

February "Animals" - Definition as per QLD interclub definition – pdf flyer copied in this dropbox folder for definition purposes

Image Title	Judge Comments	Result
Timid Two	I didn't see the second animal at first, it blends into its environment well. A well taken image, but it is a bit on the dark side on the right, which I think could be lifted just a bit more. Personal preference. A good crop that keeps you focused on the pair, and good detail on the pair.	HC
Beach Scrounger	Great timing on the eagle snatching something from the sand. These images are difficult to take, and your shutter speed suited the action. Overall the image is a little dark, so have a look at your levels and have a tweak. I don't know if you have cropped in much, but explore if you can crop in further without cause any pixelation, even a panoramic type crop would suit, so that the eagle is a bit more dominant in the frame. The eye area is quite dark, so see if you can bring out some of that as well. Using a layer and curves is a good way to do this. I have given this a HC because of the timing of your image, it does take some skill to get them at the right moment, plus the story it tells, but it needs more work to bring it to a higher level.	HC
Cleaning house	Good shot of the crab doing its thing. For me, the light is a bit flat, so a bit of contrast would help add some depth to the image. He feels a bit small in the frame with so much sand around, not sure if you can crop in a bit further, but worth looking at.	Acc
Dust Bath	An unusual image of the Bison creating dust, assuming he was causing the dust. Wonder what he was up to. Overall image is a little on the dark side, but my main concern is the ghosting in parts of the image. It is almost as if one copy was placed over the other in a merge, but not quite perfectly. There are other anomalies where it looks like we didn't quite get our editing right. At least, that is how it presents itself, not sure what else it could be. Technicalities aside, a nice scene to have witnessed and be able to take an image of.	Acc
Grazing	Good capture of the deer, and nice light. Has good detail throughout. Those are lovely antlers.	merit
Masked Booby pair	A lovely capture of these birds, lovely detail on their faces and feathers. Handled the whites very well, but..... I feel maybe you have toned them down just a smidgen too far? I think they would benefit from a slight lift in exposure (mask out the wing part that is already bright), and maybe a very slight extra on the beaks. But it is a lovely image, you are instantly engaged with the birds, well presented.	honour
A Cloncurry Parrot	What a gorgeous image, instantly has impact by excellent exposure, cropping and detail. Only suggestion to improve	honour

	the image would be to just tweak the highlights in the eye, and pop light on the bird ever so slightly. A small tweak in levels would do it. Love it.	
A Little Crabby	Lovely image of the crab in its environment. Again, lovely detail, exposure and placement of the elements.	honour
Fly free my friend	Capturing a bird in flight is not an easy task, and you have done well. Light is a little bit dark, so feel you could lift exposure on the bird. It is a shame the image presented so small	Acc
Will I be ok	Same comments as above for the size. Lovely shot of the Kookaburra, I love listening to them laugh. Looks like a juvenile. Nice light, handled exposure well and nice in its environment.	Acc