Through the Lens: Seniors Card photographic exhibition

The photo competition was open to all South Australian Seniors Card members and celebrates the skills of our older population through the art of photography. Nearly 1,100 entries were received!

With such high numbers of entries consistently in the competition, Through the Lens further demonstrates that people of all ages enjoy the art of photography and that age does not limit your creativity!

Artistic

Winner - Wayne Pearson  
The Window Cleaner’s Revenge  
This is an architectural abstract photograph highlighting the complimentary colours of red, white and blue with the added interest of the windows positioned at individual angles to give a more artistic and dynamic perspective.

Finalist - Gioia Small  
Solitary Gentleman  
This photo is a blend of Kangaroo Island and Spain. The Spanish gentleman was photographed in the street, the sculpture is from Gaudi’s Cathedral and the rocky landscape is in Kangaroo Island SA. The photo serves to illustrate that one can contemplate, enjoy and marvel at nature and art by oneself.

Finalist - Terry Wardle  
Team Leader  
Macquarie Island (Southern Ocean) in the background. Taken on a zodiac boat while being transported to the island.

Portrait

Winner - David Munro  
Look into my eyes….  
A strong hypnotic stare from Ellie, a female barking owl. This shot was taken in November 2017 at Raptor Domain on Kangaroo Island - the rehabilitation centre for birds of prey.

Finalist - Pam Field  
Dancers on the Lagoon  
Taken July 2018 as the fog was lifting from the lagoon at the causeway Cobdogla/Loveday, SA.

Landscape

Winner - Robert Armitage  
Morning Flight  
I captured this moody sunrise on a freezing, frosty morning at Lake Catani in the Mount Buffalo National Park.

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Nature

Winner - Jeffrey Venning  Earth to Earth
Taken in the Flinders Ranges. I feel this image shows the harsh side of the region. The abundance of wildlife in this region including the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby help to make this area special to the many visitors that travel through here.

Finalist - Terry Wardle  Home Sweet Home
Adele Penguins, Antarctica. The red stuff isn’t blood and gore, it is the colour of their food (krill). Taken on a trip to Antarctica after I retired.

Seniors in action

Winner - Suzanne Opitz  ‘Sunrise’ Seniors
Earlier this year, 22 women from Macclesfield bravely went topless for a calendar raising funds for Cancer Council SA, for which I was the photographer. The calendar has proven so popular, in May we were featured on ‘Sunrise’ during the filming of which I took this image.

Finalist - John Brolese  Senior Selfie
This photo was taken while on holiday in far north Queensland where we snorkelled for the first time on the amazing Great Barrier Reef. I purchased a cheap underwater camera for the trip and decided I needed to try out one of those selfie photos everyone is taking these days.

People’s Choice Award finalists

Winner - Craig Marsden  Towards the light of her lord
When travelling I try to get photos which capture a little of the spirit of places. I think this photo taken in the Basilica di Santo Stefano, Bologna, Italy, does that. A nun entered just ahead of us. Sun streaming in through the tower gave dramatic light. I only had seconds to grab this shot as the nun paused in front of the altar. Her figure gives both meaning and scale to this beautiful place. Shots without her figure lacked this intimacy. I have used black and white to give maximum impact.

Finalist - Terry Hill  Celestial Tree

Finalist - Craig Parham  Never get that one again. Lightning at Henley Beach

For more information about Through the Lens
Visit www.sa.gov.au/seniorscard/photo or contact the Seniors Card Unit on 1800 819 961