

Mt Gravatt Photographic Society



Newsletter of the Mount Gravatt Photographic Society Inc. (MGPS)

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Club meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Until further notice the meetings are being held via Zoom and invitations will be sent out via email prior to the meeting.

Staying up to date:

For all the latest news on what's happening at the club and for news on other events and activities, you can;

- join the Club's facebook page

 MGPS Members Group. Please ensure that your facebook page is in the same name as your club membership to be eligible.
- Watch your inbox for regular club emails as well. If you are not receiving emails please let us know.

CLUB OBJECTIVES

The Mount Gravatt Photographic Society is a community-based non-profit camera club that is affiliated with the Photographic Society of Queensland (PSQ). The club was formed in February 1967 by a small group of enthusiastic amateur photographers. See http://www.mgps.org.au/club/about-mgps/club-history for more details.

The Aims of Mount Gravatt Photographic Society:

- To foster a love of the art of photography amongst its members and in the community;
- To assist members with problems pertaining to photography;
- To achieve a more fruitful alliance between the beginner and the experienced photographer;
- To present lectures on photography for beginners;
- To arrange competitions both within the Society and with other bodies from time to time.

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FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a difficult and trying few months for everyone everywhere and I just want to say that I hope everyone is keeping safe – particularly when out and about trying to get that image.

I know that I speak for the Committee when I say that if any member is need of anything at all – even it is just a chat to cure the boredom or loneliness of isolation, please say something. Reach out on Facebook or Messenger and I am sure that between the committee and this fantastic group of people, we can find a way to help you.

The committee has had lengthy discussions about how we can keep this club actively engaged while living with the restrictions, (which are likely to be around for some time).

Developers Group have been doing a lot of work with low and high key photography and it is great to see Julie Gelard inspiring members to upload their images to Facebook. We have seen a significant increase in participation on the Club Facebook page which is fantastic.

Sue Gordon has also been busy critiquing (when asked) members photography which is a great way to learn from someone with a wealth of knowledge to share with the members. Even our very own Prez has gotten involved in the constructive criticism of images being posted (mainly Bruce's images ③).

And what a fantastic turnout for the zoom monthly meeting with our very own John Doody showing us his amazing images and sharing his post processing techniques.

We have had no new members this month which is not surprising under the circumstances.

Hang in there guys – we are as they say "coming out the other side".



Honour - Chinese Checkers - Louise Jameson

MESSAGE FROM THE

President

From the desk of The Prez

Greeting folks. I won't bore you with the platitudes I am sure we are all fed up with hearing by now along the lines of "we are all in this together" etc.

For myself, I am hoping everyone is fairing well. The main thing to do is keep shooting, keep learning and keep healthy.

The zoom meetings are going well as was evidenced by John Doody's presentation the other night. The Developers Group is using it (zoom) to great advantage as well.

Congrats to Sue Gordon on her re-election to the role of President for the PSQ.

I would also like to thank those wonderful folk who are posting images on the FB page. We are seeing some wonderful results from the Developers Group who are putting up some delightful work, all of which bodes well for the Club going forward.

I want to urge us all, once again, to keep our creative juices flowing by getting the camera gear out and go and shoot something. I have been finding inspiration in my backyard, as you are most likely bored with by now, so it shows how easy it is to find subjects. You need only look at Clive Hammond's images as well as Gwenda's, Sharon's, Russell's, Margaret's et al to be inspired.

As things become less constricted, as is starting to happen, we should be able to do more Club activities.

Any things of importance will be sent to you as an email. This will ensure that no-one misses out on the information.

I will get out of your way now. Hope to see you all soon.

Gary.



Honour - Looping the Loop - Clive Hammond

Committee Members

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

Well guys it looks like this pandemic is going to affect the club operations for some time to come, particularly with large group gatherings and restrictions on how many can congregate on at one time in one place.

With that in mind, the Committee is arranging for judging to be done via video which will be disseminated among the group once the results have been released.

The committee as also ratified a decision to hold off the Annual General Meeting until October 2020. In order to vote at the AGM, members must be financial and given the current uncertainty around when the club will be function at full capacity again we felt that asking members to renew their memberships prior to the AGM would not be appropriate. Therefore, in order to comply with the AGM rules and regulations, we are asking all members who wish renew their registration pay a nominal fee of \$5.00 with the balance being payable at a later date to be advised. This will allow members to continue to participate in club activities (including monthly image submissions) and to vote at the AGM. Further details will be released via email.

