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Monthly Newsletter of the *Mount Gravatt Photographic Society Inc.*

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Diary Dates

23 rd April	Land/Seascape due
3 rd , 4 th May	SEQ
28 th May	Seven entries due
28 th May – 1 st June	Photo imaging 2008
7 th – 9 th June	PSQ Convention
21 st – 22 nd June	Qld National Circuit
20 th – 26 th Sept	APSCON

NEWS BULLETINS

Congratulations

March Print of the Night:

The Fishing Fleet
Shane Oxenham

Projected Image of the Night:

Gnomes in Government
Robyn Mitchell

Lucky Door Prize:

John Leslie
Nam Nguyen

Are you the next Beginners Sub Group Coordinator? Can you help out?

Sub-Groups

Attending Subgroups is a great way to learn more about specialized techniques, get heaps of motivation and meet new friends.

The National/International Group

Coordinator: John North

Next meeting will be held on 17th April, at Petrie.

Digital Group

Meets the fourth Monday of the month.

Coordinator: Alan Edgecomb

The next meeting is on Monday 28th April at the Upper Mt Gravatt Library.

Flash Group

Meets the fourth Monday of the month.

Coordinator: Alan Beswick

The next meeting is on Monday 28th April at the Carindale Library.

Beginner's Digital Group

Meets the third Tuesday of the month. The next mtg will be held on 15th April.

Coordinator: John Holford.

Monochrome Group

Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

Coordinator: Warren Veivers.

The next mtg will be held on 2nd April.

Beginners Group

Meets the third Thursday of the month.

Care Taker: Di Cowley

The next meeting on Thursday 17th April at Di's home.

Please obtain club members phone numbers and addresses from your club directory. They are not included in the newsletter because it's posted on the web at www.mgps.org.au.

Desperately Seeking a Beginners Group Co-ordinator

Unfortunately John has other commitments which prevent his carrying on the great job he did as the Beginners Sub Group Co-ordinator. This role offers you the opportunity to contribute something back to the club by encouraging new members to become part of our club. Please give it some thought, as the Beginners Sub Group cannot exist without your support. See Tiffany if you can help.

Is It Your Turn to Help out on Club Night?

The Meeting Roster:

Club Night 9 th April	Club Night 23 rd April	Club Night 14 th May
David Bannon	Annette Mahoney	Alan Beswick
Joyce Metassa	Jonathan Banks	Mark Davis
Peter Howes	John Holford	John North
Berris Bougoyne	Sonya Holford	Ann Smallgange

Please help support your club by pitching in when it's your turn.

MGPS Image Gallery

The image gallery has been set up anew on the MGPS site at www.mgps.org.au/album (Some have found it difficult to get to the site because of a space after the link.) You can view, re-register, upload, make comments and rate members' photos. The new site is much larger and faster.

Unfortunately, I couldn't transfer the photos from the old site to the new so you'll have to re-upload images if you want to. You can view and take note of what images you have there over the next week and re-upload to the new site. There are now Genres such as Portrait, Nature, Land/Seascapes and more so have fun. If you want an album that isn't there, let me know and I'll set it up.

In one week, members' images on the old site will be deleted and it will be redesigned and used for my personal use.

- Images uploaded must be a maximum of 1024 in width or a maximum of 768 in height with a maximum size of 280 kbs. (even though the request is 300)
- Usernames must be first.lastname in lower letters. This is to identify bogus registrations so if the username doesn't conform exactly, it will not be answered or registered.
- Your password is unknown even to the administrator so you will need to take note of it or click on "Remember me". If that fails, there is a facility to be sent a new one or reminder I think.

I urge you to participate in the gallery. It's a good source of knowledge from seeing other member's techniques. You end up having your own gallery as part of it too if your name is clicked on. The separate web forum has been discontinued.

Have fun.

Adrian

Monochrome Subgroup

The group aims to promote traditional darkroom processes, including film development, printing techniques and post processes including toning and bleach-redevelop- techniques. Meetings are held at Warren Veivers' address - on the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Warren on 32063760 or wavephoto@aapt.net.au if interested in attending. No meetings are possible in May, June, or October this year. Interested darkroom workers are reminded that Warren is quite agreeable to host mutually convenient, individual or small group [2 people] darkroom sessions outside the scheduled meeting dates.

The possibility of joint meetings with the BCG Monochrome Subgroup has been raised. They meet on the same dates as our group does. More information when available.

