



Port Macquarie Panthers Photographic Club Inc.

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2026 PROGRAM

- Refer to the back of this program for instructions on preparing Digital Image Competition JPG files
- For your convenience, **Image Evaluation Night**, **Competition**, **Club Challenge**, **Portfolio Night**, **Special Event** and **EXCURSION** items are highlighted
- **Competition Set Subject** and **Club Challenge** images must be taken during the 12 months prior to the submission month
- **NOTE CLUB CHALLENGE** entries every two months alternating with Competitions
- **NOTE COMPETITION** entries every two months alternating with Club Challenges; make sure you check limitations for DIGITAL ONLY, DIGITAL & PRINT, COLOUR only/and/or MONOCHROME

AUGUST 2026

Aug 4 Tuesday *Committee Meeting 7 PM*

Aug 11 Tuesday **Image Evaluation Night**

1. Judges' comments on recent Competitions
2. Monthly Club Challenge images to be critiqued
3. Photo Walk slideshows
4. Photographic skills development TBA

Due: DIGITAL ONLY Competition entries for Open Colour/Mono and Set Subject Colour/Mono = Subject only partly in the frame

Due: No Club Challenge entries this month

Aug 17 Monday **PHOTO WALK** – Kempsey alleyways and architecture

We will spend time in Kempsey looking at some of the street art and architecture around town. Start time at 9:15AM for a 9:30AM start, with the meeting place and a lunch destination to be announced soon.

Leader = Tom Sheppard

B&W SIG will join the photo walk chasing some more abstract photographs.

Aug 24 Monday **Guest Speaker** – Catherine Cloran visual artist and photographer living on the Mid North Coast

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep 1 Tuesday *Committee Meeting 10 AM Kove*

Sep 8 Tuesday **Portfolio Night**

Members to bring a portfolio of 5-10 digital images/ prints/ e-zines to be presented and discussed. The portfolio may represent some of the best work from their collection, or their favourite work showcasing a genre of photography, or their best results from a small project that they have been focused upon or ideas that they have been developing, etc.

Due: No Competition entries this month

Due: Club Challenge Colour/Mono = Time

Sep 14 Monday **PHOTO WALK** TBA

Sep 22 Tuesday **15 Minutes of Fame** – Members will tell us about creative experiences they have been up to now or in the past, what creative ideas they have been experimenting with, what other creative hobbies they enjoy, what amazing gear they have recently acquired, what special creative projects they have been working on, etc.

Sep 29 Tuesday **Movie Night** Featuring the atmospheric landscapes of Scottish photographer Bruce Percy

OCTOBER 2026

Oct 6 Tuesday *Committee Meeting 10 AM Kove*

Oct 13 Tuesday *2027 Programming Meeting 10am Kove*

Oct 13 Tuesday **Image Evaluation Night**

1. Judges' comments on recent Competitions
2. Monthly Club Challenge images to be critiqued
3. Photo Walk slideshows
4. Photographic skills development TBA

Due: DIGITAL & PRINT Competition entries for Open Colour/Mono and Set Subject Colour/Mono = Double Exposure

Due: No Club Challenge entries this month

Oct 19 Monday **MONDAY PHOTO WALK** TBA

Oct 27 Tuesday **Recorded Webinar: Composition in Landscape Photography**—presented by Mieke Boynton

NOVEMBER 2026

- Nov 3 Tuesday *Committee Meeting 10 AM Kove* 10:00 AM Kove
- Nov 10 Tuesday **My Travels** – 4 x members will present their travel photographs.
Due: No Competition entries this month
Due: Club Challenge Colour/Mono = Dogs in the style of Elliott Erwit
- Nov 16 Monday **MONDAY DAY EXCURSION** TBA
- Nov 17 Tuesday *Special Committee Meeting 10 AM Kove– 2027 Planning* 10:30am Kove
- Nov 24 Tuesday **Image Evaluation Night**
1. Judges' comments on recent Competitions
 2. Monthly Club Challenge images to be critiqued
 3. Photo Walk slideshows
 4. Photographic skills development TBA

DECEMBER 2026

- Dec 1 Tuesday *Committee Meeting 10 AM Kove* 10:00 AM Kove
- Dec 8 Tuesday **NO MEETING THIS NIGHT**
- Dec 15 Tuesday **SPECIAL EVENT End of Year Club Luncheon**
TBA.
Due: Northern Zone 2027 Digital Set Subject "TBA"
Due: No Club Challenge entries this month

**SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR A SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S
CLUB CHALLENGES AND COMPETITION SET SUBJECTS**

ABOUT PORT MACQUARIE PANTHERS PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

PMPPC is affiliated with the Federation of Camera Clubs NSW and Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Regular Meetings are held monthly January to November on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Port Macquarie Panthers Club, starting at 7:00pm. **Special Interest Groups (B&W, Macro, Nature & Wildlife)** and **Practical Workshops** are dispersed throughout the year on the 1st Tuesday in a month 7:00 – 9:30pm. **Movie Nights** are held on the 5th Tuesday in a month when it occurs, starting at 7:00pm.

There are seven competitions throughout the year that are judged by external judges.

Guest speakers, image evaluations, portfolio nights and photographic workshops occur at regular intervals.

The Club also organises occasional half day excursions, weekend outings or trips away, which may or may not be known when the annual program is produced.

Visitors are always welcome!

CLUB CONTACTS & LINKS

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SET SUBJECTS FOR CLUB CHALLENGES AND COMPETITIONS

MONTH	CLUB CHALLENGES (all Digital)	COMPETITION SET SUBJECTS	COMP FORMAT
January	Insect (Colour/Mono)	Image of the Year (see next page)	Digital & Print
February		Boat (Colour or Monochrome)	Digital Only
March	Stop a stranger in the street and take their portrait (Colour/Mono)		
April		Street Photography (Monochrome)	Digital & Print
May	Wind (Colour/Mono)		
June		Reflections (Colour or Mono)	Digital Only
July	Something beginning with "E" (Colour/Mono)		
August		Subject only party in the frame (Colour or Monochrome)	Digital Only
September	Time (Colour/Mono)		
October		Double Exposure (Colour or Mono)	Digital & Print
November	Dogs in the style of Elliott Erwitt (Colour/Mono)		
December		Northern Zone 2026 TBA (Colour)	Digital Only

COMPETITION RULES

	Prints	Digital
Entries per round (not every month) Note rounds may specify Colour only/and/or Monochrome – read the program carefully. Digital entries can be used for every competition. Prints are only required for IOTY, April and October competitions.	Maximum 2 entries Open colour <i>only/and/or</i> Open monochrome 2 Set Subject	Maximum 2 entries Open colour <i>only/and/or</i> Open monochrome 2 Set Subject
Image of the Year Maximum 3 entries in each section Digital Images only for Nature	3 Open colour 3 Open mono 3 Altered Reality	3 Open colour 3 Open mono 3 Altered Reality 3 Nature
2025 Image of the Year photographs must have been taken between <u>30 Nov 2024 and 30 Nov 2025</u> .		
Club Challenges (alternate months)		2 per Challenge subject
Print mount size	The mount must be 12" x 16" (305mm x 406mm) in the standard rectangular format.	
Maximum image size	The print may be any shape or size, provided its measurements are less than the mount in each direction.	1920Wx1200H pixels
Deadlines We have deadlines for entries of prints and digital images to assist competition administration: • Prints for a bimonthly Competition round are due on the first Tuesday meeting of January, April, October, with digital version uploaded into Visual Pursuits (VP) to register the entry. • Digital Image entries for a bimonthly Competition round must be uploaded into VP by midnight on the first Tuesday meeting of January, February, April, June, August, October, December • Digital Image entries for a Club Challenge must be uploaded by midnight on the first Tuesday meeting of January, March, May, July, September, November • Late entries will not be accepted without prior approval of the Image Steward, and only in extenuating circumstances.		

PREPARING DIGITAL IMAGES FOR PRESENTATION

The pixel dimensions (1920Wx1200H) of digital image files should be observed to minimise cloud storage. Please refer to the website for instructions on preparing size-compliant digital image files.

DIGITAL and PRINT COPY FILE NAMING CONVENTIONS

Digital Image naming conventions are managed within the Visual Pursuits competition entry system input form. The Digital and Print Copy Image title must be entered directly on the VP form. Now superseded Member Numbers are not required in Visual Pursuits on image filenames. Your Image Name must be exactly as will be seen by a judge.