



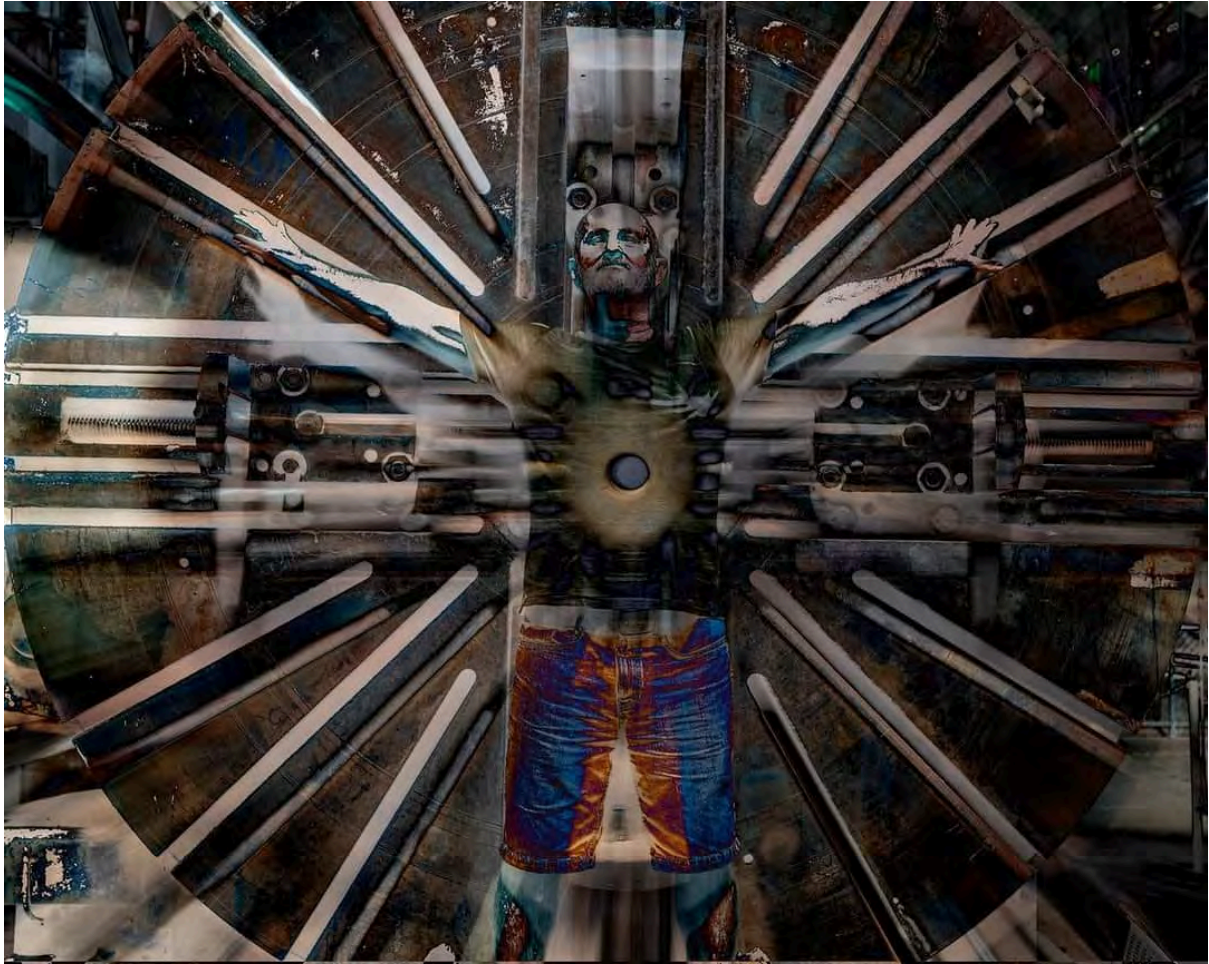
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MPS TOP SHOT 2023







Macarthur Photographic Society certainly finished with a bang in 2023, with a great Top Shot night along with an excellent supper, which was coordinated by our skilled caterer Eileen Neville. We had many beautiful images showcased by our talented members, presented by the Competition Secretary Christine Maidment in an interesting new format which was very well received. We were lucky enough to secure professional photographer Ben Kopilow as the judge for the night, who gave great feedback with his analyses on the photos presented and ways to improve on runner-up photos.

Our winner of the inaugural Robert Rosee Top Shot 2023 Award was **Bruce Wallace**, with his stunning creation of "Industrial Sacrifice" - heartfelt congratulations, Bruce!

