

JUDGES REPORT

2022 – November - Open

Judge: Hans Schmidt
Maryborough

Grade	ID	Image Title	Comments	Score
A		Beautiful Park	A nice picture of the children in the park. I feel they could be more prominent in the image and cropping in from the top left corner to eliminate the left tree would increase their prominence and also remove the untidy branches at the top of the image.	5
A		Dragonfly	Very well contrasted against the background, the dragonfly has great detail in the wings and the rear of the body is very sharp. The whites around the front of the body seem a little too bright and could be toned down.	6
A		Blue Lotus	Well detailed flower which contrasts well against the background. I like the stems in the background being dimmed under the water, they don't intrude which I can't say about the diagonal stem at the bottom left, I feel this could be toned down like the others.	7
A		Stars over the bridge	I like the composition with the bridge at the bottom however the image lacks good processing to bring out the milky way. As it is there is little to interest the viewer and draw him in.	5
A		Setting over Mt Bonpland	Quite a striking image of the milky way over the mountains. The foreground foliage has been lit by the lights at the left, providing some good foreground interest. There does seem to be an overabundance of stars which could include noise. This would seem evident by the stars appearing in the tree foliage particularly noticeable in the tree at right.	6
A		Wild	A very moody landscape, I love the mountain detail in the background. The foreground has a leading line that leads your attention to the mountains along the creek. I like the overall feel of the image although it is rather flat and could be improved with some midtone contrast	7
A		Across the Andes	A lovely landscape, the colours are great on the mountains, I like the rocks scattered in the foreground although the bare ground patches on the right are overpowering the image. There is also considerable noise in the image which could be improved post process.	6
A		Light and Shadow in Rainforest	A nicely balanced image and the contrast between the light and shadow provide a feeling of depth in the image. Exposure has been well controlled	8

A		Passionfruit Tendrils	A very striking image well taken with the fine hairs showing on the tendrils. I would have liked to see more background surrounding the subject. I think they are too close to the edges, and one has to skip around too much to see the subject.	7
A		Photographing Flood-damaged Slides	An interesting still life, well exposed and detailed although there doesn't seem to be any connection between the objects.	5
A		Take off	A great shot of the lorikeet, a well-chosen f-stop has given full depth of field over the whole bird and focus is on the head and eye. Very well taken image.	8
A		Walking on Water	A good image of the Jacana, and it contrasts well with the background. You have good detail in the feathers and the head although the noise is quite prevalent and has softened the beak and head. Easy to remove in post	7
A		About to Hit the Dust	A nice action shot capturing the moment. The bull and rider are well separated from the background although the focus is a little soft. Focus seems to be on the watchers at the rear.	6
A		Little Shrike-thrush	Good separation of the bird and the background, I think that your depth of field was a little shallow which is evident on the bird's beak which is rather soft. There is good detail and exposure on the bird and the twig.	8
A		Racing Against Time	Very well captured with the hooves all in the air. Focus is on the horse and rider which are well separated from the background both in distance and exposure.	9
A		Strawberry Splash	A well-crafted image with the above and below view. Details and exposure are spot on. The strawberries are well contrasted with the background and the water droplets stand out well. Very nicely done	9
A		I'm Off	A well-timed shot with the bird just taking off. Good detail in the wing feathers and the body. Only thing missing is a catchlight in the eye.	5
A		Whacko	I like the image and getting a good shot of a black cockatoo is not always easy. There is good detail in the feather of the wings and body. I like the detail of the tail feathers. I think you have missed the point of focus with the head which has detail but is soft overall.	7
A		On Watch	A good Pelican portrait, I like the start of the bird with the body placed at the lower left corner. Good detail on the bird but I think your white balance was not quite right, the whites are a bit muddy	6
A		Solid Impact	Nicely taken shot of the braking wave crashing onto the rocks. There is good detail in the water and foam and set against the deep blue of the background sea make a very striking image. Only suggestion I would have is to crop down from the top to eliminate small section of sky, it is unnecessary.	7
A		Humpback Whale – Breaching	Good shot of the breaching although with the lack of sharp detail on the body I feel that this has been a heavily cropped image. The whites are also tinged with	4

			magenta tones which could be corrected post processing.	
A		Teamwork	An interesting angle from the back. Whilst you have the lady side profile, her companion is faceless, and it doesn't give me a feeling of connection. I think if the angle were slightly different to include some of her face as well this could have much more impact.	5
A		Dust Buster	Very good detail on the front of the truck, which framed well against the billowing dust. Good detail in the bush background which provides the sense of place.	7
A		Good One	Good BW portrait, very well separated from the background. I think the subject could have been better placed in the frame, his hair is chopped on two sides, and you need to watch the whites, the teeth are a touch too white	6

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A		Strawberry Splash	Well-crafted and grabs your attention (Cecily Jones)

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AB		Crested pigeon	The pigeon is well captured and has good detail albeit the image is on the dark side. The image could use some brightening and contrast to highlight the pigeon and make the image pop.	7
AB		Evening on rocks by the sea	You have good exposure and detail in the rocks where the wetness is providing good detail. There are considerable rocks in the foreground and the composition may be improved by simplifying the number of elements in the image. Also changing your position may reduce the prominence of the opposite shoreline.	5
AB		Don't you poke your blue tongue at me!	The image has the complete lizard from tongue to tail with even exposure. I'm not sure that the panoramic crop chosen which highlights the lizard is the most appropriate as your details are on the soft side. If you can I would suggest a lower angle would deliver some more interesting images	6
AB		Shhhh let sleeping koalas lie	A bundle of fur in the tree. Probably the most photographed type of image of a koala. The exposure and focus is good with no issues. Overall, the image would be improved if even the eye was open which would provide some additional interest in the koala	6
AB		Rocky Shore	The main rock is placed to the left in the image, the rock has good detail whilst the rest have exposure issues. More consideration to the time of day as well as composition would render an improved image.	4

			I think that changing your angle to provide the rocks as foreground interest against a larger landscape would be more effective.	
AB		Tractors from the past	Old machinery can provide a lot of interest, having the tractors all in a row makes for interesting comparisons. The exposure works well although the focus is rather soft across the image.	5
AB		Black Cockatoo	The Black cockatoo is well contrast to the green foliage and is well exposed. There are a few areas that the exposure is bordering over but they have been well controlled.	8
AB		Web	I like the limited colour palette, The web is well contrasted to the background. The composition could be improved with the two flower heads at the extreme left of the image. These are also the only parts of the web which are in focus, so that is something to watch. The rest of the web is somewhat out of focus and that takes a major part of the image.	6

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AB		Black Cockatoo	Well-constructed image (Dawn Furrage)