



# 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:

Another busy and interesting month has just concluded and we look forward to the final meetings for 2008. The Club Committee met on October 27th and considered plans for 2009 and details of the club program will be available on our website in December. If anyone has any ideas that they would like to see next year please contact one of our committee members.

#### Recent Events:

Our Meeting on October 6th was a memorable one for many reasons. We had as our guest Bill Smit, EFIAP, ESFIAP, a Foundation Member of the Australian Photographic Society. Bill presented Awards to two of our Members. Nicolette Neish received her Skill Award of LAPS for her submission of a panel of prints. Allen Forbes was presented with a Service Award of the John Low Medallion. This recognised his many years of Service to APS and Australian Photography including a five year term as an Executive Director.

Adrian Lowe, current Vice President of the Photographic Society of Queensland, was also present and gave a very well researched Presentation on Smart Photography. Adrian provided a handout of notes of his Presentation and a copy may be obtained from the Information desk or from Allan.

#### OFFICE BEARERS

<b>President</b>	David Lockett
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<b>Committee Member</b>	Greg Wedlock

<b>The Chosen Ones</b>	
<b>Setting up</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>Allen Forbes</b>
<b>Supper</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>Glenda Mathers</b>

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** A group of members, despite the inclement morning, travelled to the Hermann Heritage farm at Preslau to attend the Annual Bush Carnival. Members arrived in time to participate in the Blessing of the Plough. There were ample opportunities to photograph the farm animals including the draught horses at work and other farm activities and people.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Many thanks to Maureen Maxwell who lead the Basic Digital Workshop. She was ably assisted by Len Maloney. This was the first of a series of three, details of which appear later in this Newsletter. The next one being on October 8th.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Stan Bowles PSQA, a member of the Peninsula Club (Redcliffe) travelled to us to judge our Monthly Competition Topic "Through a Window". Stan gave us an informed and humorous commentary on our entries. Stan is noted for his great skill in printing particularly Monochrome and Fine Art images.



**October 25<sup>th</sup>:** PSQ Judges Seminar: Several of our members enjoyed this Saturday of presentations. They had an insight into how a very successful commercial photographer approaches, constructs and presents images for both work and competition. There was also a very entertaining presentation by Ben Stofl where the challenge was to look outside the format for "good photography", he demonstrated by cropping old masters to the "format" we accept today. Obviously the "old masters" broke the rules. This proved to be a very good day for catching up with other PSQ members.

## Coming Events:

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** We have a special Guest tonight. Dr. Ann Russell ARPS returns to present "What's Unique about your Photography". Many members will remember her previous excellent presentation and several have participated in her photography tutorials.

Entries into our final Monthly competition for 2008 -topic Open- are to be lodged tonight.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Mark Davis will present a lecture on Digital Photography in our club rooms commencing at 9.00 am. A fee of \$5 will apply. A third workshop, probably on Photoshop, will be held on November 27th

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Annual PSQ BBQ

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Judging of our final Monthly competition this year. Our Judge will be Brad King.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>:** The John Lomas Portrait Day. This will be held at Brookfield on Sunday November 30th. Pay at the door. Cost \$20. Food and drinks available! There will be many models to photograph in many settings. Further details from Allen! John would appreciate an indication of numbers in order to book sufficient models so please let Allen know if you are going to attend.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Christmas Meeting - yearly results will be announced and trophies presented on this night. There will also be a special Presentation by John North, AFIAP, FAPS, featuring the successful entries in the El Thani International Competition.

## **Forward into 2009:**

**PSQ Convention:** The Annual PSQ Convention will be held between 6--8th June at the Caboolture Memorial Hall, King St, Caboolture. There will be seven main Speakers. We recommend that you make plans to attend all or at least one day of this very worthwhile Convention. More detail to follow later.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>:** We are delighted to announce that Bronwen Casey, MAPS, AFIAP, has accepted our invitation to visit our Club on July 6th to give a presentation of her work. Bronwen was recently awarded her MAPS (Master Photographer) and is only the second person to achieve this Award since the Australian Photographic Society commenced. She is also the first female to achieve this Award. Bronwen is married, has two children and lives in Melbourne at Beaumaris. Her visit to us will be a sponsored visit and she will be privately accommodated whilst here. Mark your diaries now to ensure you don't miss this very special night.

**Apscon 2009:** Apscon 2009 will be held in October 3 - 9th at Victor Harbour, South Australia. Victor Harbour is a very historic and scenic coastal town and it adjoins Port Elliott, Goolwa and the Coorong. Several well known wine areas are also nearby. A most enjoyable and instructive week is assured. One keynote speaker will be Matheson Beaumont, a New Zealand Photographer renowned for his landscape photography. Further details will be provided in 2009.

**Club Structure and Administration :** For the benefit of newer members, we advise that our club operates as a Unit of the Youth & Children's Ministry of the Redlands Uniting Churches. The Youth Minister, Rev. Beth Nicholls, who is a Foundation Member of our club, regularly reports to the respective Church Councils on our activities. Committee members are recommended by Beth and approved by the Councils. The Uniting Church regulations require an audited financial statement to be submitted each year to the Councils and this has always been honoured.

**Photography Exhibitions:** We are pleased to advise that the recent Photography Exhibitions raised \$2000 which will be used to support Youth activities in the Redlands and in Western Queensland. Thank you all for your assistance in supporting this [project](#).

## **CLUB COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Your Committee met on Monday 27 October with a very full Agenda to discuss. The main focus of the meeting was the planning and setting direction for 2009.

The following is a summary of decisions taken and plans made for 2009.

