

# GADGET BAG RAG

P O BOX 333 MARYBOROUGH September 2009

Competition meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall in Sussex Street on the second Monday of the month commencing at 7.30pm.

Workshop sessions are held at the Uniting Church Hall in Sussex Street on the fourth Monday of the month commencing at 7.30pm.



**Size does matter – Large Format at Girraween in August.**

## **...Editors Note...**

# For gadgeteers with deep pockets the current feast of new digital cameras, lenses and other bits and pieces is like Christmas come early. Most of the major camera brands seem to have new camera models available in both their compact and

the SLR ranges. The new Pentax K7 looks amazing with a great range of features. Olympus has released the Pen E-P1, an interchangeable lens compact camera. Tamron has released a 60mm f2.0 macro lens that should be a great bit of gear and is also pushing their ultra-wide AF10-24mm lens. Memory cards have more capacity, batteries last longer, sensors have better self cleaning properties, printers get better and prints last longer

It is not just the hardware that is improving. Computers are becoming more powerful and new imaging software is becoming available. A plethora of magazines are now available to tantalise the senses with an increasing variety subject matters and techniques.

Is this the golden age of amateur photography?

# The Club will be joining the Masters' Apprentices Photography Club as a remote club member. Member gives us access to a range of instructional DVD's designed to help viewers take their photography to a new level in capture, post-production and presentation. Expect to see some of the DVD's in the near future. Just Google the name of the club to

get a better idea of their goals and objectives.

# Remember to visit the Maryborough Camera Club's web site. You can view the site at:

[www.maryboroughcameraclub.org.au](http://www.maryboroughcameraclub.org.au).



**John North sharing some of his photographic experience with some members of the Maryborough Camera Club at the August workshop meeting.**

### *...Program for September...*

# The set subject for September is “**Environmental Harm**”.

The competition meeting will be held at the Uniting Church Hall on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September commencing at 7.30pm.

Projected entries should be e-mailed to Lyn at her personal e-mail address or bring them along on Monday evening where they will be included in the competition.

# The outing for September will be another wildflower excursion on the 20<sup>th</sup> in case you missed the August trip.

Meet at the Allen residence at 8.00 am. The location for the outing will depend on what flowering is happening closer to the day.

# The September workshop evening will be on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Uniting Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Matthew Davies will be lecturing.

### *... Future Programs ...*

# The Committee Meeting for October will be at the Weatherley home on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

# The competition meeting for October will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.30pm and the set subject is “Trees”.

# The October workshop evening will be on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Uniting Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Bob Denelzin and Peter Resch will be explaining Photoshop “layers”.

# The outing for October will be the Hunt & Shoot, this year to be held at Woocoo Park near the former Woocoo Shire Council offices. The outing will be on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

# The Portfolio topics for 2009 are;

- layers
- close-up (can include macro)
- cloud formation (only clouds)
- motor vehicle (whole or part)
- emotions
- silhouette



### **Deep Blue at the Brolga – September 2009**

Your portfolio will consist of four images - one image from each of four of the above six topics and must have been photographed since the 2008 AGM in November last year.

One portfolio entry per member and must be all projected images, all slides or all prints.

You will need to have your Portfolio entry submitted at the meeting on 9 November as it has to go to Gympie for judging in time for the December meeting.

### *...Diary Entries...*

- Sep – 26 – Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival.
- Sep – Sunshine Coast Blues Festival at Eumundi showground.
- Oct - 3-9 – Apscon at Victor Harbour , SA.
- Oct - M'boro Masters Games
- Oct – Spring Fair at HB Anglican College
- October – Woodchopping at Mt Perry
- 13 – 15 November - Phototrek 2009 – Scenic Rim Mayoral Digital Workshop Competition

### *...The Committee...*

President	Greg Suter
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## ... Club News...

### A PhotoShop Alternative – Artweaver

A free, Windows only application Artweaver isn't just a PhotoShop alternative like GIMP, but a fair clone of Photoshop itself. While Artweaver lacks the polish and advanced feature sets of PhotoShop, the menus are laid out like they are in PhotoShop and the tools function close enough that use is intuitive. The programs are so similar; in fact, seasoned Photoshop users will find themselves wondering why a feature is suddenly missing from the menu. Artweaver's feature set is robust; it includes layer management, image resizing, image cloning, a history function, transparency, pen tablet support, and a host of the common filters in PhotoShop. Artweaver is available as a full install or in a portable version. Artweaver is a free download for Windows only.

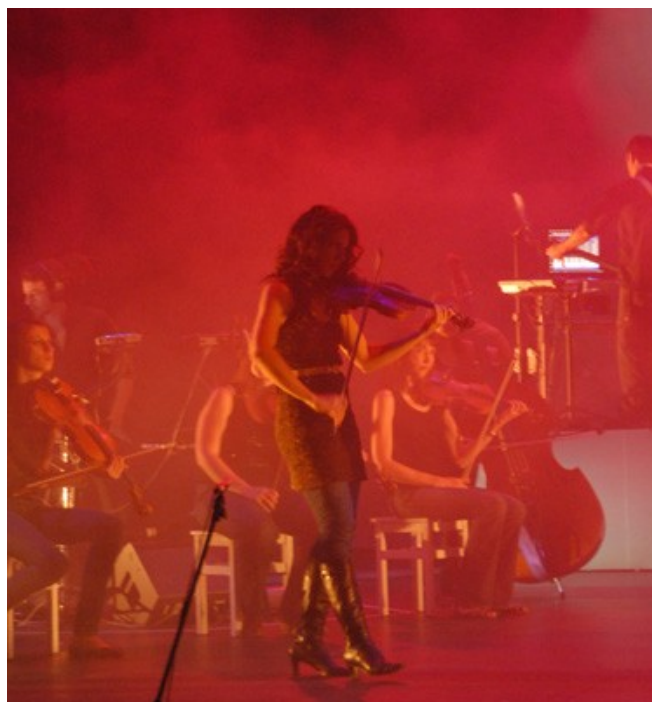
Visit: <http://www.artweaver.de/> for more information or you can download the installation file *Artweaver.exe* from: [www.artweaver.de/index.php?id=68,151,0,0,1,0](http://www.artweaver.de/index.php?id=68,151,0,0,1,0).

If you're familiar with or want to learn to use PhotoShop but can't afford it, give Artweaver a try.

# Remember to check out the great range of photography books at Janet's Art in Kent Street opposite Luxton's Pharmacy. While you are there you can shout yourself to a cup of tea or coffee and perhaps something to eat.

# Remember that monthly competition entries must be e-mailed to Lyn at [competition@maryboroughcameraclub.org.au](mailto:competition@maryboroughcameraclub.org.au)

by 5.00pm on the Sunday before the meeting. Print entries should be entered at the beginning of the meeting. Please be sure to come a little early if you intend entering prints.



**Deep Blue in Red – Brolga Theatre  
September 2009**

**Send Gadget Bag Rag Contributions to  
[newsletter@maryboroughcameraclub.org.au](mailto:newsletter@maryboroughcameraclub.org.au).**

**For all your framing needs see  
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*Until next month - great photography*