

# PSA News

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## COVID-19

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

The pandemic has caused disruptions to some PSA activities and I will try to keep you updated as best I can. The PSA Board meeting which I was to attend in early April is now to be conducted via video link. This will obviously limit the discussions but it will enable some critical decisions to be made.

PSA Headquarters in Oklahoma City has been closed at least until 6th April and the staff are working from home. This may result in delays in exhibition medals being posted to exhibitions with closing dates after the end of April but processing of membership renewals, etc, should continue as normal.

Most PSA activities (such as processing of Star applicants) are continuing but please be patient if you do experience any delays.

PSA has approved the following changes for exhibitions:

- Exhibitions that are having problems with planned in-person judging are able to get permission to defer the judging or switch to remote judging if they have the capability. During this crisis FIAP is also allowing remote judging so that option is available to exhibitions that also have FIAP patronage.
- Exhibitions that are unable to produce or distribute printed catalogues may replace them with online catalogues.
- Exhibition that were to have public showings have been permitted to cancel them and instead post all accepted images online.

At this stage, the Photo Festival in Colorado Springs in September has not been cancelled. There is a notice about this on the website <https://psa-photo.org/photo-festival-2020/index.html> and it will be updated as necessary.

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## Welcome

Our new PSA members this month are:

*Marilyn Coventy*, Castle Hill, NSW

*Phil Whiteman*, Maryland, NSW

*Rob Oyston*, Largs, NSW

*Yao Shu*, Breakfast Point, NSW

This brings our current Membership in Australia to 158 individuals and there are 10 clubs and other organisations.

There are currently 23 individual members in New Zealand, and one Society.

## Congratulations

*Susanne Souter* of Russell Vale (NSW) has been awarded QPSA.

*Corliss Gustavson* of Glenside (SA) has been awarded PPSA.

If you have achieved something noteworthy that I have missed and you would like to share your achievement with fellow PSA members please let me know so that I can include your good news in a future newsletter.

## GEN Update

The Global Exhibitor Number (GEN) provides a unique identifier for each person who enters PSA recognised international exhibitions. All your acceptances in the PSA acceptances database will be linked to your GEN. Later this year you will start to see exhibitions asking for a GEN when you are entering your name, address, etc, before you submit entries.

If you have not received an email advising you of your GEN, or you have misplaced it, you can obtain or recover your GEN at this website: <https://gen-num.org/>. Note: This is an updated link, different from the link I provided previously.

## Do you enter Print exhibitions?

If you enter print exhibitions this is how you can use your acceptances on Star, Galaxy and Diamond applications:

1. Acceptances in both large and small Colour Print sections can be used on PPDC (Pictorial Print - Colour) applications.
2. Acceptances in both large and small Monochrome Print sections can be used on PPDM (Pictorial Print - Monochrome) applications.
3. Acceptances in Nature (or Wildlife) Print sections can be used on Nature Division applications (they are treated the same way as Nature digital acceptances).
4. Acceptances in Photojournalism Print sections can be used on Photojournalism Division applications (they are treated the same way as Photojournalism digital acceptances).
5. Acceptances in Photo Travel Print sections can be used on Photo Travel Division applications (they are treated the same way as Photo Travel digital acceptances).

## Have you gained awards in exhibitions?

I frequently get asked how awards (medals, HMs, etc) are dealt with on Star, Galaxy and Diamond applications. The answer is simple - awards are treated exactly the same way as acceptances. The PSA Star Ratings and ROPA system does not take awards into account. There is no requirement to gain awards for any of the Star Ratings and gaining awards does not give you any extra credits.

## Some Star Ratings Clarification

Prior to 2013 there were two Divisions for 'open' colour digital images. The Colour Projected Image Division (CPID) which was originally the Colour Slide Division and the Electronic Image Division (EID). In 2013 these two Division were combined into the Projected Image Division (PID) which has two *Classes* (PIDC and PIDM). If you have any unused acceptances from CPID or EID (whether for colour or mono images) you can still use them on PIDC Star, Galaxy or Diamond applications.

The only acceptances that can be used on PIDM applications are those received in PIDM sections from 2013 onwards.

Nature, PJ and Photo Travel did not change in 2013 - that just happens to be as far back as the PSA acceptances database records go. IN those Divisions you can use acceptances from any time prior to or after 2013.

## New Webinar

There will be a new webinar broadcast on 27th March - "Global Landscapes" by Frank Smith. You can see some of Frank's work here <https://www.franksmithphotos.com> The webinar should be on the PSA website a few days after its broadcast.

## Some Upcoming Exhibitions

**VIGEX** (PSA 2020-194) <http://www.vigex.org.au> Entries close 26th May.

**QUEENSLAND CIRCUIT** (PSA 2020-181). <http://www.queensland-photo.com> Entries close 8th June.

**LAKE MACQUARIE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT** (PSA 2020-317). Many of you will have entered the Lake Macquarie National over the past 4 years - an exhibition run by my club, the Belmont 16s Photography Club. That national exhibition has been replaced with an international circuit of three exhibitions. The exhibitions have six digital sections - Colour, Monochrome, Nature, Wildlife, Cell Phone Photography (PIDC) and Aerial Photography (PIDC). The website is <https://lakemacint.myphotoclub.com.au> and entries close on 1st November.

**MAITLAND INTERNATIONAL** In 2021 the Maitland International is being split into two separate exhibitions held at different times. The Maitland International Print Exhibition will be held in January and the Maitland International Digital Exhibition will be held later in the year. More information will be available in later newsletters.

A full list of upcoming PSA recognised exhibitions is available here <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?exhibitions-current-exhibition-list>

If you need help with any PSA matters please contact me.

Regards,  
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