



Gympie
Camera
Club Inc.

Hand Book

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Introduction

Gympie Camera Club.

Inside the covers of this book is a collection of information about the happenings within the Gympie Camera Club.

This information has been put together by members of the Club Committee for the use and information of its financial members.

This is a compact collection of important information to enable members to be aware of how the club is run and of the expectations of themselves being a member of the Gympie Camera Club.

We are a small club and do our best to be active, welcoming and helpful to all members and visitors.

The information in this collection is open to change where it is seen to be of benefit to the club and its members.

If any of the information written in this Hand Book is not understood by the member do not hesitate to ask for an explanation by the Club President or committee member, and of other club members.

Our successful club is a band of likeminded people gathering together and being willing to share their knowledge with others, and lending a helping hand where and when needed, so all members can enjoy and flourish in the success of the Club.

Mission Statement

Goals/objectives:

- To strengthen and enhance *The Gympie Camera Clubs'* vision and community support.
- To improve *The Gympie Camera Clubs'* work shops.
- To develop strong links with other camera clubs state, national and international.
- To develop a centre of mentoring and shared training resources.
- To work proactively and develop and design practices that encourages Gympie's younger and older generations to undertake and enhance their love of photography.

Vision statement:

To develop a quality non-profit photography centre that provides access to all community individuals interested in photography.

A photography centre in which every member of the community of any age can expect:

- To develop their skills and increase their knowledge.
- To gain opportunities to become a skilled and effective photographer.
- The chance to reach their full potential in photography.
- Provide an environment where people can socialise and interact with like-minded community members.

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Committee Members

Executive : Voting members.

- Patron
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Club Co-Ordinators : These positions are held by members who are essential helpers of the running of the club. The Co-Ordinators are not voting members but are welcome to attend Committee Meetings.

- Librarian
- Archival
- Newsletter Editor
- Competition Officer
- Assist. Comp Officer
- Media : Newspaper, Social Media & Website
- Sizzle Co Ordinator

Life Time Member List

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Nev Punter | • Merv Betts |
| • Ken Chapman | • Bev Betts (deceased) |
| • Gwen Chapman | • Les King (deceased) |
| • Pat Towner | • Margaret Tompkins (deceased) |
| • Paddy McGrath (deceased) | |

Meeting Place

Gympie Camera Club clubhouse, 39 Saleyard Road, Araluen.

Meetings : Regular Club meetings are held 2 nights per month.

- First Tuesday of the month - Competition Night meet at 7pm
- Third Monday of the month - Practical Night meet at 7pm
- Outings and workshops are extra activities organised
- Meetings normally go for 2½ to 3 Hours, however this can vary.

Dress Code

We ask members to attend meetings in a tidy and respectable manner. No offensive or inappropriate clothing to be worn. We have children attend on occasion so we need to be mindful of them.

Membership

Club membership is a once a year payment. These monies are used for the running of the club throughout the year and insurance cover. You must become a member of the Gympie Camera Club to enter competitions.

Meeting Preparations

When attending meetings the members **must tick their name in the space provided on the Attendance Roll.**

Setting up the room may involve arranging tables for workshops to take place, print handlers etc. **The microphone must be set up for the President and all attending speakers to use.** Lending a helping hand builds comradery, appreciation and helps with getting to know other members as well.

Annual Fees

- Fees are to be paid at the end of December for the following year.

Meeting Fees

On becoming a financial member you will need to pay a small meeting fee when attending each meeting. This helps to pay for clubhouse expenses and Supper that is supplied on the night.

- These fees can be paid in advance by Direct deposit if that is more convenient.
- Visitors do not need to pay a Fee.

Membership Card

Your card will identify you as a financial club member, showing the year of currency and receipt number.

Website

Main site: <http://gympiecameraclub.wixsite.com/gcci>
Competition Upload site: photocompentries.net/?org=Gympie

Facebook Pages & Instagram

We have a public and a members' only Facebook pages. The members' page is for Camera Club Photos and comment only, not for putting personal information up for all to see. It can be a great learning tool if used properly. The Instagram page is a public service for announcing club activities etc.

Club T-Shirts

The Club T-Shirt is a plain (no pattern) 'Navy' coloured sleeved shirt.
The sew/iron on badge (required) is available from the club for a cost of \$5.

Public Liability Insurance

The Club Public liability Insurance is paid under the umbrella of PSQ (Photographic Society of Queensland). This Insurance covers injury incurred by **members of the public** (not club members) while a club event is happening.

Members attending meetings should always have their attendance recorded. This means that you must tick your name on the Attendance Roll at all meetings. The Secretary must be informed when you are attending any Club organised event outside the Club Meeting rooms.

Members are NOT covered by this Insurance when on privately organised photography outings. In these cases you will need your own Insurance cover in the event of a member of the public getting hurt as a result of your outing.

