



Meetings

Committee Meetings - 1st Tuesday of each month, venue changes. (Check with committee).
General meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with workshops and presentations held at varying times during the year. Check the calendar on the website for details and dates

A range of activities have been planned throughout the year to give members the opportunity to further develop their skills. These include critique of images entered each month according to the program, monthly workshops, outings and other activities which give members the opportunity to learn in a more informal setting.

While entering the club competitions is not mandatory, members are strongly encouraged to submit images for adjudication each month, so they can take advantage of the feedback provided by accredited PSQ judges and thereby improve their photography skills

Subscriptions

All subscriptions fall due on either, 1st of January or the 1st July each year. Fees must be paid by 1st of February or 1st of August each year respectively, to enable continuing membership and eligibility for entry to the various competitions.

A member may resign from the association by giving a written notice of resignation to the Secretary.

Abbreviations

P.S.Q.	Photographic Society of Queensland.
SEQ	Salon Exhibition Queensland
AV	Audio Visual
APS	Australian Photographic Society
APSCON	Australian Photographic Society Convention
MAVC	Metropolitan Audio Visual Competition.
PDI	Projected Digital Image
QICPDI	Queensland Inter-Club Projected Digital Imaging Competition
AIPP	Australian Institute of Professional Photographers
FIAP	International Federation of Photographic Art.
LAPS	Licentiate of the Australian Photographic Society
AAPS	Associate of the Australian Photographic Society
FAPS	Fellow Australian Photographic Society
MAPS	Masters Australian Photographic Society

Competition Guidelines

Entries are to be submitted on or before closure night nominated in program to the Visual Pursuits upload system. Details on how to upload images are in the explanatory videos available under the “Help” menu on the website. Scroll down to “Videos”, then “Uploading Images” Prints are handed in to the Print Steward by the closing date, with digital version of the print to be entered into the Visual Pursuits system.

No late submission of images is accepted.

1. **A maximum of four images is allowed per month in the regular monthly competitions – 2 (two) in Prints and 2 (two) in Digital.**
 - a. **The two images in each of Print and Digital can be either 2 Set, 1 Set 1 Open or 2 Open.**
 - b. **Plus, 1 (one) Digital image per month will be allowed in the Monochrome Competition.**
 - c. Colour or Monochrome images can be used in the regular monthly competitions and these have no bearing on the Monochrome Competition entries other than being subject to the resubmission rules.
 - d. The rules about resubmission should be noted – see Resubmission Rules.
2. For Annual Competition two (2) entries are allowed in both Digital and Print which means a total of (4) images. The Annual Competition will be Open subject only.
3. Those prints and digital images entered through the year that have received an award (Merit and/or Honour) are eligible for entry in the “Annual” competition. Other prints and digital images which have not previously been entered may also be entered into the Annual Competition. All prints and digital images must be titled. (Details in Guidelines below).
4. All entries must be the **original** work of the competitor, however there is no restriction on commercial processing.
5. Prints should be mounted on matt board.
6. All entries in the competition will be judged in accordance with the Merit Award system. Aggregate points for entries are:
 - a. Set subject: Honour 17, Merit 12, Acceptance 7, Entry 1
 - b. Open subject: Honour 12, Merit 7, Acceptance 3, Entry 1.
7. In the case of a tie occurring in the aggregate points accumulated through the year, the member who has been awarded the highest aggregate points for Honours and Merits during the year may be deemed to be the winner of the aggregate competition. The committee also retains the right to awarding joint winners in the case of a tie.
8. All care shall be taken with entries, but no responsibility will be accepted by the Society for loss or damage occurring to entries.
9. **Any Velcro strips on the back of the prints must be removed**
10. “AB” and “B” grade members will have their work reviewed by the committee at the end of the competition year in order to establish if those members should advance to the next grade for the following year’s competition.
11. Upon applying for membership, approval will be assumed that PDIs are retained by the digital competition steward and may be utilised for club activities for 12 months from entry. The digital competition steward will take all steps to delete those images from computers at the finalisation of the competition year. Please notify the committee in writing if you do not want this to happen with your PDIs.
12. New members MAY, at the discretion of the committee, have their work reviewed and re-graded if necessary, after having entered three (3) competitions.
13. A minimum of three (3) ENTRANTS from any one grade must be entered in the Annual Competition to permit the awarding of trophies and/or award cards for that grade.
14. The committee reserves the right to evaluate new members work.