The Off-Camera Flash Sub-Group

The flash group looks at the technical aspects of flash photography rather than the artistic aspects. Did you know that you can take low key portraits in daylight? Or turn your background blue whilst leaving your portrait subject with normal colour balance? Taking photographs with two light sources, eg sun and flash, opens up a lot of artistic opportunities for you. We are looking at turning camera and flash to manual then trying to tell them exactly what to do – and occasionally we succeed.

Alan Beswick

National Competitions

Closes 4th June Laurie Thomas New Zealand Landscape Salon

Slides and Projected Digital Images

New Zealand Landscapes. Contact Ian and Diana Andrews on idandrews@xtra.co.nz

Closes 6th June Queensland National Circuit

Slides, Projected Digital Images, Mono Prints and Colour Prints.

Open, Nature, People, Photo Travel, Creative, and Photo Journalism/Social Documentary. Contact: Peter O'Brien 3205 4563

Closes 27th June Tasmanian National Super Circuit

Prints (Mono and colour), and Projected Images (digital and slides).

Open, Nature, Photo Travel and Photojournalism/Social Documentary.

Contact: Graeme Smith on southrd@bigpond.com

Closes 23rd July Perth National Photographic Exhibition

Slides, Mono Prints, and Colour Prints

Open, Nature, Australian Rural Life

Contact: www.perthroyalshow.com.au

Note that this competition has cash prizes.

Are you Going to SEQ?

SEQ ACC is a weekend of friendship, judging and photographic activities.

This year it's being hosted by the Toowoomba Photographic Society on the May long weekend (3rd May to 5th May). It will be held at the James Byrne Centre at Highfields, 12 kms north of Toowoomba. Accommodation is available on site for \$23.50 pp pn twin share.

There is something here for everyone. The activity will be a day at the Pioneer Village continuing onto Peranga Farm.

You can enter 4 entries in each of 4 mediums, in either A or B grades.

- Projected Images (combined digital and slides)
- Monochrome Prints,
- Colour Prints and
- AV's.

Within each medium, there are 4 subjects:

People,
Pictorial,
Nature, and
Creative/Altered Reality.

For more information (including registration forms) contact Ken Orme.

Closing date for registration and entries is **11th April**.

Are you Going to PSQ?

PSQ is a weekend of photographic lectures, workshops and Photographic opportunities, hosted by the Hervey Bay Photography Club on the 7th 8th and 9th June.

Guest speakers include Nick Rains, Alistair Brightman, Raoul Slater, Phillip Andrews, Adrian Lowe, John Lomas, Alan Parker and Ben Stoffl. These speakers are all experienced and highly regarded photographers in their own right. Topics cover Portraiture, Photo Journalisms, Digital Techniques and Audio Visual techniques.

Socially there's a dinner on the Saturday night, a Fraser Island cruise on Sunday or a portrait workshop at the Hervey Bay Historical Museum.

Early bird registration closes **11th April**.

Go to www.cirruscomms.com.au/bkbutler/index.html for more info.

For accom, go to www.visitherveybay.info.

What's On?

20 th March – 19 th April	Joachim Froese – <i>Written in the Past</i> at the Logan Art Gallery, Cnr Wembley Rd & Jacaranda Ave. Tues to Sat 10am – 5pm.
5 th April – 4 th May	Joachim Froese – <i>Portrait of My Mother</i> at the Dell Gallery QLD College of Art, Southbank. Wed to Fri 11am – 4pm, Sat/Sun 12pm – 4pm.
5 th , 12 th , & 19 th April	MGPS AV Course. Places are available. Cost is \$20, held at the hall. Contact Adrian on adrian@infocentre.com.au
9 th April	<u>Colin Beard</u> , a Rock Star Photographer will be our guest speaker. Don't miss this very interesting and famous Aussie who has been very close to the stars since the 70's. He's worked mainly in natural lighting with candid shots that give people a different view of the normally posed stars.
19 th April	MGPS goes to Aratula for the Ulysses Motorbike Club gathering with bands, bikes, tattoos, leather and chrome. Open invitation. Contact Adrian.
20 th April	9.30 am at the Sirromet winery , Mt Cotton Rd. We can roam around to our liking and they'd be interested in any creative photos we take. We can be the models rather than taking shots of guests. They have a good restaurant there if you want to have lunch. Someone yet to be advised will be the club host.
3 rd – 5 th May	<u>SEQ</u> held at the James Byrne at Highfields near Toowoomba.
24 th May	MGPS <u>Macro workshop</u> . Contact Adrian.
25 th May	Cameraholics are again hosting the <u>Camera & Photographica Fair</u> . It starts at 10am on 25 th May, with a \$2 entry fee which will be donated to charity. It will be held at the Global Learning Centre, 102 McDonald Rd, Windsor (Under the Albion overpass).
28 th May – 1 st June	PMA presents Photo Imaging Technology 2008 at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre
7 th – 9 th June	Hervey Bay Camera club is hosting PSQ.
13 th - 15 th June	Eumundi Markets Weekend.
21 st June	MGPS City Lights outing.
17 th August	Coochiemudlo Island day trip
12 -14 th Sept	MGPS Giraween weekend
20 th - 26 th Sept	Launceston hosts APSCON. For more info go to www.a-p-s.org.au
19 th Oct	Mary Cairncross Park outing

