

# Cairns Photographic Society Inc



## Newsletter

## June 2011

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Edition, Photos  
taken at Mossman  
Gorge

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## Cairns Regional Gallery

The subject that was chosen for our exhibition at the Cairns Regional Gallery this year is "Play of Light" and if you wish to be part of this exhibition, your photos must be handed in at the July meeting so that a selection can be made and they have to be size A4 print.

An independent judge will be making the selection and if your photo/s is chosen, it then has to be reprinted no smaller than A3 for the Gallery exhibit.

As this exhibition is in the Loft, the number of photos to hang is restricted.

We would like to carry the theme of black frames and white mounting board throughout this display. The club does have such frames with white board that will take A3 photos and can be hung as portrait or landscape. You can hire them for the duration of the exhibition and this will be in the form of a deposit of \$25 that will be refunded on the return of the frame.

If you are going to do your own framing, please ensure that they are quality frames. The Gallery has advised that metal frames should not be used.

You will also have to keep in mind a title for your photo and if you wish to make them for sale you will have to decide on how much YOU want to receive for the photo. The Gallery will then add on their commission to that price.

One important thing to remember is, if you are submitting a photo of a person. then you must have their permission to place the photo in this exhibition.

### *The Aim of Our Society Is*

- (a) To encourage members to produce creative work of their own*
- (b) To encourage and enable members to aid each other in achieving their aim*
- (c) To assist and promote the community of Cairns and district*

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**Mossman Gorge** - Photo by John Kennedy      Camera Nikon D3s; Nikon 24-70mm f2.8lens; RAW format; Taken f5; 1/60 sec; ISO 1600 (John's comment: Taken under very low light conditions yet a wide dynamic range due to the bright spots on the leaves )



**Mossman Gorge** - Photo by Kevin Grasso      Camera Canon EOS 60D; Taken f22; 1.6 sec; ISO 100



Morning Light - Photo by Jim Towns      Camera Canon EOS 5D ; EF 17-40mm F/4l USM Lens; Taken f.8;  
1/200 sec; +1; ISO 100



**Mossman Gorge** - Photo by Ingrid Douglas      Taken with Canon 5D MK11, Canon 16-35mm f2.8 USM  
lens, tripod and cable release. TV mode; f11; Shutter speed 1.0 sec; ISO 100 RAW format; WB 4900 + 10  
with circular polariser. Edited in Photoshop CS5

## Cairns Show

If you have put your name down to help at the Cairns Show during show time, your passes will be made available at the July meeting.

The task at hand during show time is to just ensure that the photos are not touched or damaged. It seems to be a general reaction that if people see a photo that takes their attention, they will automatically put their hand out to touch it. Do Not Touch signs Do Not Work.

The people who have entered photos have spent a great deal of money on them and to have them returned with finger marks, or in the case of children, very sticky finger marks on their photos, is what we want to avoid.

Our other task is to make sure there are enough of our club brochures to hand out. Again, people have this obsession of just collecting whatever handouts are available, so we do go through quite a few of them.

We are unable to have an urn or jug at the show to make coffee/tea because of the workplace health and safety issues so you will need to take a flask if you so desire or purchase a coffee/tea etc from any of the nearby stands.

Thank you to the members who have offered to assist.

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## Cameras

At our club we know that many members would like help with their cameras. This is a somewhat difficult task as there are so many makes and models and most members really only know their own camera/model etc.

If you are having a particular problem though, first we can recommend that you sit with the camera manual, read and study it until you wear the print off the page and know exactly what each function does, take a chapter at a time and try each mode that your camera has. Just go out into your backyard and take photos. Second we can ask if there are any members who have the same model and would be happy to assist.

You can also try searching the web for your particular make/model and see what can be found there. Sometimes you may find a tutorial.

Where the club can help though, is in the taking of the photo and this we try to achieve with our DVD's and presentations and also on our outings and of course speaking to other members and workshops.

### Outings

The club outing for June will be with the American Car Club. They have invited us to join them at their meeting at 8.30am, Sunday the 19th June at the northern end of Esplanade. BYO picnic brunch to follow if you wish..

