

# JUDGES REPORT

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**2021 – August - Open**

**Judge: Simon Cox**

**Rockhampton**

Grade	ID	Image Title	Comments	Score
A		Barnacle Rock	I love the long exposure that was used on this image. The detail is great in the foreground. The cliff face just seems a bit over saturated and dark.	6
A		Travel by Starlight	Interesting Astro photography. It is often hard to get the stars sharp. While you have a good depth of field here for the tree and grass, the stars are not sharp. You need to have focused on the lights in the distance to achieve better sharpness in the stars.	5
A		Beware or Else	I like the colour in this image. The battered look. I like how it has been taken on an angle. A lot to look at in the image. Tells quite a story.	8
A		Dune Climb	Great shot. Not sure if this is in Namibia or not, but I have seen similar over there. Good depth of field and composition.	5
A		Floating Orchid	Beautiful photo of this orchid. Almost too much white. I like the lighting that has been used and the composition and placement of the flower.	7
A		The Bass Player	I looked at this image on a couple of different screens. I just found it a bit too dark. He could be holding a stick. You would not know it was a guitar except for the title. I just feel a bit more definition in the guitar would have helped this image.	5
A		A Shot in the Dark	An interesting shot. I like the black & white. I think if this had been in colour the grain would have ruined it. As a B&W it works okay and is acceptable.	5
A		What'd we Do	An interesting image. Not sure what the plants are or supposed to be. Obviously, some pruning has been done and now you have new growth coming through. An interesting Macro shot. I find the cuttings in the background on the right a bit of a distraction.	5
A		Hold On	Good action shot of the rider. As there are a lot of things moving in this image some of the clarity has been lost. Just not quite sharp enough.	6
A		Standing His Ground	Wow, what a magnificent horned cow. A record shot of this animal. Does not seem to be quite in focus.	4
A		Lichen on the Rocks	If the centre of interest was supposed to be the lichen, then I think only those rocks should have been visible. If it is the whole landscape scene, then it seems dull overall.	5
A		Sparks Flying	I love light painting images. Twirling around burning	5

			steel wool. Great effects can be done with this. You just seemed to have missed the left-hand side a bit.	
<b>A</b>		Down by the Riverside	A very pleasant landscape scene by the river. I like the foot holds cut into the tree. Great depth of field and the lighting is fantastic.	7
<b>A</b>		Ripples at Sunrise	I love the abstract form of the rippled waves in the foreground. There are several images in this one image that one could use on their own. I think the rowers could have been lightened up a bit in Lightroom or Photoshop. Just to bring the shadow out more.	6

**IMAGE OF THE MONTH**  
(ONE only for each Grade please)

Grade	ID	Image Title	Reason for Placing
<b>A</b>		Beware or Else	Something totally different that has a story. How did this sign get like this? Where is it? Lots of questions. Well seen and taken. <b>(Elsbeth Twyman)</b>

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<b>AB</b>		A Bird in the Bush	A good shot of the Kite in the tree. Could be cropped in more to fill the frame with the bird.	5
<b>AB</b>		A Flying Kite	Great image of this kite. Good detail and composition. You have left room for the bird to fly into. You may have been able to increase the shadows slider to bring out the underside a bit more.	7
<b>AB</b>		Lazing Around	Good placement of this lizard in the image. Would like to have seen a greater depth of field used so more of the body was in focus. The lighting seems very bright.	5
<b>AB</b>		Not Shy	An interesting pose by this Whistling Duck. I like the lighting and composition. It has an almost surprised look on its face.	6
<b>AB</b>		Break Dancing Caterpillar	Good detail in the caterpillar. The lighting may have been better from above rather than from the side. This would show more detail of the caterpillar on the side facing the camera.	5
<b>AB</b>		Bar in a Winton Hotel	An interesting image. Left hand-side seems slightly out of focus to the right. Interesting saying written on the boards. I think you needed a bit more depth of field and focused on the fridges and not on the signs above.	5
<b>AB</b>		Old Steam Engine	A good record shot of times gone by. Good depth of field. Fills the frame.	5
<b>AB</b>		Beginning to Boil	Interesting image. The background seems a little dark. Perhaps cropping the top and right-hand side out may have been better. I would have like to have seen more of the bottom of the image.	5
<b>AB</b>		Walking on the Glacier	This image just seems a little bit dark. Using your shadow slider in Photoshop or Lightroom would have brought them out a lot more.	5
<b>AB</b>		The Light	An interesting image. It looks like a branch and it has been overexposed. A very interesting effect.	5

AB		The Portal	I'm not quite sure what the photographer is trying to say in this image. There are some interesting textures there with the leaves caught in the water.	5
AB		Mirror Mirror	A good shot of this masked plover. There is some movement in the raised foot and so it is not sharp. The water seems to be running out of the image just a fraction. Try and keep your horizons straight.	5
AB		Morning Visitor	Love the this shot of the bird. Good detail in the feathers. I love the catch light in the eye.	6
AB		Flower Family	I love the colours in use here. With flower and macro shots, the hardest thing is matching the angle of the camera to that of the flower. More often than not we chose straight on whereas, as in the case you would have been better to have gone with the angle of the centre flower and got it in focus. The rest of the flowers would have been fine.	6
AB		Horseshoe Bay Lagoon	A record shot of an outing with people with red hats. Just shows you how red works so well in an otherwise ordinary situation.	5
AB		Budding Lotus	Good composition. I like the dark background. Not sure what your focal point was or is supposed to be. Only the tip of the bud appears in focus.	5
AB		Swimming Ducks	I love the reflections of the ducks' heads in the water. A good shot.	5
AB		Captive Sunshine	Great shot. Nice and bright, love the colour. Good depth of field. I like the composition with the smaller flower behind and above the central one.	8
AB		Desert Sky	A good landscape image. Two thirds of the sky being shown. I like the diagonal lines in play.	5
AB		They're Racing	I love the leading line through this image. I like the red sail craft in the foreground which then lead you through to the right. I would almost crop out the sail on the left and leave 7137 and that bit of sea as the edge.	6
AB		Varied Lorikeet	Not a bad grab shot of the bird. A shame you have lost the detail in the wings. A different aperture setting may have helped get them in.	5
AB		Bike Rider	Not a bad attempt at an action shot. However your shutter speed may have been a little too fast as everything is frozen showing no motion. I can see the front wheel is in the air. It may have been better a fraction of a second or two later. I like the vignetting in the image.	6
AB		Train	A good record shot of the steam engine. I like that you have taken this on the vertical.	5
AB		Bee-Eater	Fantastic shot of the Bee-Eater with the catch in the beak. Well done. Good depth of field.	8
AB		Hunting Success	Fantastic image. If anything, I would have cropped out the bottom and taken some off the right. You don't need that big grey log in the image. Well taken.	7

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AB		Bee-eater	Great image. Well captured with the insect in the beak. <b>(Phensri Rutledge)</b>