ALL CLUB MEETINGS (INCLUDING SUB GROUP MEETINGS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED) HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

COMPETITIONS WILL STILL CONTINUE FOR DIGITAL IMAGES HOWEVER PRINT IMAGE SUBMISSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN SUSPENDED.

The committee is currently discussing options with judges as to how critiques on image submissions can be made available to members.

STAY SAFE! TAKE CARE OF YOUR YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES AND WE **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON!**

EXECUTIVES

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Honour Images from March 2020 Entries



Honour – Pelican Pyrotechnics – Robert Macfarlane

Other Honour Images are scattered throughout this newsletter.

What a talented group we have here... such amazing images from everyone... Keep up the awesome work guys.

Although the lock down has been hard (particularly for photographers who just want to get out their and shoot, shoot, shoot), it is inspiring to see everyone dig deep into their archives to share some truly beautiful photos.



Honour – Water Bombed – Robert Macfarlane



Honour - Next Generation - Christine Jull



Honour - Lonely Puffin - Chris Ross



Honour - River City - Paul MacKay

COMING UP NEXT MONTH

Competitions:

• Entries for set subject 'Portraits' are due 27/05/2020.

Sub-Group Meetings:

With Changes to the way in which we are operating as a group please refer to emails and Facebook invitations for Subgroup Zoom meetings.

Monochrome Group meets 21/05/2020 at 7:00pm – via zoom - https://mgps.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=93b04d4e62108689d212fd703&id=7424d38636&e=06f6f83063 Meeting ID: 671 184 0153 / Password: 649871 email; monochrome@maps.org.au;



Honour - Cycle Action - Robert Vallance



Honour - Dance of Ribbons - Janet Richardson

Competition RESULTS – April 2020

MGPS Competition Results 2020-04 Monochrome

Judged by Peter O'Brien

B Grade Digital

Member name	Open Image	Set Image	Points	Points YTD
Lee Dixon	Merit	Merit	18	99
Dorothy Harkins	Merit	Credit	15	102
Christine Jull	Credit	Credit	12	90
Margareta Dewilde	Credit	Merit	15	24
Joni Keenan	Credit	Credit	12	114
Janet Richardson	Credit	Merit	15	132

AB Grade Digital

Member name	Open Image	Set Image	Points	Points YTD
Amanda Keys	Credit	Merit	15	33
Trudi Aykens	Credit	Credit	12	108
Deanne Bale	Credit	Credit	12	87
Michelle Coles	Merit	Merit	18	120
Hazel Hewlett-Smith	Honour	Merit	21	21
Gary (Rick) O'Shea	Credit	Credit	12	42
Paul MacKay	Merit	Credit	15	144
Margaret Kemmery	Honour	Credit	18	66
Wayne Lewis	Merit	Credit	15	87
Geoffrey Hui	Merit	Merit	18	159
Heidi Wallis	Credit	Honour	18	150
Rosslyn Garnett	Credit	Merit	15	108
Gwenda Kruger	Credit	Credit	12	12
Robert Macfarlane	Credit	Merit	15	141
Sharon Puata	Credit	Credit	12	12
Margaret Yeo	Credit	Credit	12	120
Kevin Dixon	Credit	Merit	15	102
Hazel Sempf	Credit	Credit	12	54
Evelyn Campbell	Merit	Merit	18	18
Margaret Duncan	Merit	Merit	18	123
Susan Chisholm	Merit	Credit	15	135
Mangala Jayasekera	Merit	Credit	15	60
Joanne Pick	Credit	Credit	12	42
Lorraine Burdeu	Credit	Credit	12	66
Denise McMillan	Credit	Credit	12	87
Russell Dickson	Credit	Credit	12	114
Tony Rush	Merit	Merit	18	108
Robert Vallance	Merit	Credit	15	84
Chris Seen	Merit	Merit	18	120
Andrew Macrow	Credit	Credit	12	87
Michael Mitchell	Credit	Merit	15	117
Chris Ross	Credit	Merit	15	147

