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Hello from the Editor...

Firstly, please let me apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter.

Being on the committee of my local club, there was lots to do in preparation for the new year to begin... new name badges, welcome bags (for new members), updating the handbook, setting up for the years competitions... the list goes on! Then in amongst all that, my eldest son got married! So, better late than never I guess!

Well, what a year 2020 has been! I think I'm not alone in saying I'm glad it's done and dusted. Here's hoping 2021 will continue to improve and we can all meet face to face in our clubs once more. It seems more and more clubs are back holding their regular meetings (Covid-safe of course)... but one thing this Covid hasn't stopped, is our passion for photography! Competitions, exhibitions and the like have not waned, but increased.

Unfortunately there is no PSQ Convention this year. We were hoping and keeping fingers crossed it would go ahead, but without being able to predict what will happen down the track, it's makes sense to cancel, considering all the hard work that goes into putting these events on!

However..... planning is going ahead to host a "Zoom Convention" at the end of May. Details to follow.

PSQ BBQ : March 13th

And don't forget to register for the PSQ BBQ!

Registration closes March 10th. This is important for Catering and Covid compliance purposes.

This BBQ is on us, so just bring yourself, your camera and your smile!

Hope to see you there!

PSQ BBQ

13th March 2021

10am to 3pm

At Oxley Common

258 Sherwood Road, Rocklea



Our Shout!

- Speakers
- Workshop (TBC)
- Delicious Food & Drinks
- Make new friends and catch up with old!
 - Bring a chair
 - More details to follow

RSVP is **essential** by March 10th (for catering purposes and attendance list) to Kate at secretary@psq.org.au

Hope to see you all there!

Salon of Excellence Queensland...

The Salon of Excellence (SEQ) 2021 competition is open for entry upload and closes Friday 2nd of April.

The invitation has been sent to clubs and your club secretary should have forwarded it to their members. The email had the Invitation plus a fillable PDF for your print entries.

The documents can also be downloaded from the PSQ website and also the Gympie Camera Club page:

<https://gympiecameraclub.wixsite.com/gcci/what-s-happening>

<http://www.psq.org.au/>

Competition Upload:

www.photocompentries.net/?ORG=PSQ

Go check out the PSQ website... lots of info there!



<http://www.psq.org.au/>

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/256974677798678>

JUDGES EXECUTIVE

Please note that the recordings made for the Judges' Forum are now available on the PSQ website.

<http://www.psq.org.au/judges-forum-2020.html>

You can also find the newly updated... yes, new and improved... Judges manual! This has helpful information for Judges AND clubs!

Download your copy here...

