



# 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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### President's Column

Well, hello everyone,

October has crept up on me. I have barely got over the National, and Ron Willems' Seminar weekend is on my mind. I'm looking forward to the weekend and its interesting topics. The recent dust storms have got everyone cleaning up their homes. How often do you think to clean down you camera gear, gadget bags, pouches etc to ensure that the camera and accessories are clean and at best efficiency. Have you checked your lens, mirror and focusing screens for cleanliness, and have you checked your CCD for dust and "haze" build-up. Some of our members believe a professional annual clean is well worth the investment. I'll leave the matter to you for follow-up.

When did you last replace the small battery usually buried deep, in the DSLR camera body? The small battery keeps the time and the settings for the onboard "computer". If the battery is going flat or the terminals getting corroded, haphazard operations and unrelated problems will seem to arise. People place blame on the main battery in the camera body, but neglect the small button battery hidden away in the camera chassis. I know some people who have replaced the main battery a couple of times, when the problem was the small button job. Have a read of your camera manual and see where this little devil lives.

Thanks to all members who helped out with the National Competition. Without your assistance, the competition would have been very difficult to organize, as the various working bees needed between 6 to 15 members to help with the organization.

Well that's it for now. See you at the Ron Willems weekend and our portrait workshop,

Cheers

Len Maloney

President RCC.

### Coming Events

#### Oct 5th

We welcome back Walter Colaiaco PSQA who will judge our Monthly Competition - Topic Open

#### Oct 17/18

Two day Digital & Photoshop workshop will be held at the Cleveland Uniting Church Hall, 36 Passage St, Cleveland. Presenter will be Ron Willems FRPNZ ARPS AFIAP AAPS, well known International Judge and Presenter. The fee is

\$100. If interested, please register with Len, Allen or Maureen. Places are limited and this is an outstanding opportunity for members to be advised by an acknowledged International Expert.

### **Oct 19th**

Presentation "Digital KISS". Presenter will be Ron Willems. The content will be different to that presented at the workshop and will be devoted to Digital Photography only.

Lodge entries to our final club competition - Topic Music. See the Definition elsewhere in this Newsletter.

### **Oct 24th**

Portrait Workshop at our club rooms 9.00 am - 11-30. Cost \$10.00 Limited places (max 10)

### **Nov 2nd**

Judging of our club competition - Topic Music

Definition: *'A picture showing person(s) using a musical instrument, a piece of music as a major part of the image'*.

### **Nov 16th**

Presentation by Matt Leasegang. Topic - Urban Landscapes

### **Nov 29th**

BCG Outdoor Portrait Day.

The next BCG Portrait Shoot will be held on 29th Nov at Kalinga Park, Clayfield commencing at 10.00am and concluding at 3.30 pm. The cost is \$25 and numbers are limited to 80. Book your place by e-mailing Rob Ferris at [portraitshoots@brisbanecameragroup.org.au](mailto:portraitshoots@brisbanecameragroup.org.au).

### **Dec 7th**

Presentation by Darren Jew Nature

A Christmas break -up Supper will take place tonight together with Awards presentation.

### **Recent Events**

We thank Keith Smith, Vida Stanton, Tony Bloor, & David Richards for their assistance in repacking entries. We also thank Victoria Purdie for her constant assistance in photographing Award winners at the Exhibition Opening and for assisting with the cataloguing and setting up of the Exhibition.

### **PSQ**

We are advised that the new postal address for PSQ is P.O. Box 609 Beaudesert 4285. Dianne Francis has resumed being the Newsletter editor.

### **Personal**

Sincere condolences are extended to Maureen Maxwell (our Secretary) whose Mother passed away peacefully following a long illness on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Maureen.

**The Chosen Ones**

	Supper	Setting Up
October	Pam Faulkner	Noel Hyslop

Office Bearers

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