



NewsLetter

FEBRUARY 2026



First Comp Night!

Some great images on display!

We had a great first competition night on Tuesday night, and so lovely to see some faces we hadn't seen for a while. So good to see Sheila Peake join us while visiting the area... Melinda Greenhalgh rejoined the club, and we just loved catching up! And a lovely visitor (and friend) from Caboolture club, Deb Rychvalsky join us while visiting with family.

We did have a hiccup with the judging, unfortunately Richard who was meant to judge for us, was not back in time, so our backup, Ken was called. Unfortunately Ken fell ill and could not judge either. So a past member Tracey Deveroux (now professional photographer) was contacted and asked if she could do it. Unfortunately she couldn't, but didn't leave us in the lurch and organised for fellow photographer Mark Chapman to step in. Thankyou Mark, you certainly got us out of a pickle!

Committee

Patron: Ken Chapman - 0455948196

President: Marc Ramacher - 0431960300

Vice Pres: Kate Puleo - 0428985122

Secretary: Gayle Harrison - 0434988410

Treasurer: Dorothea Heath - 0418743957

C-Ordinators

Competitions: Gayle Harrison

Assistant Comp: Marc Ramacher

Media (Electronic): Gayle Harrison & Kate Puleo

Media (Paper): Dorothea Heath

Librarian: Dorothea Heath

Archival: Marc Ramacher

Sausage Sizzles: Dorothea Heath

Membership

Adult : \$50

Concession : \$45

Junior (up to 17 years) : \$25

Nightly meeting fee : \$5



The outing for February has had a date change... to the following week, **the 15th**. We will be venturing to Tin Can Bay, looking for Nautical images. Our set subject for April is Nautical. We will meet at the clubhouse by 9am to carpool, or meet us at the Tin Can Bay Marina by 10am. Bring food & drink... and camera gear of course!

Special Projects Judging

On our **February Prac Night**... Monday 16th of February, we will will be judging the "Special Projects" entries. So if you haven't finished yours, you still have time!

These will be judged by us... the club members. (**details below**)



MARCH Set Subject is
Minimalism (and Open)
Upload by 11.59pm Sunday 1st March
<https://photocompetencies.net/?org=Gympie>

Noosa EVERGLADES

April
20th

We have a very exciting outing planned for April. We are letting you know of it now, as it is a bit expensive, although we can get a 10% discount through Kates' husband. Depending on the discount, it will be between \$89 and \$94. The cruise is 2½ hours in the afternoon. If you don't want to go on the boat, there's plenty to photograph on the shore. But for wonderful photo ops of animals etc, the cruise is definitely the way to go!



Congratulations Sheila!

We love it when our members do well in their photography journey, and we love to share their achievements with you.

Sheila received two awards, in the Wilderness awards.

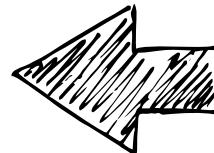
Top 20: "Big Daddy Vs People" and Highly Commended: "Early Morning Sortee"

A breakdown of her results:

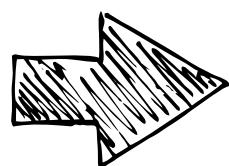
Top 5, 10, 20: The entry was a finalist and received sufficient points from judges to finish inside the Top 20 in its category.

Highly Commended: The entry was selected in the second shortlist and is of a very high standard.

WELL DONE SHEILA... WE'RE VERY EXCITED FOR YOU!



Big Daddy vs People
(Top 20)



Early Morning Sortee
(Highly Commended)

Sausage Sizzle



Unfortunately, our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday February 8th has had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers, and two of those we did have, has had to pull out due to illness. We encourage members to help out, it's just a few hours once every few months. These sizzles are important to the club running so we take whatever sizzle we can get.

Our next 'weekend sizzle' (the good earners) is May 31st. If we get a Friday sizzle before that we will put the call out again for helpers.

2026 Salon of Excellence Queensland



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Photographic
Society of
Queensland

Competition is OPEN! Closes 27th March.

Go to <https://gympiecameraclub.wixsite.com/gcci/documents>
and click on the SEQ button for rules and info.

Special
PROJECT
2025



Have you completed your
'Special Project' yet?

Don't stress, you still have time!
We will be judging (yes, us) the projects on
our February Prac Night (16th).

The project can be a series of single images
in a theme...OR Create a progressive story
of images. Present in Video Style (with
music background) or can be in a slideshow
format. But must be a THEME...

Bring your project in on a USB, and the
winner gets a prize!

Have fun creating!



Special PROJECT 2026

Our 'Special Project' for 2026

This year, we are asking you to create a 2027 calendar! So that's 12 images, in a theme...and the winner will have the Gympie Camera Club have it printed for you! Register your intent to participate by emailing the club with **"Special Project 2026"** in the subject line.