<http://www.psq.org.au/understudy-judge-forms--info.html>

BEAUDESERT CAMERA CLUB

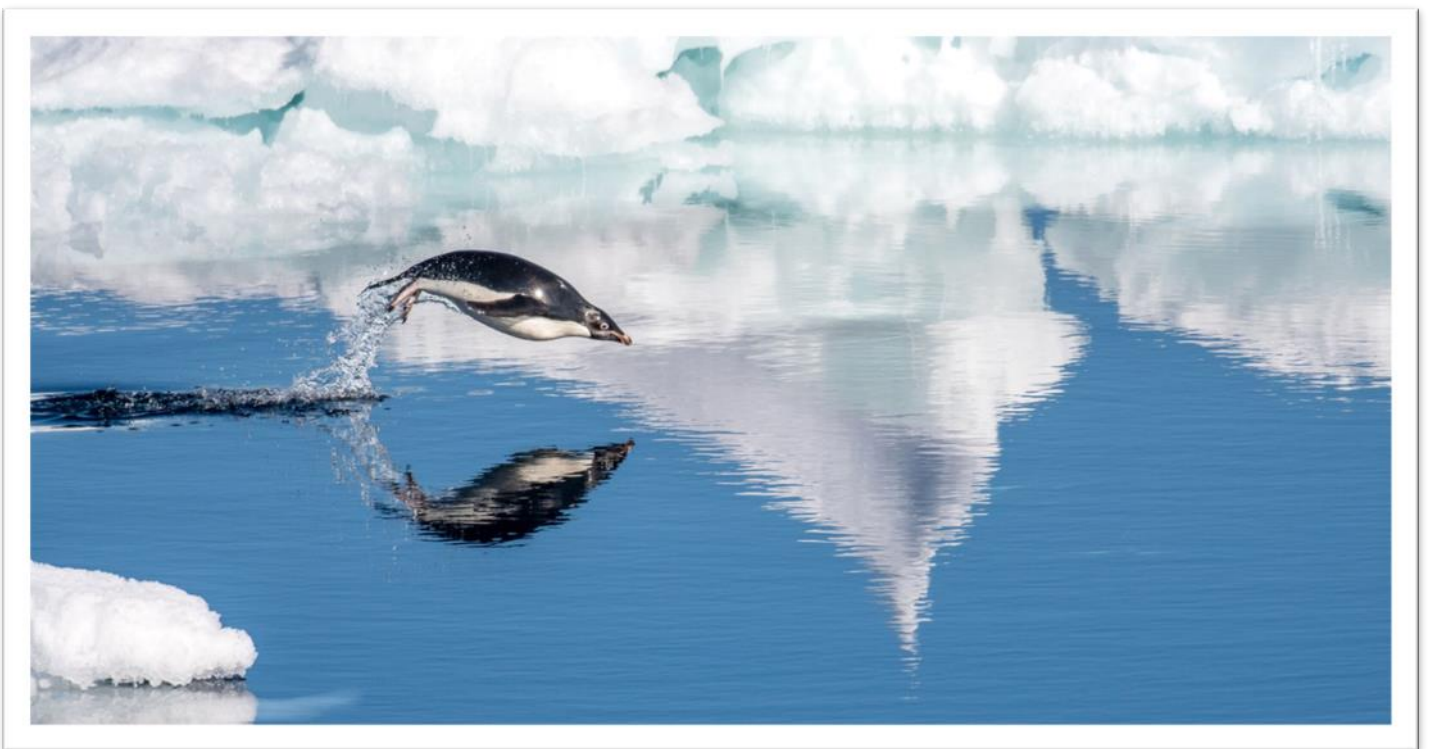
Without question the last 12 months has been difficult for everyone, but thankfully we are now starting to see some normality re-enter our lives again.

Although the club hasn't had a meeting during the last 12 months, it has remained active with club outings, critiques and also through our Facebook Page - Exposure Unlimited Beaudesert Camera Club Inc.

It was therefore especially good to hold a club meeting on 26th January 2021, the first since February 2020. We were at last able to present awards to our 2020 competition winners, catch up with members and share some fun conversations.