This should be a challenging outing, with lots of chrome, angles and colour.

There is also still time to make a booking for Fitzroy Island for the weekend outing in August. If you require further information, you can contact Hans Schmidt.

### Websites of Interest

There are many websites available that impart knowledge on 'how to' take photos but there is one that has remained for quite a while and has excellent Tutorials on a variety of subjects and also Product Reviews as well as a Discussion Forum and Essays, again on a variety of subjects.

Well worth a visit..

It is Luminous Landscapes and the website address is  
<http://www.luminous-landscape.com/index.shtml>

One other is Digital Photography School. This is a community of photographers of all experience levels who have come together to learn, share and grow in the understanding of photography

The website address is  
<http://www.digital-photography-school.com>

If you know of any other sites that you have found, that provide photography education, please let us know so that we can share this with our members.

### PSQ JUDGE

Congratulations are in order for Hans Schmidt, who has just been awarded accreditation as a Photographic Society of Queensland judge.

### July Monthly Competition

The subject for July is Trees and tree or trees should be the main focus and be more than 50% of the image, it is print only, size A4 and panorama is allowed.

## June Competition Results - Subject "Self Portrait"

### Division One

John Kennedy	Honour
Ingrid Douglas	Honour
Terry Power	Honour
Colin McCloud	Honour
Jim Towns	Honour
Jim Towns	Merit
Ingrid Douglas	Merit
George Goddard	Merit
Jackie Hammer	Merit
Larry Russell	Merit
Terry Power	Merit

### Division Two

Vonnie Courtenay	Honours
Leonie Morris	Honours
Leanne Malone	Honours
Jeanette Ziegler	Merit
Meg Kennedy	Merit
Peter Courtenay	Merit

Thank you to Rob Harris, who, as always, gives a great critique on the photos. This is always invaluable to members in giving them ways to change or improve their photography.

Members who entered this comp were to be commended for the time and effort put in. Some really great ideas that left some members with, 'how did they achieve this'?

The images will be on the website.

## Survey

A little disappointing in that not all members read their emails to know that the survey had to be handed in at the last meeting. Fortunately we did have some printed off to have on hand and we decided to then email the survey for a response.

The survey was sent out to ascertain how you, as a member and the reason for there being a club, would like to have some educational sessions developed.

From the replies received, John and Megg Kennedy have collated the information and have put together ideas for workshops from what the majority of members indicated on the survey.

The results of the survey will be emailed to all members in the coming week with a proposal for a weekend workshop.

## Digital Images for Competitions

There are several months during the year when we send the competition images to an external accredited judge, because in Cairns we only had one official judge within 800km of us until now. We have been lucky to have a few of our very experienced members willing to judge our monthly competitions, BUT we cannot expect these same people to do this each month for us. This is one of the reasons images are sent away for judging and also it provides us with a broader range of critiquing which in turn is educational for our members.

It was also decided to try every second month with digital images, because in this current financial situation the printing of images becomes quite expensive. In June we asked members to email their images to the Secretary as a trial for the images to be sent for judging.

Resizing the images and attaching them to emails seemed to cause problems for some and we must thank Ron Taylor who put together a set of instruction on how to resize. .

We hope that as this is the start of a new year, many of you will consider entering our monthly competitions.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE TO COMPETITION RULES

A change has been made for Projected Images for our monthly competitions. The rule has been changed for image size from

“maximum width 1024 pixels and maximum height 768 pixels

TO

“The longest side MUST be 1024 pixels”

## Images for Website

Our Webmaster, Ingrid Douglas is asking members to send images for the Member's Gallery. Ingrid requires 12 images in total from you and they must be either All landscape, All portrait or All square and she will resize them for the website. Also a short spiel about yourself to go with the images and the images can be any subject. You can contact Ingrid at

[ingrid@perfectoarts.com.au](mailto:ingrid@perfectoarts.com.au)

A model release form and Photographers Rights will also be placed on the website that you can download.