Members Choice Award

This year, the Members Choice Award was won by Graham Flippence for his beautiful image entitled "York". Congratulations, Graham.

You will also find the Category Finalists and Winners in the table below. I believe we all presented a great body of work this year and a hearty congratulations to us all!



2023 Top Shot Finalists – (Category Winner + Highly Commended Certificates)

Robert Rosee Top Shot 2023 Winner - Bruce Wallace “Industrial Sacrifice”

Colour DIGITAL

Confrontaton_EileenNeville - Highly Commended

EtherealBird_LisaEverett - Highly Commended

LifesTurmoil_NeilLoomes - CategoryWINNER

Smoking_FrancesTang - Highly Commended

Monochrome DIGITAL

AutumnsLast_MichaelCox - Highly Commended

Branches_TonyNaumovski - Highly Commended

FitForCows_PaulGordon - Highly Commended

Hanging Out_LisaEverett - Highly Commended

LadyInWhite_EileenNeville - Category WINNER

Shadow_EddieLim

Colour PRINT

IndustrialSacrifice_BruceWallace- Category WINNER
LiftOff_NeilLoomes - HighlyCommended
LittleBridge_BruceWallace -Highly Commended
MountAnnan_TonyNaumovski - HighlyCommended
TwistedBrother_NeilLoomes -Highly Commended

Monochrome PRINT

Agave_LynForbes - HighlyCommended
BlackTree_TonyNaumovski - HighlyCommended
Complexity_TonyNaumovski - HighlyCommended
MyCityOfSydney_BruceWallace- Highly Commended
VooDoYouDoo_NeilLoomes - CategoryWINNER

Yearly Points Results:

Colour Digital

1st David Williams – 67 points
2nd Eileen Neville – 64 points
3rd Evi Messer – 62 points

Monochrome Digital

1st David Williams – 62 points
2nd Michael Cox – 59 points
3rd Lisa Everett & Eddie Lim – 56 points

Colour Print

1st Bruce Wallace – 69 points
2nd Tony Naumovski – 61 points
3rd Cyril Kirkland – 53 points

Monochrome Digital

1st Tony Naumovski & Bruce Wallace – 75 points
3rd Cyril Kirkland – 51 points

Photographic Challenge Cup

1st Christine Maidment – 63 points
(1st in Technical Skill Challenge component- 36 points)

2nd Eileen Neville – 52 points
(1st in Artistic Challenge component – 33points)
3rd Kristina Took – 41 points

Members Choice Image of the Month

Graham Flippence “York”

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024 and I know it has rolled around quicker than we would all like again but let's look forward to a fantastic photography year. Many people make New Year's Resolutions but they rarely stick because they are just a statement of change without any specific details. So let's all make a photographic goal for the year. Goals are more likely to succeed because they take a bit of planning and a bit more conviction. Think of something that you have always wanted to do or become better at doing in your photographic endeavors. It may be a different genre of photography that you are unfamiliar with, it may be something in post processing or printing that you don't understand, it may be a location or a subject that you have always wanted to capture or it could be a new bit of kit that you have always wanted to have. Write it down on a post-it note and stick it somewhere obvious like on your computer monitor, your fridge etc so that each time you see it you can think how you are going to achieve it. Google it, ask another member or whatever you need to to accomplish the goal this year. If you achieve it it will give you great satisfaction and confidence to set another one to tackle.

As mentioned on the Top Shot Night, and more details are below, we are planning another display of our work and Macarthur Photographic Society as a whole to the wider community. This is always a great opportunity to attract new members as over time people come and go from any group for many reasons. So to keep our membership numbers strong, having a great array of images on show and members on hand to chat about the Society is invaluable. The only way any society or club stays strong is having members who are active in the various events.

The 2024 MPS calendar is looking very strong and we should be able to publish the first six months in the first Cable Release of February so keep an eye out for that and as we finalise the second half of the year (very shortly) if you have any ideas please let the Committee know.

Kind Regards

Neil Loomes
MPS President
January 2024

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

February 7

Entries for February Competition due

February 7

Post Production (online) meeting

February 10

Photowalk with Douwe Dijkstra (Dex)

February 14

Competition Meeting

Judge: **Linda Fury**

Artistic Creative Challenge: **Urban Symmetrical**

February 24

Second Photowalk with Douwe Dijkstra (Dex)

February 28

Presentation Meeting

Presenter: **Sandra Dann**

Topic: Snapshot or Showcase: Deciding Between Happy Snap and Photography Excellence

[SEE MORE DATES](#)

Photographic Challenges 2024

We have a whole list of challenges throughout 2024 to motivate ourselves to get out there and start snapping! A mention was made of this in the December Cable Release, and the document has been loaded onto the MPS Member Chat Page, so that you can download it and have it handy to refer to.