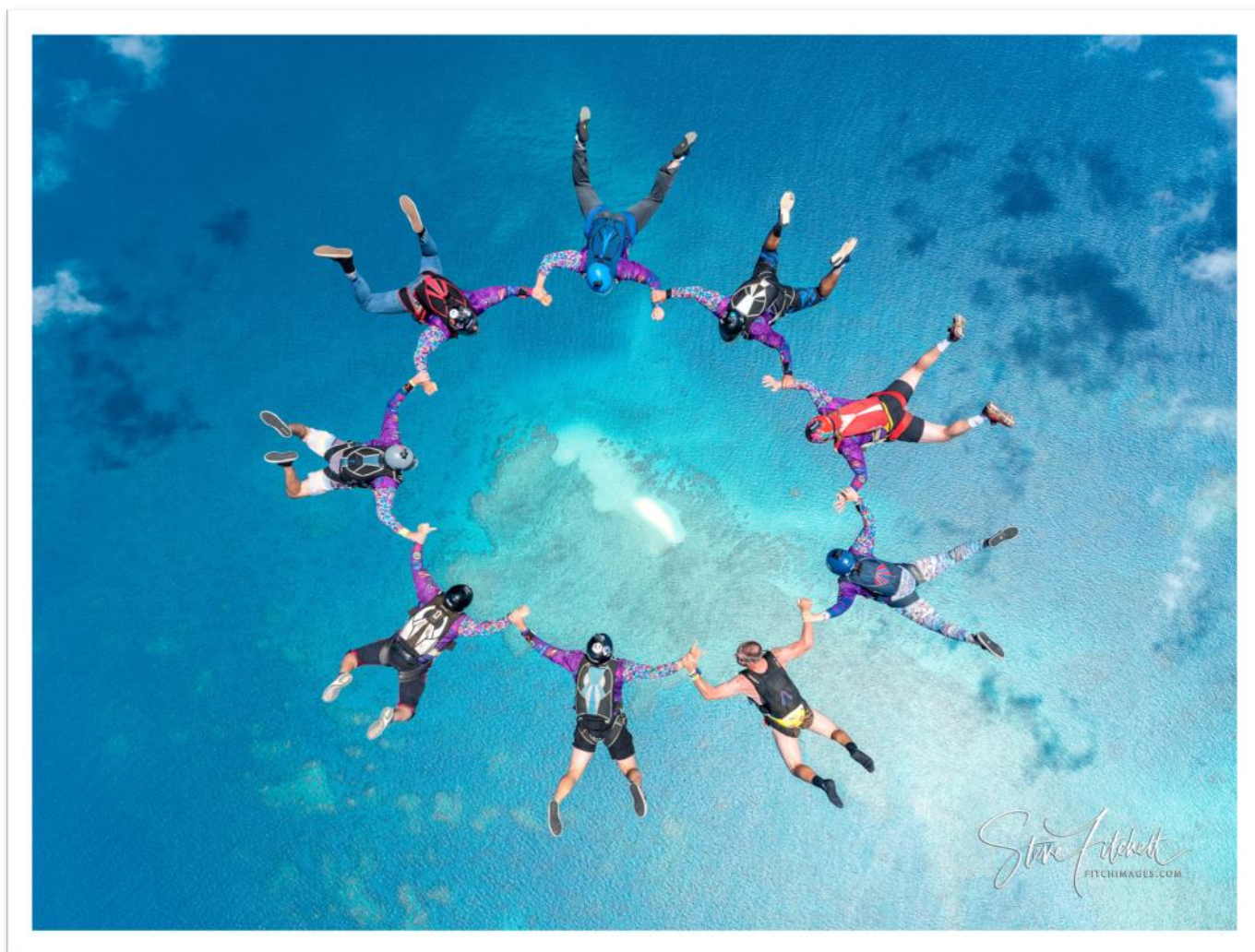
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on February 23rd 2021. We will then be able to discuss a path forward for the club.

Below is a copy of the overall 2020 winning image by Ian Hinrichsen.

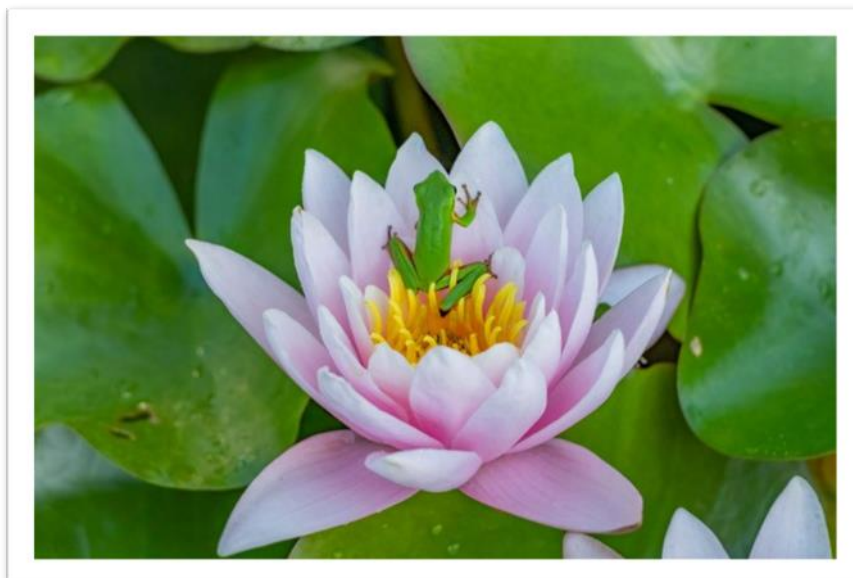


Ian Hinrichsen is the Beaudesert Club Secretary. Ian lives in Park Ridge, Brisbane. The stunning Penguin photo was taken by Ian whilst travelling in Antarctica in 2020. You already have this image.