Monochrome Competition

There will be a monthly Monochrome competition with entries being presented simultaneously with the regular monthly competition images.

The rules of the competition will be as follows:-

1. The images will be submitted as PDIs only. One entry per person per month. The PDIs must be labelled as M_Membership Number_ Title. They can be submitted together with the other PDIs entered in the regular monthly competition. The Digital Coordinator will assign them to the various categories for the judging.
2. The images will be judged by the monthly judge in addition to the regular judging of the various themed competitions.
3. There will be no Grade restriction, i.e. the monochrome images will be entered into a single competition incorporating A, AB and B Grades.
4. Each month there will be three winning images – 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
5. Points will be awarded to the winning images as follows – 1st – 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 1 point.
6. There will be nine monthly monochrome competitions corresponding with the themed competitions. No monochrome competition for the End of Year competition.
7. Aggregate points for the nine competitions will be calculated and trophies awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall winners at the Club Presentation night at the end of the year.
8. There is absolutely no restriction on the subject for each month's entry. Any topic / category / subject can be entered each and every month.
9. The same prevention of repeated submission rules will apply to the Monochrome competition as for the Set and Open competitions, i.e. if an image has won an award, in this case a placing, it may not be used again in any further Monochrome competitions but can be used in the End of Year competition.

Resubmission Rules for Monthly Competitions

There have been some changes in the eligibility of entries in the monthly competitions. These have been introduced so as to prevent the repeated entry of a single image should it have proved successful in previous monthly competitions.

As of January 2017 the following guidelines will apply:-

1. Any image which has been awarded a Merit or an Honour will no longer be allowed to be submitted in future competitions, except that...
2. Any image can be submitted in the End of Year competition.
 - a. no matter if it was an award winner or not,
 - b. it can be an entirely new image.
3. Changing the name of an image is taboo and any image must always be presented under the same name as when originally submitted.
4. A winning image (awarded a Merit or Honour, or 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Monochrome) cannot be changed in order to resubmit the image as a "different" image. This includes converting an image to monochrome, or entering the colour version of a monochrome image.
5. Any image which does not win a Merit or an Honour will be eligible for resubmission but never in the same category into which it was previously entered. Potentially a single image can be entered in Set Print, Open Print, Set PDI and Open PDI. Once it has been entered in all four it can never again be entered in a monthly competition.
6. The same rules will apply to the Monochrome competition. Any monochrome image which has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a monthly competition can never be submitted in further Monochrome competitions. However, it may be submitted in the End of Year competition.

Prints

Each print:

Must have the on the reverse side:

1. Member's Grade Initial (B, AB or A),
2. Subject initial (O=Open & S=Set),
3. Member's unique number (xxxx)
4. Print Title

Examples:

BS _1001_Big Green Frog.jpg = B Grade, Set Subject_Membership Number_Title

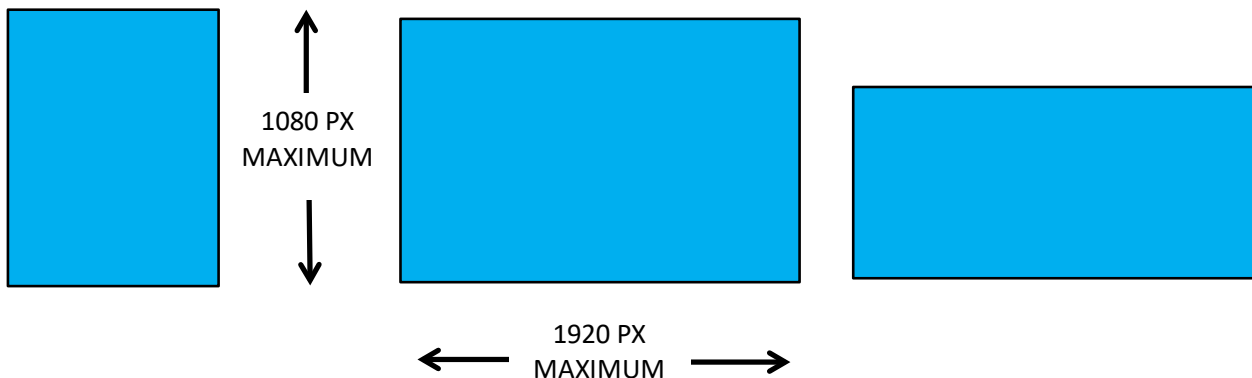
AO _6001_Bird.jpg = A Grade, Open Subject _Membership Number_Title

- a. Must have an arrow on the reverse side, indicating the top edge of the print.
- b. Must Not exceed 40cm x 50cm (16" x 20"). INCLUDING MOUNT
- c. Must Not be less than 13cm x 18cm (5"x 7") – UNMOUNTED
- d. Should be mounted on matt board.