Click on the button below which will take you to the MPS website where you can download the document

[Download 2024 Photographic Challenges](#)

NEWS

The first **Post Production** Zoom meeting for the year will be on the first Wednesday of February the 7th. This year we will get a little more hands on and we will work on some of your images. So everyone will need to supply an image that they want to work on but are not sure about the direction to take with it or need some help with, or just want to throw it into the mix and see what can be done with it. People need to be on their computers and be ready to share their screens and the group will have some input into the processing. Images can also be sent to the Presidents email.

Topic: Macarthur Photographic Society's Post Production Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 7, 2024 07:30 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83390220950?pwd=bVpLTnlidXplSWxPZkE5ZTYxSXdZQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 9022 0950

Passcode: 778854

Photowalk with Douwe Dijkstra

We have our first photowalk with Douwe Dijkstra (Dex) on **Saturday February 10**, where he will show us how he captures his wonderful black and white images. We will meet in Hyde Park in the City (exact place and time to be announced) and we will walk around with him for approximately 5 hours, so wear your comfortable shoes. We announced this first outing in the 01 November Cable Release, and you had to put your name down with the Social Secretary quick smart, as the first photowalk (only 7 participants allowed) filled up within a couple of days!

If you have missed out on the first outing, don't despair as we were lucky enough to have secured another day with Dex, on **Saturday 24 February 2024**. If you're interested in attending that one, please email the Social Secretary pronto or you'll miss out on this one as well.....

My inspiration

Grandfather
Aart Klein
Anton Corbijn
Max Dupain
Joel Tjintjelaar
Markus Andersen



Monochrome Visions
October 2023

MPS Social Secretary

Macarthur Square Display

In 2022 we held a display at Macarthur Square, showcasing images produced by our members, which was very successful in getting our name out into the wider community and promoting the Society generally. It certainly helps us attract new members and has been our most successful way of encouraging people to come to the Society and join.

This year we will be having another MPS display at Macarthur Square over 3 days, The final date to be finalised with the Square ASAP. With trying to avoid Public and School Holidays it may be as early as 8th of March dependant on free space so we need to be ready to go with it. We are in the planning and organising stages now and a lot of background work has been done. Neil Loomes has organised with a local (Camden) printer and framer to provide the matting and actually place your 8" x12" or 8" x 10" print within the mat, for a nominal \$5 fee.

In order for this to happen we will need images printed and handed in to the Society by **28 February 2024** (Presentation Meeting), so start thinking about which images of yours you would like to display. We may be able to utilise the same image at a couple of other smaller shopping centres as well in the near future and that will be better value for money for the one set of prints and it

will help drive membership to the Society. For the Competition Team to produce the name labels for the images for display you will need to send a digital place holder of the image (same as normal entries) and the file name as follows. JefferySmith-BlueSpottedWren.jpg (each word with a capital to start) to the Assistant Competition Secretary at compassistantmpsinc@gmail.com. Also we will need the \$5.00 per image for matting paid the Society account with an email with details sent to the Treasurer at treasurermpsinc@gmail.com. 4 images per member will be allowed. (If you want to add more just let the Secretary know).

We will provide further information about what is needed, plus call for volunteers to man the stalls, over the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please speak to the President Neil Loomes, or the Secretary Marie McLaurin, or email them at -

MPS President

MPS Secretary

The Elvis Train

Some hardy souls managed to drag themselves out of bed in the (very) early hours last Thursday, to travel into Central Station to see all the Elvis' heading off on the Elvis train to Tamworth for the annual Elvis Festival. A great morning was had by all - who knew there could be so many different versions of Elvis!

The morning was finished off nicely by breakfast in one of the many cafe's along the Grand Concourse.



Competition Meeting

Our first competition meeting for the year will be on **14 February 2024**. Our judge is Linda Fury , and the Challenge is Urban Symmetry.

Your entries need to be received by **7 February 2024**, including a placeholder for printed images.

COMPETITIONS

REGULAR COMPETITION INFO

Digital entries to be submitted by the Wednesday before each Competition Meeting.

Entries to be sent to: entriesmpsinc@gmail.com.

Print entries \$1 ea, digital entries \$2 ea by EFT or bank deposit.

Payment remittance forms to be sent to: treasurersmpsinc@gmail.com.

The Hall will be open from 7.00pm and print entries will need to be submitted by 7.20pm and the meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

Assistance in set up and pack up is highly appreciated.

[ENTRY REMITTANCE FORM](#)

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