The photo of a group of skydivers circling the Cay Island in Far North Queensland was taken by Steve Fitchett (skydive photographer and videographer), who is a club member. Steve lives in Canungra.



The photo of the Frog on the Lilly was taken by Kerri-anne Cook, also a club member. Kerri lives in Hillcrest, Brisbane.



The Queensland Camera Group is on the move...

After 14 years at its Bardon clubhouse, QCG is about to take up a new residence at SPACE, Kenmore Hills (corner Branton and Paley Streets).

Their first 2021 meeting in the new space will kick off with a bang with guest speaker Mark Rayner talking all things bird photography. The meeting will be a hybrid of face to face and Zoom, allowing members to either attend the new venue or watch live from their home.

The Community Hall at Bardon has been QCG's home for 14 years. The club moved to Bardon when Stewart Parker was president, with Gaye Edwards taking over the reins the following year. Here the club has hosted many of its own meetings along with PSQ events and BBQs.

Back in 2019 the club knew it would soon be time for a change – an increase in membership saw speaker and judging nights bursting at the seams, and with social distancing requirements the norm in 2021, the need to move was sealed!

SPACE is an open plan meeting venue, also managed by Community. It is nestled within a very green corner in Kenmore, beside a picturesque creek, with good street parking, kitchen facilities and disabled access.

The club is very much looking forward to this new chapter.



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Legendary Portrait Photographer Rob Heyman presents to QCG members at the Bardon Hall.

QCG member Rodney Nancarrow (left) helps Competition Officer David Bullock with print judging.



QCG members chat about the prints on display at Bardon.

A great photo opportunity...



CHRYSLER OWNERS' CLUB OF QLD INC. PRESENTS
31st ANNIVERSARY
CHRYSLER EXPO 2021
WITH VINTAGE AND HISTORIC THEMED EXHIBITS

**A FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST
ROCKLEA SHOWGROUNDS**

**CLASSIC
CHRYSLERS**
INCL: AMC, JEEP,
ROOTES GROUP
AND SIMCA VEHICLES.



**SWAP MEET
AND TRADE SITES**

A WIDE RANGE OF ATTRACTIONS IN ONE LOCATION FOR JUST ONE DAY!

Expo will feature the 'show n shine' of Chrysler marque vehicles, the swap meet and the diverse range of vintage and historic themed exhibits. Exhibitors are welcome to come in period dress. Within the Covid 19 Safety Plan applicable to the Show Grounds, a crowd of up to 5000 can be admitted. There will be strict adherence to social distancing, hygiene, contact tracing and other rules. Presentation of Chrysler Expo will be conditional upon Covid Safe rules and health authority directives that may apply to March 2021. If Expo 2021 is cancelled, notices will be posted on the Chrysler Expo Face Book page, the Chrysler Owners' Car Club Face Book page and web site.

Sunday 5 September 2021 Rocklea Show Grounds has been reserved as a backup in case of 21 March cancellation.



Entry via Goburra Street
Entry Prices: Adults \$5 Children FREE (up to 14 yrs)
Judging of vehicles an extra \$5
Trade sites from \$20, Swap sites \$10, Trophy sponsorships available.

www.chryslerownersclubqld.com
Email: chryslerexpo@gmail.com

 **CHRYSLER EXPO QLD**
for latest details.

A Snapshot of Bunya Mountain Fungi

By Ken Chapman & Mary Mahoney

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Gympie Camera Club member and club patron, Ken Chapman has just published his first ever book that has taken years in the making!

This book contains photos of fungi at one geographic location, the Bunya Mountains, and were captured by Ken, a photographer with success in both National and International competitions. Descriptions of the fungi and the photographic techniques used have been documented by Mary Mahoney. Both Ken and Mary, and their families have long associations with the Bunya Mountains.

