



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:

Greetings everyone! We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome to the commencement of another year of exciting activities and it is our hope that there will be items of great interest to you. There are still one or two spots to be filled in the calendar so please don't hesitate to advise Maureen or Allen if you have a suggestion for an outing or presentation.

Recent Activities:

November 29th: Walter Colaicao conducted our final 2008 workshop with his usual skill and thoroughness. He has agreed to return to judge and conduct a further workshop later this year.

December 1st: This was the occasion of the Presentation of the accepted entries in the El Thani International competition, the Presentation of Awards to our Club Competition Awardees and the enjoyment of a lovely Christmas Supper. Sincere thanks to all members who helped with supper especially the Websters who worked overtime in the kitchen. Many members remarked on the brilliance of the photography featured in the El Thani Presentation and our sincere thanks go to John North for making this available. Photographs of this occasion appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

December 15th: This was the occasion of a Presentation on Photo-Journalism by Rob MacColl. Rob is a photographer with the Courier Mail (News Ltd) and he held our interest with graphic examples of his work with images taken in Iraq, Bali, Aceh, Afghanistan, Timor and the Solomon's. Rob also showed us the gear he uses and discussed other matters including traineeships and copyright. It was a very interesting insight into the life a photo-journalist and some members remarked that it was a fitting way to conclude a wonderful year.

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A Message from Our President – David Luckett

During last year our Club experienced a considerable increase in many aspects of our activities. We grew to 130 financial members, our exhibitions were a marvelous success, we had a steady stream of highly experienced presenters in many different fields and we have seen the quality of the work submitted by our members steadily improve. We now have widespread recognition throughout South East Queensland of being a very friendly and successful club.

With the excellent program we have organised for 2009, it promises to be even more successful and there is no reason why the club will not continue to grow.

Whilst this is all very positive it is important that we not lose sight of our Club Aims which after all have been the cornerstone of our success!

Our Club Aims.....

- To assist photographers who wish to develop their photographic knowledge, skills and artistic creativity.
- To promote the opportunity to meet regularly, interact socially with fellow enthusiasts in a friendly, supportive environment and to share ideas, and form friendships.

So please make sure you welcome any new members and help them to quickly join in the activities. Go and talk to someone you haven't met before! It can be daunting for some people to enter a room of 80 people and not know anyone!

Members are reminded that a "Code of Conduct" is either in your Handbook or has been available to all throughout 2008 and it is suggested that Members refresh their memory of its requirements. This is extremely important in the coming months with the attendance of many high profile Presenters and Judges if we are to lure them back.

Copies of the Code of Conduct will be available at the Information Desk at each meeting.

The Committee wishes you all a very happy 2009!



Future Activities.....

We suggest that you have a regular look at the Club Calendar on the website as this will always be the most up to date version. Although it doesn't change much there are additions made and on the odd occasion, a deletion or alteration of some planned activity.

January 19th - First meeting for 2009.

We open our 2009 Presentations with a visit from **Damien Bredberg - Master Photographer.** Damien is the 2008 USA Photographer of the Year Fashion/Commercial, 2008 Australian Photographer of the Year - Commercial and 2007 Australian Photographer of the Year -Creative. Damien has also won many other National Awards. This will be an outstanding Presentation and a fitting one to open a wonderful year of activities.

January 31st - Feb 1st: Darren Leal Workshop.

This is fully booked. Locations will be advised to participants. Workshop fees are now due. Please see Maureen.

February 2nd. - Presentation by Philip Andrews on Adobe Lightroom.

Philip is an Adobe Ambassador to Australia and is well known throughout Australia and Overseas for his books and articles on Adobe products. This is a unique opportunity to learn from a Master of his craft. Lodge entries tonight for our club Competition - topic **OPEN.**

February 16th - Competition Judging -

Judge will be Phillipa Fredricksen who is also President of PSQ.

February 21st - Workshop at our clubrooms - "Calibrating your Monitor"

Fee \$5 Numbers limited to 25 - Register with Maureen

Additional Item to the 2009 Calendar

We have been able to secure the services of Carol and Barry Beckham who are well known in the UK for their digital lectures and presentations, tutorials and magazine articles.

They will give a Workshop Presentation at the Church on March 21st (10.00 am - 4.00 pm) cost \$5 and bring your own lunch. This will be a Digital Audio Visual workshop. They will primarily be using *Pictures to Exe 5* deluxe slide show software to demonstrate how to create stunning audio visual presentations. Other software used will be Photoshop, Photoshop elements and Audacity sound editing software. Bookings will be done through Maureen.