- Sponsorship: The Club has accepted an offer of sponsorship by [The Bendigo Bank](#). This will take the form of a Perpetual Trophy and on-going support for a variety of projects.
- The Expenditure Statement for the month of September was tabled with the Annual Accounts to be presented to the Committee after the end of December. These [Club](#) accounts are audited by the Church Auditors and available should any Club Member wish to peruse them. Our Annual Exhibitions in August raised \$2000 which has been presented to the [Parish](#) Youth Minister (Beth Nicolls) to assist in her work in both Redlands and Western Queensland.
- The program planning for the New Year is well under way. Allen has lined up a number of interesting speakers with a few still to confirm. The 2009 Club Calendar will be placed on the website closer to the end of the year when we will have more details available.

- Ralph Brown has stepped into Ted Cleary's role in running the Competitions Sub-Committee as Ted is unwell. **Our** thanks to Ralph! Hopefully Ted will recover quickly and be back at the Club soon.
- The Club's Competition Sub-Committee will also endeavour to incorporate the PSQ topics into our competition plans so that the workload for members can be reduced. These topics are still being worked on.
- **Club's Monthly Competition**
  - Will remain the same with each Financial Member allowed to enter two images each month.
  - Should the number of entries grow to a point that is unsustainable in the current format, the Sub-Committee reserves the right to change this approach so that feedback is kept to a reasonable time frame.
  - We will continue to accept Slides as part of the Monthly Competition and these will be given to the judges in original format. However, the slides will be scanned and presented digitally for the feedback sessions ie Projected Images in total.
- **Redlands Club Annual Exhibitions**
  - It has been decided to continue with holding both the Redlands and the National Exhibitions for 2009. However, the Committee is investigating the possibility of splitting these two Exhibitions. There are a number of reasons for this with one of the main factors being the lack of space to run the two simultaneously. Discussions are under way with the Cleveland Church re Hall availability etc and further information will be distributed later once we have confirmation of dates etc.
  - **The Redlands National** competition will continue to be run at the end of August due to the lengthy lead in time required to stage an APS Approved event.
  - The Committee will also review the rules and definitions for the **Redlands Local** Competition to encourage more photographers, professional and amateur, to participate.
- We will also **participate AS A CLUB in various external Competitions** and encourage members to get involved.
  - **The competitions agreed to are:**
    - PSQ Annual Photographic Competition, although we are putting forward a request to PSQ for changes to be made to the rules as they are somewhat restrictive.
    - The River City Prints Competition
    - The Gold Coast Inter-Club Competition (this may be run by Ipswich in 2009)
    - In all cases we are requesting **early notification** of dates etc so that our club members can plan well in advance. Further information will be incorporated in the Club Calendar.
  - We will **NOT** be participating in the SEQCC Salon in future.

- Our **current Membership** stands at 129 Financial Members. We will continue to function as we have done in the past by welcoming new people who wish to participate in the Club however we won't be actively seeking to grow. We want the club to continue at a size where it is possible to meet and get to know other people without getting too large.
- **Workshops: Conducted by experienced Club Members**
  - A number of areas have been identified where Workshops could benefit members. For example it is thought that a Basic Photographic Workshop in addition to a Basic Digital Workshop is necessary.
  - Some Committee Members are looking into the topics, the frequency and availability of tutors. Again the Workshop plans will be posted into the Club Calendar.
  - The decision was also made that Workshops be restricted to Financial Club Members. This is so that our Members benefit from smaller groups and their total involvement in the Club plus their Club fees will assist in running this initiative. A small fee (currently \$5) will still apply for each participant.
- **Workshops: conducted by external tutors**
  - The Program Director will continue to ask selected external tutors from time to time to conduct Workshops for Members. These will be run on a commercial basis which will be negotiated at hopefully reasonable prices.
- **Website:**
  - Nicolette is working on a number of initiatives primarily aimed at having a login/password section available only for Financial Members. More of this in the New Year.

If you want to discuss any of the above in further details please contact a member of the Committee.

## **Stop Press:..... PSQ BARBEQUE**

**This year it will be hosted by the TOOWOOMBA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY on SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER in the grounds of beautiful QUEENS PARK just bordering on the BOTANIC GARDENS.**

The address is **LINDSAY STREET, TOOWOOMBA - about half way between Margaret St and Campbell St**

Turn up any time from **12.00** pm onwards. We hope to serve **lunch** by about **1.00 pm**. At about **2.00** we will have some **models** available in the park but people may just like to wander around the park and gardens or elsewhere to do their own thing...

**COST IS \$15.** Please RSVP **numbers** by **Nov 2nd.** to **gerardsaide@hotmail.com** or **0419 733 019** or **(07) 4639 1348**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances the dates for Darran Leal's Workshop have had to be changed.**

**Please note that the dates are now Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1 2009.**

If anyone who has previously booked and can't make it on these dates please let Maureen know as soon as possible.

The Workshop is almost booked out however you can place your name on a waiting list so get in quickly if you are interested.

If you would like to see some of Darran's work he currently has an Exhibition on in Tasmania, or you can go to - [www.safariwise.com.au](http://www.safariwise.com.au) - click on Wild Visions and - New Exhibition.

## Web Sites

To make up an exposure meter guide go to [www.expomat.tripod.com/](http://www.expomat.tripod.com/)

From your editor.....

We are always looking for interesting snippets for our club members, so if you find a useful website or come across some other information or activity that the club members might enjoy please drop us a line at [newsletter@redlandscameraclub.org.au](mailto:newsletter@redlandscameraclub.org.au)

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