Ken has photographed fungi there for more than forty years. Photography is used not only to capture a view but can be considered as an art form. The effects of lighting and the technical choices provided by cameras can create a whole new and exciting view of whatever is being photographed. Photos selected for inclusion in this book were photographed at the Bunya Mountains, mostly on private property and in Russell Park.

These photographs focus more on providing a cross section of species to show what has been found in the area and will contribute to a national data collection record that may benefit anyone who is interested in this intriguing world of fungi, a living thing that is neither plant nor animal.

For each photo included in this book, information is provided about each specimens' location, its appearance and on what it was growing— its substrate. The way each photograph was taken usually depended on the purpose for recording it... artistic with possible entry into a photographic competition, or scientific to provide biological details or, more simply, to note the existence of a species.

As well as providing a database of Bunya Mountain fungi, it is to be hoped that this book will be helpful in providing photographic techniques and settings to capture clear and effective photos for anyone who is interested in taking such photos.

This is a beautiful book with luxurious glossy pages in full colour and boasts a whopping 258 pages. The fungi in this book can also be found in most places in Queensland, so this will be a handy field guide for anyone!

Books cost \$50 plus \$14 postage and handling. To purchase your copy, please complete a bank transfer into the below account and send your deposit reference with address details to Ken or Mary.

Account details:

Name: Ken Chapman

BSB: 03412 Acc #: 382777

*Please use your name or business name to identify your deposit.



SMALL GRANTS TO CLUBS

PSQ annually (if funding available) awards a total of \$2000, of which clubs can apply for a maximum of \$1000. If more clubs apply, the amount a club receives *may* be reduced depending on the application.

Application closing date to be advised

To download the application form and Criteria for grants, go to

<http://www.psq.org.au/forms--documents>

- The application must be completed in full by a club, group or society wishing to apply for funding within the PSQ Grant Program.
- The applicant group must be a financially affiliated member of The Photographic Society of Queensland Inc.
- If you would like further information or assistance to complete the application, please contact the Secretary.

A hard copy of this application can be mailed to:

PSQ Grant Program, PO Box 984 GYMPIE QLD 4570.

We also recommend emailing an electronic copy to: secretary@psq.org.au

Your camera club and PSQ.

PSQ's charter is to provide an array of services to our affiliates and their members, such as:- Competition opportunities, Accredited Judges and Guest Speakers for club events, Forum and Workshop opportunities, Remote Judging services, a range of equipment that clubs may borrow and Public Liability Insurance coverage if required. Showcase the work of your club by booking a month's exposure as our Featured Club of the Month on our website.

All members of affiliated camera clubs are automatically members of PSQ. As a member of PSQ, you are afforded the opportunity to network right across QLD and northern NSW with other people and other clubs who share your passion for photography. The PSQ committee includes members from clubs from the south of the state to the far north. There may be a committee member in your area or you too could get involved.

For More Information:

Please contact the PSQ President (listed on the PSQ website) about the benefits and cost of affiliation with the PSQ family of camera clubs.

Photograph Whatever Makes You Happy

by Alex Cooke

From | Fstoppers | <https://fstoppers.com/education>

It is easier than ever to consume literally thousands of photographs with just the swipe of a finger, and that is both a blessing and a curse, as that means we can be easily influenced into chasing trends and popular styles. This excellent video discusses the importance of discovering your own identity and photographing what makes you happy.

Coming to you from Henry Turner, this fantastic video discusses the importance of embracing what makes you happy and exploring your own creativity. Of course, if you are a professional, you have to be aware of client's wishes and of general stylistic trends, but even then, it is your personal creative identity that helps you stand out from the crowd and that attracts potential clients, which is why so many professionals advocate for the importance of constantly pursuing personal projects. After all, at the end of the day, we all picked up a camera for the first time because it was something that excited us and made us happy, and getting dragged into mimicking trends can end up sucking all of the fun out of it. Remember that at the end of the day, you choose where you point the camera and how you edit the images. Check out the video on the Fstoppers website for the full rundown from Turner.