Calendar

New Set Subjects are chosen at the end of each year at the Annual General Meeting in preparation for the next year. Subjects are then compiled into a Calendar along with outings and Prac Night activities for your reference.

Supper

After each meeting and organised events held in the clubhouse, supper is supplied by the club. Members can also bring along treats to be shared for supper if they wish.

Competition Grades

There are 4 Competitive Grades in competition - A, AB, B, C Grades.

C Grade (Learn your Camera, a non-Competitive Grade/Beginners): Absolute beginners who are new to photography.

B Grade: Advanced beginners who have a good understanding of the basic principles of exposure and composition.

AB Grade: Intermediate Grade for members who have a sound understanding of Exposure, Composition and use of more complex photographic techniques.

A Grade: Advanced grade for members who have advanced knowledge of photographic and editing techniques and who consistently maintain a high standard of work.

Keeping Record of Your Entries

It is recommended to keep a file on your computer with your club entries each year. This is a quick and easy way to find images for interclub competitions, and also a good way to check back if you are unsure if you have used an image already in club. A suggestion: A file named 'Camera Club Entries' with folders of each year. Inside these you have a separate folder for each month, with Open & Set as sub-folders.

Competition Categories (you can enter each month)

Open Section – Any image can be entered into this section (eg Nature, buildings, trees, creative, objects etc) in colour or monochrome, except when the month calls for ‘Monochrome Open’ then any colour images entered in open will not be accepted.

Set Subject – This is the subject that has been chosen for that month – this will be listed in the program set for the year. Images can be in colour or monochrome unless otherwise stated.

C, B, AB & A Grade

Members may enter a maximum total of 8 images in 2 categories.

Set subject: 2 Images, Prints and Digital

Open (including Monochrome Open): 2 Images, Prints and Digital

What Happens on Competition Night (1st Tuesday of the month)

Judges are in attendance on the competition night. Judges can travel a long way to judge the Club competition.

Wherever possible the Club engages PSQ (Photographic Society of Queensland) accredited Judges.

We encourage members to try hard to support the Judges by entering as many entries on the night as possible, and attending the judging night as there is a lot to be learned. Club members also have an opportunity to talk to the judges after judging and ask questions while having supper.

Resubmitting an Image

An image may be resubmitted for judging in the following competition year if, at its first submission it scores an acceptance. Images can be resubmitted with or without changes, and can only be resubmitted ONCE.

Entering Images for Competition – Digital & Prints

Digital and Print images must be uploaded to the club webpage:
photocompentries.net/?org=Gympie

You must enter BOTH your digital entries and your print entries as a thumbnail by the closing date (Refer to the Club Calendar for these dates). **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED and PRINTS MUST BE THE SAME AS THE THUMBNAIL UPLOADED.** Please keep your image titles to 30 characters.

Digital and Printed images need to be presented in the required format.

We use IMPACT JUDGING which means the judge has not seen any of the images until the competition night.

Required Size for Digital Screening -

TV: 3840 wide (maximums) and 2160 High. File Size cannot exceed 8MB. Digital images must be in SRGB colour space and JPEG. Format

PROJECTOR: 1920 wide (maximums) and 1080 High. File Size cannot exceed 2MB. Digital images must be in SRGB colour space and JPEG. Format

Presenting Prints for Judging

C Grade Prints - Sizes : From 6" x 8" (15 x 20cm) up to 16" x 20" (40 x 50cm)

B, AB & A Grade Prints - Sizes : From 8" x 10" (20 x 25cm) up to 16" X 20" (40 x 50cm)

ALL Prints must be clearly labelled on the back of each print with labels found on the website. These are printable PDF's so you can type your details in on the computer and print out.

Images under or over the above print sizes (mounted or unmounted) will not be accepted.

It is compulsory that prints be mounted with a Matt Board. This protects your print and also presents your print in a much more pleasing manner to the Judge. These mounts can be used over and over again by removing the print ready for the next competition night. Please take care not to leave bits of sticky material on the back of the board as this can damage other members' work.

Matt Board Cutter

The club has available a matt board cutter for members to use. If you wish to use it, it must be used at a club night, either before or after the meeting.

Scoring

How the scores are calculated:

Honour: 6 points (*Honour is a photo that is pleasing and cannot be improved*).

Merit : 4 points (*Merit is a photo that is great but small adjustments could improve it*).

Acceptance : 1 point (*Acceptance is a photo that has not quite made it but fits the Criteria*).

Image Ownership

All work submitted by members for inclusion in the Clubs' competitions must consist wholly of the member's own work. **Every image (or images if more than one has been used in creating an entry) must have been taken by the member.** No image – or part of an image – that was taken by a third party can be included as the member's own work for entries being submitted as a competition entry.

Images using AI-generated technology are not to be used in any club competitions.

