



Prism NEWSLETTER

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President's Piece

Welcome to the first QCG Prism of 2020 and what an exciting year is planned.

In fact, it's already started with the unveiling of My Photo Club (MPC) at Kenmore library last Thursday. It was great to see so many members (existing and new) enthusiastically embrace this exciting change that will enable images to be digitally uploaded - and how good is it that the system keeps a record of your images.

Congratulations to the team - Elizabeth Riley, Chris Pigott and the other members who have been working tirelessly in the background to get it up and running. It's such an achievement and contribution to the club moving forward. If you weren't able to attend the evening, don't worry, register with MPC and give it a go anyway. There are helpful user guides and also contact numbers if you really get stuck. Read more in this Prism.

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The Committee also had a strategic planning session in January to review and reaffirm where the Club wants to be in the future. One of the key things that came out of it was the importance of QCG continuing to be the friendly 'local club' - the go to place to find out more, where keen and enthusiastic photographers get to connect for support, learning and having fun.

So, its a big welcome to our new members and congratulations to those of you who have submitted images for grading. If you received your grade, you will now be ready to enter competitions, the first for 2020 is February 6 —very exciting.

There are a lot of events coming up to learn and to give your camera some action:

- Guest speakers - 6 Feb. First Speaker Danielle Lancaster, Tourism Photojournalism
- The Print Project - PP2020—27 Feb
- Photos Shoot outings— 23 Feb
- Focus groups—27 Feb
- Special interest - Portrait group—15 Feb (11am-1pm)
.....and there is more.

The Portrait Group and Photoshoots are a great way to meet and learn from your fellow photographers in a relaxed environment. The Portrait Group meets monthly on Saturdays under the experienced mentoring of Gaye Edwards (and with some brand new equipment to enjoy). The Photo shoots are a lot of fun and Esther often finds interesting places you may never have explored. Focus groups co-ordinated by Martin Riley are held at Kenmore library and offer great topics for learning more.

Did you know that our club, alongside others, is automatically joined to the Photographic Society of Queensland (PSQ)? The Society offers a connection to other clubs and is a major source of our judges who so generously give their time to attend competitions. There is more about what they can do for you and QCG in this edition.

President Piece—Cont.

The PSQ is holding a Convention in Mackay from 2–4 May. It's an excellent opportunity to listen to speakers, meet photographers from other clubs and....you might want to take a few extra days to explore the beautiful region too.

This February edition of Prism, the first in the year, is full of information and bulging to the seams with images of the Awards night at Jindalee. It is always a highlight to review the best images at the end of the year and to acknowledge those with award winning images over dinner and a glass of something refreshing. The Riley's are to be thanked for delivering a very successful event. Its also time for them to hand over the baton. If you are willing to be the next Annual Dinner organiser, please let the Riley's or a committee member know.

This Prism includes a page of Committee Members so you can match the face with the role. These people, alongside other members keep the QCG wheels turning. Next Prism we will feature the Event Champions. If you have an idea, interest, suggestion or feedback, please feel free to share it with the Committee. A big thank you to David Bullock who for many years as Competitions Officer managed a highly effective, yet very time consuming exercise to co-ordinate images for competitions—before MPC. May you now enjoy that time to capture images rather than load others images into your computer.

To stay in touch with the latest and greatest information, remember the QCG website at qcg.org.au. This is the one stop shop where you will find everything including the Calendar of events, and gallery of photos. Check out the calendar and block out your diary ahead of time so you don't miss out. Also click on the icons on the QCG homepage to access [Facebook.com/Queensland CameraGroup](https://www.facebook.com/QueenslandCameraGroup) and [Instagram.com/queenslandcameragroup](https://www.instagram.com/queenslandcameragroup).

Here's to a fulfilling and exciting 2020 sharing and growing our passion for photography

Jasmine Westerman
President



Members enjoying Tony FitzGerald's directions in how to take a group shot. (Tony also demonstrates the effective use of camera timers)

QCG 2020 Committee Members

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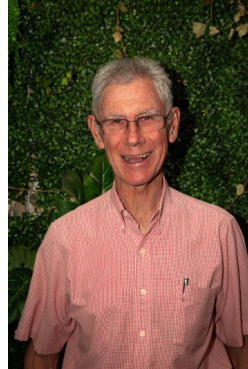
Esther Andrews



Martin Riley



Phil Lawrence



QCG Annual Dinner—Jindalee Hotel

What a terrific evening! We had the best attendance numbers since treasurer Max had kept records, so thank you to all who attended and especially those who bravely came along to their first ever annual dinner and those who brought along their better half! So much more fun when we have new people to meet or spouses to catch up with because we only ever see them at the annual dinner. Congratulations to those who took home trophies and awards - it's wonderful to receive acknowledgement in front of your peers. The Rileys continue to be unapologetic about the number of prizes they won in the Ping Pong raffle but I am about to bust their secret wide open - just buy a lot of tickets. On the Rileys, they are handing over the organisation of the annual dinner - they simply took on the role as a stop gap. If anyone would like to organise this year's dinner it's a lot of fun, and there are very detailed notes on what to do and when. Quite frankly, it's a doddle.

On a personal note I'd like to thank you all for kind words and lovely gift on my retirement. If you're anything like my husband and have no idea what you got me, you got me a beautiful Georg Jensen silver frame with a plaque that has 'Thanks for Everything' and the years of my presidency.



In the frame is a photo of you all - a cracking shot which Tony FitzGerald took at our photo shoot outing at Oxley Common. The morning after the dinner my daughter and I delighted in reading the oversized thank you card, admiring my gift and the beautiful bunch of flowers that came with, and also unwrapping the loot I scored from the Ping Pong raffle (I too follow the Riley's method of investing heavily).