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\*My thoughts... I feel this is so important, to love what you do in your photography journey. I have heard of club members wanting to know who their judges are in upcoming competitions so they can please the judge and possibly come away with awards. My thoughts on this is to enter work that you love despite who the judge is... and you will come away euphoric knowing the judge loved what YOU loved.

Cheers, Gayle

## **Surat Shutterbugs**

The Maranoa Regional Council employ the Surat Shutterbugs to photograph the festivities on Australia Day. The venue is on the banks of the Balonne River, an ideal place for Australia Day celebrations

We are looking forward to having a workshop on the 27th & 28th of February. This workshop will be conducted by two talented photographers from the Gold Coast.

Thanks to member Sandy for her organisation and making this happen.



## Another Noir shoot for Gympie Camera Club!

A fun and fantastic night had by the members of the Gympie Camera Club on our Noir shoot at the Mary Valley Heritage Rattler station. Huge thanks to the people at the Rattler for letting us use the station for our shoot.

And big thanks to past member Greg Lawler for the loan of his smoke machine, and to club member Maureen McCarthys' friends Rob and Carol White who came dressed in costume in their 1937 Chev. and member Robin Yates for his toy guns.

Noir is a subject in the Tewantin Shield Interclub Competition coming up in October.





"Preparing Pomegranates" - Christine Reichl

# 48<sup>th</sup> Warragul National Photographic Competition and Exhibition 2021

Entries now open, close 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

Exhibition at West Gippland Arts Centre,  
Warragul, 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May

Over \$5,000 in Prizes

See [www.warragulnational.org](http://www.warragulnational.org)

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# PSQ 'Queenslander' Print Exhibition

The PSQ Queenslander Travelling Photo Exhibition is available for any PSQ affiliated clubs to utilise at club functions, workshops, exhibitions, or as a display at your club. If you would like to take advantage of this lovely collection of photographs, please contact PSQ to arrange delivery.

## Join Other Clubs on Your Travels

Are you are travelling across Queensland throughout the year? Why not pop in and visit the neighbouring camera clubs while you're on your journey. If you would like to join them and meet some friendly like minded people, get in touch and organise to meet up at their club meetings or get together and chat about all things photography.

You will find a list of all PSQ affiliated clubs on the PSQ Website below:

<http://www.psq.org.au/affiliated-clubs.html>

## Photographic Society of Queensland

For further information for your club and members please visit [www.psq.org.au](http://www.psq.org.au)

You will find information on:

Affiliated clubs List – club Secretaries, please ensure your details are current

Judges List – contact details & accreditation information provided here

Judges manual – very informative

PSQ Insurance Policy – information about what your club is covered for

Featured Club Images – Would like your clubs images featured on the PSQ website?

Please contact Web Admin, Fran McFadzen, for details at: [psqweb@gmail.com](mailto:psqweb@gmail.com)

Lecturers & Presenters Lists – This is updated regularly on the PSQ website



## Share Your Club News in the PSQ Newsletter

Has your club been up to anything exciting?

Have you got a photo/s you would like to share in the PSQ Newsletter?

Do you have a photography story that you would like to tell?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please contact me on the email address below.

Your club's exciting activities and outings can be seen by the other fifty plus affiliated PSQ club's by sharing your events, stories and photos! Written articles to be submitted as a **1 x A4 Word Doc or Docx**.

Please ensure any photographs emailed through are your own or come with permission from the photographer. Also include the photographer's name and photograph title so the artist can be credited. This would be most appreciated.

Please submit photographs as **Jpegs no larger than 800kb in size**.

**Note:** Submissions for the June edition are required by 31st May 2019. Articles for inclusion will be at the discretion of the Editor and/or PSQ Committee and may be edited and/or corrected if required.

Advertising flyers for upcoming club events are required to be submitted in a PDF format that includes all details, with reduced sized images, A4 Portrait shape preferred, and no larger than 800kb in size.

Please keep written articles to a minimum of 1 x A4 page. Images to be jpeg attached to email, not embedded in.

Contact the Editor: [editor@psq.org.au](mailto:editor@psq.org.au)

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