This one will be judged at the November Prac Night (so the winner will have it for the 2027 year). So get those thinking caps on!

Dorothea and Ken,
we wish you both a
speedy recovery.
You were both missed
at club comp
night.



February Competition Results ~ Bokeh & Open

C-GRADE

DIGITAL SET:

H - "What Fire" - Stephen Hill
M - "Bobble" - Lyndal Steggall
M - "Spilling Over" - Lyndal Steggall

DIGITAL OPEN:

H - "A Lift to Town" - Marc Ramacher
M - "Small Things Small Minds" - Stephen Hill

PRINT SET: NO PRINTS ENTERED

PRINT OPEN: NO PRINTS ENTERED

AB-GRADE

DIGITAL SET:

M - "Lantern Under the Stars" - Julie Fearnley

DIGITAL OPEN:

H - "Under the Milky Way Arch" - Sheila Peake
H - "Always Watching" - Sheila Peake
H - "Slender She Stands" - Julie Fearnley

PRINT SET:

NO PRINTS ENTERED

PRINT OPEN:

H - "Being Green" - Julie Fearnley

B-GRADE

DIGITAL SET:

M - "First Christmas" - Rohan Wilson

DIGITAL OPEN:

H - "Lucky Bay WA" - Jackie Carpenter
H - "Moored for the Evening" - Rohan Wilson
M - "Honeyeater" - Jackie Carpenter
M - "Passing Squall" - Rohan Wilson
M - "Black Mirror" - Kate Puleo
M - "City Sights by the Water" - Kate Puleo

PRINT SET:

NO AWARDS GIVEN

PRINT OPEN:

M - "Beach Sunrise" - Kate Puleo

A-GRADE

DIGITAL SET:

H - "Golden Sparkle" - Sue Niven
M - "Bat Signal" - Sue Niven

DIGITAL OPEN:

H - "Mid Air Conflict" - Sue Niven
H - "Nora Head Lighthouse" - John Bennett
M - "Retro Relic" - Gayle Harrison
M - "Wappa Trees" - Gayle Harrison

PRINT SET:

NO AWARDS GIVEN

PRINT OPEN:

M - "Beach Stroll" - Gayle Harrison

Well done to all who entered!
It certainly wasn't
an easy subject,
but there were some great
images entered!



There are no birthdays listed for February
But if you are having a birthday this month...

Happy Birthday!



2026 SUBJECTS

MONTH	DATE	SUBJECT	OPEN	UPLOAD
FEBRUARY	3 rd	BOKEH	OPEN	1st Feb
MARCH	3 rd	MINIMALISM	OPEN	1st Mar
APRIL	7 th	NAUTICAL	MONOCHROME	5th Apr
MAY	12 th	SERENITY	OPEN	10th May
JUNE	2 nd	SOCIAL INTERCLUB	N/A	24th May
JULY	7 th	RED/TOUCH OF RED	OPEN	5th Jul
AUGUST	4 th	KITCHEN	MONOCHROME	2nd Aug
SEPTEMBER	1 st	TEXTURE	OPEN	30th Aug
OCTOBER	6 th	CONNECTIONS	OPEN	4th Oct
NOVEMBER	3 rd	RURAL LIFE	MONOCHROME	1st Nov
DECEMBER	1 st	END OF YEAR	N/A	29th Nov

2026 OUTINGS

MONTH	DATE	DETAILS
JANUARY	11 th	COFFEE
FEBRUARY	15 th	TIN CAN BAY (FOR NAUTICAL)
MARCH	8 th	COFFEE
APRIL	12 th	Noosa Everglades
MAY	10 th	Show set up - COFFEE AFTER
JUNE	7 th	Serenity Falls
JULY	12 th	COFFEE
AUGUST	9 th	BBQ at Duckponds... with cameras!
SEPTEMBER	13 th	COFFEE
OCTOBER	10 th	(Saturday) Tewantin Shield Judging
NOVEMBER	13 th	COFFEE
DECEMBER	6 th	CHRISTMAS PARTY / AWARDS NIGHT : 5pm

2026 PRAC NIGHTS

MONTH	DATE	DETAILS
JANUARY	19 th	REVIVING YOUR MOJO
FEBRUARY	16 th	SPECIAL PROJECTS JUDGING
MARCH	16 th	IMAGE CRITIQUE
APRIL	20 th	FLOWERS IN PAINT & WATER (HANDS-ON)
MAY	18 th	REFRACTION WORKSHOP WITH ELAYNE MITCHELSON (HANDS ON)
JUNE	15 th	LEN METCALF: BLACK & WHITE PART 2 (VIA ZOOM)
JULY	20 th	Selecting Qld Interclub Club entry
AUGUST	17 th	Light Trails
SEPTEMBER	21 st	Selecting Tewantin Shield Club entry
OCTOBER	19 th	Light Trapping for Moths & other insects
NOVEMBER	16 th	AGM