A Grade Digital

Member name	Open Image	Set Image	Points	Points YTD
Bob Garnett	Credit	Credit	12	141
Hector Beveridge	Credit	Credit	12	144
Ann Smallegange	Credit	Merit	15	60
Lekha Suraweera	Merit	Merit	18	141
Suzanne Edgeworth	Credit	Credit	12	99
Sam Fernando	Credit	Merit	15	159
Bruce McDonald	Credit	Merit	15	147
Ian Sweetman	Merit	Merit	18	165
Joyce Metassa	Credit	Credit	12	120
Jefferey Mott	Credit	Honour	18	165
Swarna Wijesekera	Merit	Credit	15	132
Shuying Jiang	Merit	Merit	18	141
Cheryl Zwart	Merit	Merit	18	126
Michael Keenan	Merit	Merit	18	147
Priscilla Gibbs	Honour	Credit	18	144
Jackie Dawson	Credit	Credit	12	18
Krishna Prasad	Merit	Credit	15	15

A Gold Grade Digital

Member name	Open Image	Set Image	Points	Points YTD
Gordon Dixon	Merit	Merit	18	114
Julie Geldard	Merit	Credit	15	15
Clive Hammond	Credit	Merit	15	150



Honour - Hang Time - Ian Sweetman

Competition SCHEDULE

SUBJECT	PRINT DUE	DIGITAL DUE	JUDGING DATE	DEFINITION
Portraits	27/05/20	27/05/20	24/06/20	An image of a person from the waist up only.
Looking Down	24/06/20	24/06/20	22/07/20	Show a scene which lies below the photographer.
Song/Film Title	22/07/20	22/07/20	26/08/20	The image must bring to mind the title of a song or film which is in the public domain (recent or historical).
Creative (incl. abstract)	26/08/20	26/08/20	23/09/20	Photograph displays a novel effect because of an unusual combination of objects and / or unusual view viewpoint.
Minimalism	23/09/20	23/09/20	28/10/20	A style or technique characterised by extreme sparseness and simplicity.
Shadows	28/10/20	28/10/20	25/11/20	A picture in which the shadow(s) is featured.
Annual Comp	25/11/20	25/11/20	09/12/20	Annual as set out on competition page of website.
Open	09/12/20	09/12/20	27/01/21	An image of any subject or genre.

Information on how to submit your digital images can be found here: https://mgps.org.au/images/3.pdf

Information on how to submit your print images can be found here: https://www.mgps.org.au/index.php/about/members-handbook

MARKETPLACE

Mount Gravatt Photographic Society has a **Canon SX80 Mark II digital projector** and soft case available for donation to a community group/not-for-profit organisation.

Members aware of any group that would be able to use this projector should ask the group's relevant office bearer to contact Bruce McDonald on 0402 414 850 or emailing brucemportfolio@gmail.com indicating how the group will make use of the projector.

GENERAL News

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MONTHLY PRINT ENTRIES:

To avoid confusion and provide for efficient processing of monthly competition entries please be conscious of the following points:

Mounting images:

- Ideally the mat should be cut to match image size
- When using reusable mats ensure the mat is firmly fixed to the backing board on all sides
- (micropore tape works well avoid use of sticky tape and packing tape)
- Ensure all irrelevant text on backing board is covered or removed
- Make sure there is only one arrow indicating right way up.

Recording entries:

- · Check spelling of the title
- Enter print title/s on the relevant grade (A Gold, A, A/B, B) record sheet ensuring appropriate title is in correct category (Open, Set theme)

Make sure mounted image is placed in the correct folder (Open, Set) for the relevant grade and that this matches the record sheet.



Honour - You were saying - Deanne Bale



Honour - Faster - Chris Ross

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Photovivo – toys at home entry submissions - http://stayathome.photovivo.com/

This is a fun idea given the lockdown situation and limited access to locations.

Bring out your favourite toy, be it a Lego figurine, Transformers, a character from Toy Story or any of your favourite. You shall explore your house with the toy. This is a good time to explore the Design elements (Shadow, Perspective, Framing, Silhouette, Pattern, Shape, Lines, Reflection) with your favourite toy.

It could be the pattern cast by the shadow with the window light in the evening, or the pattern from the window blinds, or the reflection from the water puddle on a black polished table top, or even the pattern of your laptop keyboard, whatever you can think of and squeeze your creative juice to the max.

You may use Smartphone, Mirrorless or DSLR to shoot. Software enhancement is allowed. Stand a chance to win the prizes, which include the SSD which is a good way to store your data and photographs.

Entries close 1 June 2020.