Club Competition Subjects for 2007

Your entry should consist of 2 images for set subject and one for open.

Entries are due the 4th Wednesday of the month below.

Digitals are due the Monday prior.

The judging is the month after.

May Seven

An image comprising depicting 7 in number, shape or form. It is not enough to photograph a seven-year-old child unless there is something in the image showing that is the case.

June Lines/Angles

An image which is made up of any subject that creates dominant lines or angles which by its very description, excludes or at least has minimal, circular elements.

July Human Emotions

A picture of a person or people experiencing one of the human emotions, for example love, hate, despair, fear, sorrow, joy, greed etc. If the cause of the emotion can be included, it would be an advantage.

August Nature vs Man

An image depicting the conflict between nature and man or man-made objects.

September City at Night

A scene out of doors in a large town or city taken at night. It may or may not have people in the image.

October A Story

An image clearly showing a cause and effect situation, the various elements which together create an obvious story.

November Hunt and Shoot

A hunt of sorts to locate a number of set subjects and to photograph them with a disposable camera. These unmanipulated photographs are then judged at the next meeting.

December Child, children and/or Pet/s (Due 2nd Wednesday)

The saying goes that you should never work with children or pets, so the challenge is out to either photograph both together, or as a lesser challenge, an image comprising one or the other. Both subjects should be domesticated and not wild, although the range of behaviour is open. Good luck.

**Top MGPS Monthly Competition Results
2007–2008 Year to Date**

<i>A Grade Projected Images</i>	LM	YTD	<i>A Grade Prints</i>	LM	YTD
Lesley Clark	167	185	Ernst Hiessleitner	174	192
Mark Davis	149	164	Cheri Lockyear	123	138
Frank Dalgity	116	137	Peter Howes	116	134
Julie Georgousakis	102	120			
Leigh Stanton	103	118	Warren Veivers	88	98
Alan Edgecomb	87	87	David Knell	88	88
Lyn Fedrick	69	84	Alan Beswick	37	37
Peter Chew	55	73	Melissa Watt	31	31
<i>AB Grade Projected Images</i>	LM	YTD	<i>AB Grade Prints</i>	LM	YTD
Steve Griffin	119	134	Steve Griffin	135	153
David Bannon	111	126	Susan Johnson	123	141
Rachel Clarke	102	117	Shane Oxenham	114	136
Joyce Metassa	83	83	Joyce Metassa	109	124
Kelly Van Der Kolk	81	81	Diane Cowley	88	106
Shane Vandenuil	72	72	Pam O'Neill	91	91
Gosia Skalska	58	58	Jenny Lucas	76	81
Tony White	54	54	Janet Murray	60	75
<i>B Grade Projected Images</i>	LM	YTD	<i>B Grade Prints</i>	LM	YTD
Keith Cordwell	136	158	Leisel Thomas	120	138
Lindsay Stanton	135	150	Gail King	113	128
Gail King	81	96	Lindsay Stanton	87	92
Stephen Shadbolt	62	77	Peter Ryan	68	68
Natasha Pelling	76	76	Caroline Marshall	41	59
Jackie Hill	46	61	Margaret Kemmery	50	50
Joanne Baldwin	52	52	Matthew Facoory	39	39
<i>A Grade Slides</i>	LM	YTD	<i>B Grade Slides</i>	LM	YTD
Robyn Mitchell	125	143	Margaret Kemmery	5	5
Peter Hannell	80	95			
Jane Simpkins	69	79			
Warren Veivers	67	67			
Melissa Watt	36	36			
Diane Sakrzewski	36	36			

LM – Last Month's YTD scores

YTD – Year to date scores.

If you note any inaccuracies, please advise the Records Officer, Rachel Clarke.

Remember. This is your Newsletter. All contributions gratefully accepted.