## Q&A.

Following our last club meeting with a Question and Answer panel we will be having another one at our September meeting, but all questions are to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

**Cairns Photographic Society Inc. Competition Rules 2010/2011**  
**There are Two Grades: Division 1 and Division 2**

**Division Two** is for *beginners and new members*, however new members may use an existing Grade status gained by a previous club membership.

**Division One** is for more *advanced* exhibitors; however a new member can elect to go straight to Division One subject to adjudication by the Executive Committee.

Each month has a set subject. Each exhibitor may enter up to **three** images. An entry fee of \$2 (for up to three entries) is applicable to both divisions.

**Subject**

Set Subject- A list of set subjects are available via the Newsletter and Website

**Image Submissions**

Any images submitted:

- Must have been taken photographically within the last 24 months
- Must be the work of the Author – the one who clicks the button
- Must not use non-photographic elements such as graphics, text or clipart unless it is an integral part of a photographic image
- Digitally enhanced images, (prints and projected images) will be judged alongside traditional images.

**Projected Images for Remote Judging**

All projected images must be Digital in jpg format

Image size; longest side MUST be 1024 pixels

File size must not exceed 300kb

Entries to be emailed to the Competition Secretary or submitted on a CD by the date advised in the club Newsletter

The Projected Image entry file name must be clearly marked with the following information:-

**Division, CPS Membership Number followed by A B or C if entering more than one photo**

No personal names are to appear on projected images

**Printed Images**

All prints must be either 10" x 8" or A4. Panorama is only allowed in Open and Landscape and can be up to 12" x 5"

On the back of the print please write: **Division, CPS Membership Number, followed by A B or C if entering more than one photo.**

Where the orientation of a print may not be obvious, it should be marked with an arrow on the lower right hand side.

Matting and borders are not accepted.

**Please take note of these rules as images will be disqualified that do not comply**

**Monthly Competition Awards**

There are two types of awards as shown below:-

**Merit** "An image that is above average standard. It will demonstrate competence on the part of the photographer without warranting a higher award"

**Honour** "This is the highest possible award and indicates that the image is of exceptionally high standard and is free of technical faults"

Any of the above awards are at the discretion of the Competition Judge/s and accrue points as follows

**Merit: 6 points**

**Honour: 10 points**

**Annual Awards**

**Annual Point Score Awards**

All points awarded in the Monthly Competitions accrue towards this competition, First, Second and Third place awards in each division are presented at an end of year function.

**Champion Image of the Year Competition**

This is open to those members who have been awarded Honours within the current year. These members shall be asked to enter up to two of their Honours winning images for "Champion Image"

This competition will be adjudicated by a panel of three invited judges where First, Second and Third places will be awarded.

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## Club Calendar

Month	Competition Subject	Guest Speaker	Outing
May	Self Portrait (print only)	Cairns Show Prep.	Saturday 14th May Eacham Falls
June	Open (digital images only)	Educational -	Sunday 19th June American Car Club
<b>July</b>	<b>Trees (print only)</b>	<b>Grant Phillips Geotagging Photos</b>	<b>Palm Cove</b>
August	Water (digital images only)	Educational	Weekend to Fitzroy Island
September	Lifestyle of Cairns (print only)	Q&A	Sunday 18 Sept Alleyways of Cairns
October	In My Backyard (digital images only)	Educational	Sunday 16 Oct Black & White Innisfail
November	7 Deadly Sins (print only)	Educational	Saturday 19 Nov Country Road

\*Speakers and Outings are subject to change

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[www.cpsinc.org.au](http://www.cpsinc.org.au)



Community Learning Centre

## Management Committee

President - Hans Schmidt

Vice-President - Ingrid Douglas

Secretary - Dell Deed

Treasurer - Megg Kennedy

Committee: Joan Leach, Yvonne Rein

Kate Schmidt, John Kennedy,

Terry Power

Newsletter Editor - Dell Deed

Club Meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month from February to November at the Community Learning Centre, Windarra Street, Woree. There is a \$2 entry fee to all meetings.

Visitors are always welcome and can attend two meetings and one outing before joining.

Club Outings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month

The Management Committees meets each month on the Monday following the club meeting, 7.30pm Upstairs, Cominos House, Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill.  
**Members are welcome to attend.**