

Gladstone Camera Club
March 2021 – Judges Comments
Nature

Image	Title	Comment	Score
	Day by Day	I found this image hard to judge. It seems a bit out of focus. The top of the centre flower stem is tightly cropped at the top.	
	Cooling Down	One would not know if this was taken at a crocodile farm or on the banks of the river. The surrounding area matches the crocs environment.	Accepted
	Don't Come Closer	An interesting shot of this sea bird. Unfortunately, the wire through the image makes it non-acceptable as a Nature image. The wire is also a distraction. When taking an image of wildlife try and check your backgrounds.	
	There She Blows	I found this image a little bit dark. The body is getting lost in the water. Seems that the contrast maybe a little high. Either the shadows need bringing out more or the contrast needs to be turned down.	Accepted
	Whale Popping	I love it when the whales pop their heads up like this. Well captured and lots of detail.	Highly Commended
	Dragonfly	Great image of the dragonfly. I found the body a bit dark. Perhaps this could be brought out more by adjusting the shadows slider. Very harsh lighting.	Accepted
	Sunny Seal	The seal is almost lost in the rocks as they blend in so well. Always a hard animal to photograph. Good shot all the same.	Accepted.
	Wingspan	I love this image of the dragonfly. Great detail and good composition. Good depth of field. Well taken	Honour
	Bird on a Wire	A couple of things here. There are strict guidelines for "Nature". The very definition of Nature is not seeing "the hand of man". The title of this image has it as a bird on a wire. One could argue that this is part of its natural environment. In a competition, unfortunately it is not acceptable. Even though the composition of the bird is excellent. Secondly, this image was submitted as a PSD file. Whereas it should be in jpg format. If the bird had been on a branch it would have achieved a much higher mark and been accepted. The wire dominates the image.	
	Bug	Hard shot to take of any sort of wasp or flying insect. Always on the move so blur of certain parts of the body is sometimes unavoidable.	Accepted
	Ferns	An interesting image. Seems to lack some detail. A greater depth of field may produce better results. Once again this image was sent as a Photoshop file and it should be as jpg image.	Accepted
	Shimmer	A great shot of the frog. Would have liked to have seen more detail, perhaps a greater depth of field. I like the composition and the placement of the frog in	Merit

		the image. Well taken.	
	Which Way Up	Very shallow depth of field used here. Hard to distinguish what is is. I can see it is bark on a tree. It need to have some point of focus that leads the viewer in. An interesting view point, but it needs some work.	

Broken

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	Oh No	Interesting subject. Good composition, took a while to realise what was broken. Great lighting and cropped well.	Acceptance
	To Do	Interesting subject matter. I like the detail. The mix of the red rust and steel grey works well.	Acceptance
	Beautiful Betsy Propeller	I just feel it could be a little sharper. Pretty good depth of field but a higher f stop would have brought more into focus.	
	Chair	I like the solarisation effect being used here on the broken chair.	Highly commended
	Cracked	Definitely broken. Just feel it needs to be sharper and have a better depth of field or a point of interest in the broken egg.	
	G String	Interesting concept with the broken string. Could be made a bit lighter as it seems dark towards the neck of the guitar.	Acceptance
	Stricken	Thought provoking image. Has the man lost a child? Has his marriage broken up? Very powerful image for "Broken". Good composition, I like that the photograph is out of focus but you can still see what it is. Eyes follow to where the man is looking.	Honour
	Old Classics	This came as a Photoshop Image not a jpg. Having said that it has a great lead-in line going to the right. A great image just need to make sure you submit images in the correct format.	Merit
	Smelter	Another Photoshop image. Great colours in this landscape image of the smelter. The background seems blurred or out of focus, but this maybe because of the size of the image or being a PSD file.	
	Brokenhearted	A clever image. I love the silhouette. The colour is great and adds effect. The image is sharp, and the ring can be seen clearly. Great composition. Well done.	Merit
	Cracked Up	Fantastic image of the broken egg. I love the mirroring. Good lighting and sharp right through. Well done.	Honour
	Messed Up	Looks like you took the image as the container was falling, I see the blurr in the image, which I imagine is intentional. Not sure that this meets the "Broken" criteria.	