And lastly, it was wonderful to be able to announce the committee's intention to nominate our former Competitions Officer, David Bullock, for life time membership at the next AGM. David's contribution to the club has been outstanding for over a decade and he is a much deserved recipient of this honour. The fact that he is an excellent human to boot does not count towards the achievement of life time membership, but it should be noted regardless.

Article by Anne Pappalardo

Members and Guests at the Awards Dinner 2019



Image by Tony FitzGerald

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners

Award Winners



Premier A Grade Photographer
Joan Robinson Trophy - Phil Lawrence



Print of the Year
Gaye Edwards (Patience Perfected)



DPI of the Year
Jasmine Westerman (Anterior)



Annual Audio Visual
Ted Warren Trophy - Martin Riley (People Of The Markets Of The World)

Images by Tony FitzGerald

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners

Award Winners



3 Related Images

Stewart Parker Trophy - Gaye Edwards (Pawtraits 1, 2, 3), with Competitions Officer David Bullock



Artists Open (Print)
Peggy Stumbles Trophy - Jane McMenamain (The Watcher)



Artist Open (DPI)
Bill Woodhead Trophy - Peter Moodie (Dawn Light)



Still Life (Print)
Graham Forster Trophy - Martin Riley (Gooley)

Images by Tony Fitzgerald

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners



Most Apt Title
Ken Butler (Missing U)



Most Improved Photographer
Silver Tray - Geoff Shortland



Portrait of the Year
Gaye Edwards Silver Plate - Anne Pappalardo (I'll Think About It) - presented by Gaye.



Mountain Landscape of the Year
Trophy - Martin Riley (Afternoon Glow at Cradle)

Images by Tony FitzGerald

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners



*Black & White Print of the Year
Nick Caris Trophy - Anne Pappalardo (Cubism),
presented by Competitions Officer David Bullock*



*Trophy of Excellence
Martin Riley (AB Grade) Highest Overall Points Prints*



*Highest Overall Points (DPIs)
Dulcie Reid Memorial Trophy - Elizabeth Riley (AB Grade)*



*Highest B Grade Points Prints
David Cain*

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners



*Still Life DPI
Graham Forster Trophy - Tony Fitzgerald (Balanced Diet)
Photo by Geoff Shortland*



*Highest Aggregate Points Prints A Grade
Tony Fitzgerald
(photo by Geoff Shortland)*



*Upgrades - B to AB
Geoff Shortland & Jasmine Westerman*



*Upgrades - AB to A
Joy Melchiori, Louise McDonald, Elizabeth Riley,*



*Left, Maureen Lawrence winning 'Bay of Fires Beauty' -
donated by Martin Riley - as the part of the 'spouses' raffle*

QCG Annual Dinner— Award Winners



Highest AB Grade Points Prints
Martin Riley



Highest B Grade Points DPIS
Geoff Shortland



Highest AB Grade Points DPIS
Elizabeth Riley



Highest A Grade Points DPIS
Phil Lawrence

QCG Annual Dinner — The Fun Stuff

Members and their guests at the Annual Dinner



Images by Geoff Shortland

My Photo Club—Training by Elizabeth Riley

On Thursday 30 January the club took the unusual step of hosting a Focus meeting prior to the first speaker night for the year. The introduction of MyPhotoClub as our new online competition entry system necessitated this shift and the night was very rewarding. Hats off to the remarkable team of Martin Riley, Chris Pigott and Elizabeth Riley who have guided us through the process of research and then implementation of MPC. Elizabeth's presentation on Thursday night was articulate, clear and engaging and many left the meeting knowing that the role of competitions officer, ably backed by Chris Pigott, is in extremely capable hands. It was wonderful to welcome members of the Peninsula Camera Club who are currently considering the implementation of the same system. It's a good feeling knowing we are able to pay forward the amazing help and guidance QCG received from Toowoomba Camera Club and Sunshine Camera Club when we too were doing our research.

Elizabeth Riley proving insights in MyPhotoClub



Inage by Tony FitzGerald

My Photo Club— Mounting your Images



Top and Left—David Bullock provided invaluable instruction on mounting your images and some of the tricks to make it easier.

Above—QCG President, Jasmine Westerman thanks the evenings speakers

Images by Tony FitzGerald

PSQ and You

What is the relationship between QCG and PSQ

Here is some information about PSQ

The Photographic Society of QLD Inc. (PSQ) represents over 50 affiliated photographic clubs in Queensland and northern New South Wales and promotes the art and science of photography in all its forms.

PSQ's charter is to provide an array of services to our affiliates and their members, such as:- Competition opportunities, Accredited Judges and Guest Speakers for club events, Forum and Workshop opportunities, Remote Judging services, a range of equipment that clubs may borrow and Public Liability Insurance coverage if required. Showcase the work of your club by booking a month's exposure as our Featured Club of the Month on our website.

All members of affiliated camera clubs are automatically members of PSQ. As a member of PSQ, you are afforded the opportunity to network right across QLD and northern NSW with other people and other clubs who share your passion for photography. The PSQ committee includes members from clubs from the south of the state to the far north. There may be a committee member in your area or you too could get involved

Information from PSQ Website

All QCG members are invited to the PSQ convention in Mackay,

2020 Convention is in MACKAY!

Lotsa stuff about speakers, locations, shoots etc, being loaded onto the Facebook Page. Click the link below straight to their page.

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MAY 2020

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& PHOTOGRAPHIC OUTINGS**

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Diana Ieventhal, Gary Cranitch
Rod Thomas, Jackie Hammer,
David Magro, Brendan Borellini,
Dean Holland & More

<http://www.psq.org.au/convention.html>

Visit our new website:- <https://www.qcg.org.au/>

WELCOME QCG's new President, Jasmine



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