Digital Images

Each Digital image must be as follows:

1. Digital Images must be in correct format, as the Steward will not adjust entries.
2. No late submission of images is accepted.
3. Maximum size – 1920 px on the horizontal and maximum size of 1080 px on the vertical
Note that the Visual Pursuits system will resize any images that are too big. The system will also change the image to the sRGB format if that colour space has not already been set



4. Images must be in JPEG format using sRGB colour profile
5. Digital Images are to be submitted using the upload system in the Visual Pursuits website. If unsure on how to submit images, there are instructional videos under the "Help" menu – "Videos/Uploading Images". To enter competitions, you must have an account with the system, again there are instructional videos under the "Help" menu – "Videos/Creating and Managing your User Account"

Grading& Awards

At the end of each year's competition the committee will determine which members will be promoted between grades.

To be promoted from 'B' grade to 'AB' grade:

A "B" grade worker must have received a minimum of six (6) awards of honour and/or merit during the competition year, three (3) of which **MUST** be in the 'Set' subject in either prints or digital images (not a combination of both) plus a minimum of five (5) other acceptances three (3) of which **MUST** be in 'Set' Subject.

Promotion from 'AB' grade to 'A' grade:

an "AB" grade worker must have received a minimum of eight (8) awards of honour and/or merit during the competition year four (4) of which **MUST** be in the 'Set' Subject in either prints or digital images (not a combination of both) plus a minimum of eight (8) other acceptances four (4) of which **MUST** be in 'Set' Subject.

Trophies will be presented for the following at the Annual Awards Diner:

Annual Competition Print – 1st, 2nd & 3rd place all grades

Annual Competition Digital Image – 1st, 2nd & 3rd place all grades

Aggregate Points Competition Print – 1st, 2nd & 3rd place all grades

Aggregate Points Competition Digital Image – 1st, 2nd & 3rd place all grades

Champion Print (one only across all grades)

Champion Digital Image (one only across all grades)

Greg Foley Trophy – for Club Person of the Year

Encouragement award – 'B' grade only (may or may not be awarded)

Certificate awarded for Promotion from 'B' to 'AB' Grade

Certificate awarded for Promotion from 'AB' to 'A' Grade

Points and Tracking

Competition points are awarded as follows:

Set Subject – Honour 17; Merit 12; Acceptance 7; Entry 1

Open Subject – Honour 12; Merit 7; Acceptance 3; Entry 1

Should you wish to track your progress in each monthly competition, you can use the following tracker.

Month		Entry 1	Entry 2	Comments
Feb	Print			
	P I			
March	Print			
	P I			
April	Print			
	P I			
May	Print			
	P I			
June	Print			
	P I			
July	Print			
	P I			
Aug	Print			
	P I			
Sept	Print			
	P I			
Oct	Print			
	P I			
Annual	Print			
	P I			

General Guidelines

The SET SUBJECT guidelines (included in the program above). You may choose to interpret the subject in another way; however, these are the guidelines that will be provided to the judges to determine the merits of entered images. If members bring to mind the established guidelines that all judges continually refer to, when taking their photos and when assessing their work for entry selection, their entries may increase their chance of improved ratings.

The established guidelines are SIMPLICITY-IMPACT-CRITICAL FOCUSING AND COMPOSITION (the old “Rule of Thirds” is very pertinent). Filling the frame with the subject and checking your background to avoid distractions when composing your image may result in a more pleasing photograph.

Remember to consider the IMPACT of your image too – it may be technically great, but an image with WOW, may be more successful in judging situations as photography moves closer to art as a means of self-expression.

We also recommend that similar images are not submitted in the same month’s competition. Putting in similar images causes the judge to select the better image and may mean that two worthy images may only receive commendation for one of them. Choose the best image yourself.

SMART *approach to photography:*

S	Subject	Story/Message/Appeal/Connection/Beauty
M	Mood	Emotion. How it affects the viewer- elated, curious, sad, angry, pleasant
A	Aesthetics	Composition, lighting, motion, point of view etc.
R	Rarity/Essence	Difficulty/Wow factor/Curiosity.
T	Technique	The essential factors e.g. exposure, depth of field, focus, focal length, lighting.