Carol & Barry will return on August 3rd to give a Presentation on *Photoshop* and *Elements* and if time permits, a little of *Pictures to Exe*.

New Year Resolutions

The following thoughts were expressed in the latest edition of our fellow Redlands Camera Club in the US!



Happy New Year!

Do you have your New Year resolutions in place yet? If not, here are a few suggestions (note that none of them include buying new equipment):

- *I will shoot pictures at least once a month, with an emphasis on "photographs" rather than on "snapshots".*
- *I will develop sufficient skills with photo-editing software to ensure my printed or projected images look at least as good as they would have if they had been improved in a darkroom (no more camera-to-print images).*
- *I will search out, enroll in, and attend at least one formal photography-related class or seminar in 2009.*
- *I will improve the quality of my images submitted for competition with photo-editing software.*

OK! Now you can simply check off those you want to adopt. Clip this section out and paste it onto your refrigerator for referral throughout the year!

Annual Fees

Annual fees are now due and payable and will remain at:

Individual Membership	\$30pa
Joint Membership	\$50pa

If you want to renew your membership and avoid the expected rush at our first few meetings, we suggest that you send a cheque, made payable to "Redlands Camera club" at the Club's mailing address at P O Box 2028, Wellington Point, QLD, 4160. Please ensure you give us full details. Receipts will then be made available at the following meeting.

The \$2 fee to cover incidental expenses will also remain the same for our normal meetings. This cost will increase to \$5 at the Victoria Point Community Bank Master Series Presentations.



Members Forum

An on-line forum has been set up on the Club's website for all financial members. This initiative has been introduced to foster more effective communication between members. Once you have renewed your membership (or recently joined the Club) you will be able to request access to the forum. Processing of this request will only take a short time.

We ask that all members treat the forum with respect and observe the Club's Code of Conduct. Once you have gained access you will be able to read the guidelines for use. There is also basic information available on the website on how to use a forum if you are new to this type of communication.

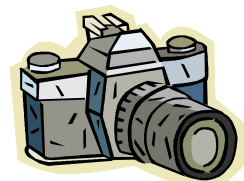
You will see that a number of separate sections have been set up and an example of this is a "Trading House" where you will be able to post up details of items for sale. There is a General Photography Discussion area, plus a General Reference & Resources section. You will also be able to use the forum to put forward any suggestions regarding the Club you may have, to seek advice &/or guidance on technical points, and just generally use The Chat Room for non-photography related discussion.

The Committee is keen to hear your feedback and we look forward to participation by Club Members.

Moderators of the forum have been appointed who will monitor progress, and content, as well as advise the Committee of any changes required.

Another Successful Photographer - Felicity Rogers

Some of our members will have viewed the fascinating animated Audio Visual "Dream Within A Dream" made by Felicity. This was shown at a Club meeting some time ago. We are sure you would like to know that Felicity has accepted a position with Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings, etc fame) on his next film. And, Felicity has also accepted an invitation to visit our Club at a mutually convenient date to give a presentation of her work and experiences. More about this later!



Name Badges

Late last year a few people mentioned that they need a new name badge. Also if you want your grade changed on your name badge! Can you please let Maureen know and new badges will be processed!

Re-Gradings for 2009.....

Those people who have been re-graded following their success last year will be notified individually.

Suggestion Box

This is available on the Information Desk so don't forget to let us know your thoughts and ideas for activities presentations, etc.

Magazines

A box has been placed on the Information Desk for sharing of photographic magazines. So if you have any you are finished with bring them along and share with other members. And if you do take some to read, please bring them back for others to read.

2008 Club
Grade
winners
and
runners up.



The Chosen Ones!

Setting Up

January John McMullen
February Noel Hyslop
March Dudley Olsen

Supper

January Glenda Mathers
February Doreen Payne
March Pam Faulkner

Office Bearers:

President David Lucklett
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Committee Member Denis McGrath
Committee Member John McMullen
Committee Member Greg Wedlock

Websites:

<http://www.photoreview.com.au/news/events/aussiephotographers-wim-travel-awards.aspx>

www.tpoty.com

You may be interested in looking at these two websites and the success an Australian photographer named Andrew Peacock from the Sunshine Coast was awarded. This type of competition may appeal to some members in 2009.

