society and the Photographic Society of Queensland guidelines. More of this later!

## CODE OF CONDUCT

As the Club continues to evolve and our membership numbers continue to increase, the Committee decided it was appropriate to introduce a Code of Conduct for the benefit of Members. This is currently being worked on and will be made available to all Members following clearance by the Church Authorities.

This Code will take effect in 2008.

## JUDGING FORUM

Four members went along to Kingaroy to attend the judging forum on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Several judges, who have judged some of our club competitions, gave presentations. From all reports it was a great day with everyone having a good time and gaining a lot of knowledge into the judging process. The event was well attended.

At this stage the Judging Forum for 2008

will be held at Stanthorpe over the ANZAC Day weekend. It will be a joint operation with the NSW Federation of Camera Clubs. Ample time will be built into the program for you to take photos. The ANZAC Day Parade should be very interesting as the Stanthorpe district and surrounds had a very close association with World War I and France.

## WORKSHOPS

The following topics are being considered for workshops, possibly to be held on Saturday mornings throughout the year, Monitor Calibration, Matting, Basic Digital photography, Questions & Answers, etc. Please let us have your requests!

## PROGRAM

An interesting list of Guest Presenters is being prepared. It is proposed to have one or two evenings as Workshops rather than with a Presenter. Please advise Allen, Maureen or President David if you would like to have a particular topic presented or workshopped.

## COMPETITIONS

The highly regarded Maitland International Competition will be held during January 2008. Entry forms are available from Allen, 3245 6886.

**For Sale**

Les Jessen has a new 4 Gigabyte SD Ultra II Memory Card for sale at \$60 or is willing to swap for a smaller size CF card. Contact Les, either by phone 0400 737100 or email [ljessen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ljessen@bigpond.net.au)

## FIELD TRIPS

A series of field trips will be undertaken and suggestions are; Gatton Horseshow (May) St Helena Island, Fort Lytton, Toowoomba Festival of Flowers, Medieval Carnival, an Air Display and a visit to Willowbank.

## HANDBOOK

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## TRAVELLERS

A welcome home to Roberta and Victoria from Overseas Holidays. We look forward to hearing all about your travels.

## GENERAL

We believe 2007 was a very good year for the Club, embracing interesting program items and we saw substantial growth in membership. It is not inconceivable that membership will reach 100 active members during 2008, although we hasten to add we are not about pursuing a huge membership. We are much more concerned with providing a program and an environment which meets the needs and interests of our membership.

### TAKE THE SELF PORTRAIT CHALLENGE

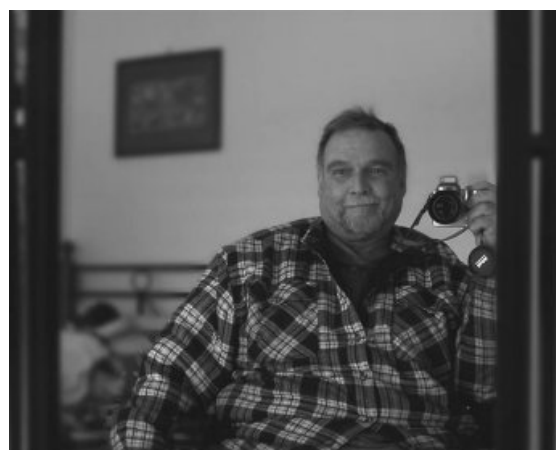
This event, arranged and judged by Robyn Hills, who presented at our Club earlier in the year, has come and gone.

The winners were:

EQUAL FIRST **Julie Elliot** (Adult Section)  
**Emily Maynard** (Youth Section)

And SECOND: **ME!!! "You little ripper!!"**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



*"The Slob" ~ Paul Newman*

*That's all from me folks, So until next time.....Happy Snapping!*

Newsletter Editor - Paul Newman

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