Print Judging and Handling Procedure

- * Requires 2 members ONLY to handle the prints
- * The prints are run through the lightbox.
- * Awards are announced.

Practical Night (3rd Monday of the month)

This is our night for speakers, tutorials, hands-on activities and selecting club entries for Interclubs etc. Please check on the detailed club calendar to see what's happening in advance, and be prepared for the requirements.

If anyone has a special request of an activity, feel free to ask the President concerning it or write your request or suggestion on paper provided and place in suggestion box on the desk where you sign in each night.

Newsletter

PLEASE read your newsletter each month to keep up to date with what's happening.

Outings

Throughout the year the club organises a social outing for its members. When heading out on one of these outings, participating club members meet at the Clubhouse (unless other arrangements made), at an appointed time. Once gathered, members must record their attendance. This is for Public Liability Insurance.

If there are members that do not have a ride, they can still meet there and go with another member for a small token to the driver to help with petrol. Car-pooling can be done to save taking lots of vehicles with one passenger only... and it is much more fun to have a chat along the way.

- You will need to take your own camera gear & tripod.
- Bring a hat & a drink.
- Food if it's going to be a long day.

Sausage Sizzle

To help fundraise for the upkeep of the clubhouse, the club has secured spots throughout the year to hold Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings.

It is important that as many members help with these sizzles so the same people aren't doing them all the time. It's a great way to get to know others in your club and doing something worthwhile for the benefit of the whole club.

Social Interclub Night

The June Meeting is a "Social Interclub" where clubs from surrounding areas are invited to attend and showcase a selection of their members' photos. This is a wonderful opportunity to see other clubs' works of art and a great time to meet with old friends, and make new ones! Our club supplies supper for after the meeting.

Each member uploads to the website a collection of up to 15 images of preferably in a theme.

Members collection of images must have a Title and by whom! (eg. 'Trees' by Joe Blow).

Gympie Show - May of each Year

Gympie Camera club Members are required to band together to help organise the Gympie Show Photography competition entries each year. This is done at the Gympie Show Grounds at an appropriate time organised by the Club.

The Gympie Camera Club organises a Judge to do the Judging of the photography section. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Members are asked to help with the set up of the print display and the dismantle once the show is over.

End of year Competition

All members have the opportunity to enter their best images that have won awards throughout the year, into the End of Year Club competition. This is the competition that really lets you know how you have improved throughout the year. Certificates and or medals will be presented to chosen place getters in each Grade at the Christmas BBQ.

Entries need to be uploaded by the date stated. Late entries will not be accepted after this deadline and prints MUST be the same as the thumbnail uploaded. All entries must be labelled with those provided from the Competition Officer.

So please don't be late bringing your prints. Judging cannot start until all are received.

End of year Competition cont.

There are 3 Judges on the night and image scores displayed electronically using a points system 1 to 5. The scores are electronically tallied to determine the winners.

Supper is provided by Club Members. All members are asked to bring a plate of food to be shared and enjoyed by all.

Subjects and definitions

A document of the years' subjects and their definitions is available on the club website.

Tewantin Shield

Tewantin Shield is a Digital only Photography Competition that is held once a year in October. It is a competition between Camera Clubs in the North Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and surrounding regions.

What Happens with Club Selection

- Club members participate in the process of choosing the Best 6 images from each section to be recorded as the Club Entry.
- Being a club entry the club tries to give as many members the opportunity to have at least one of their images in the selection.

SEQ (SALON OF EXCELLENCE QUEENSLAND)

This Salon is under the umbrella of PSQ (Photographic Society of Queensland) and is run in conjunction with the PSQ Convention. This competition is held every year and is an individual entry. Each member is responsible for their own entry into the competition. This competition has a small entry fee attached, but is well worth the experience.

There are 2 Grades to the competition:

- A Grade
- NON A Grade

PSQ (Photographic Society of Queensland) Convention

This Convention is held once every year, on the May long weekend. It is hosted each year by a different Camera Club so is a great opportunity to see new places first hand with resident members of the area happy to share their surroundings with visitors.

This Convention is a full weekend of events, guest speakers and workshops. For Full information regarding the Convention it is available on the PSQ website www.psq.org.au

Closer to the event the hosting camera club will put out their program and information of what is going to be on offer at the convention. Gympie Club members will be notified.

Library

The club has an excellent range of books and Tutorial CD's in our Library.

These resources can be borrowed and then returned within a reasonable time frame (about 2weeks) for the use of other members.

When borrowing from the library the item MUST be recorded in the Library Record Book by The Librarian in charge at the time.

AGM

On the November Prac Night. Here we nominate (vote if necessary) and accept committee members.

Members are encouraged to attend to make a quorum.

CHRISTMAS PARTY / AWARDS NIGHT

On the Sunday evening after the End of Year Competition, the Christmas Party and Awards Night is held.

Awards and Certificates are presented to End of Year place getters.

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