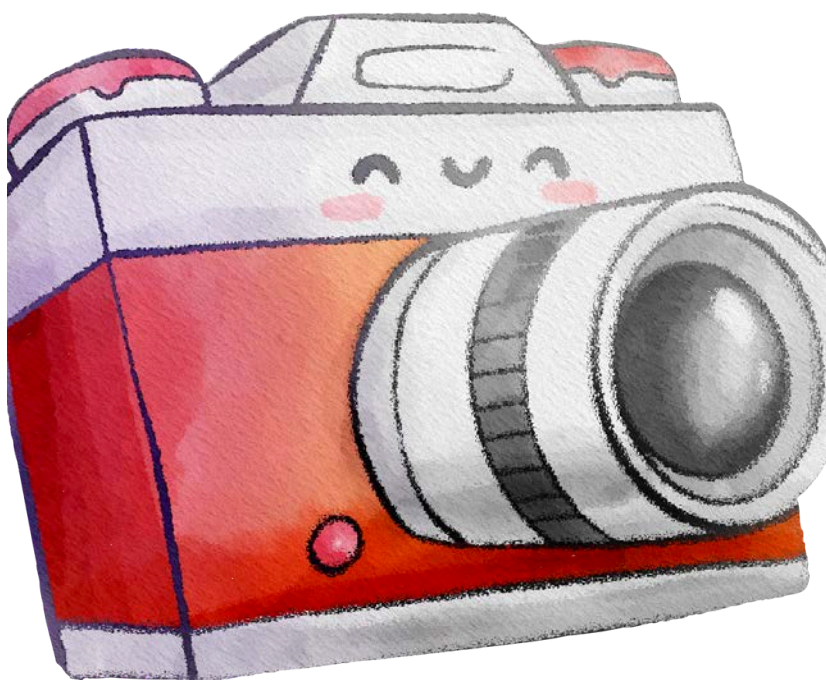


# Gympie Camera Club Inc.



# NewsLetter

FEBRUARY 2026



## First Comp Night!

### Some great imagages 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!

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## *Special Projects Judging*

On our **February Prac Night**... Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of February, we 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**)

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MARCH Set Subject is  
**Minimalism (and Open)**

Upload by 11.59pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

<https://photocompentries.net/?org=Gympie>

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*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.

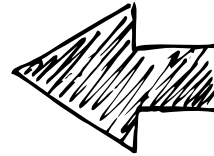
## **Top 20: "Big Daddy Vs People" and Highly Commended: "Early Morning Sortee"**

A breakdown of her results:

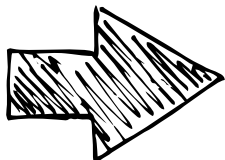
Top 5, 10, 20: The entry was a finalist and received sufficient points from judges to finish inside the Top 20 in its category.

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 Soree  
(Highly Commended)





## Sausage Sizzle

Unfortunately, our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday **February 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## 2026 Salon of Excellence Queensland



Proudly hosted by  
**Brisbane Camera  
Group**



Competition is OPEN! Closes 27<sup>th</sup> March.

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

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

## 2026 OUTINGS

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

## 2026 PRAC NIGHTS

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