



# Through the Lens

Seniors Card Photographic Competition and Exhibition

2025

Through the Lens: Seniors Card Photographic Competition and Exhibition has been delivered by the Office for Ageing Well as part of this year's Week of Ageing Well and International Day of Older Persons. 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. More than 670 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 photography

### Winner - Adrian Barnes

#### Daisy Spirit

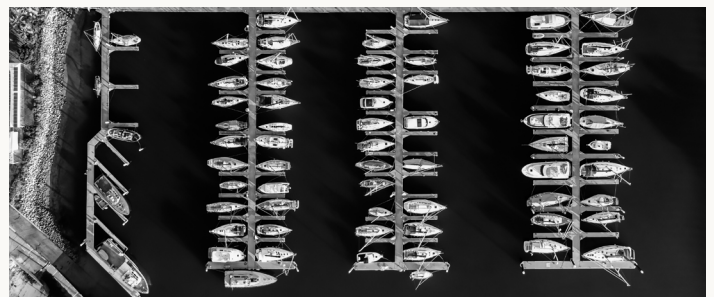
The first Livingstone Daisy (*Cleretum Bellidiforme*) of the year from my garden in a small blue shot-glass vase was the inspiration for this meditative picture evoking the life energy of the flower.



### Finalist - Grant Hugo

#### Moored

I captured this photograph of the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron from my drone. Although originally captured in colour, I feel its impact is more striking in black and white where the low angle of the setting sun casts 45 degree grey shadows across the image.



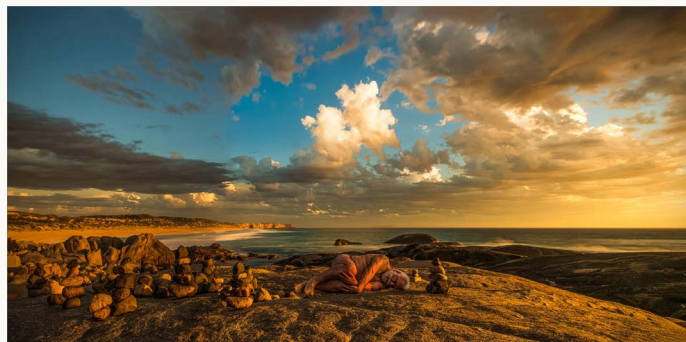
# Portrait

## Winner - Paulo DeOliveira and Winner of the Judge's Choice Award

### Rebirth no.6

A panoramic self-portrait, Rebirth no.6 began as a challenge to merge long exposure landscape photography with self-portrait. On windswept West Beach, I laid nude on stone, triggering the shutter with a hidden remote. ISO 80, f/22, 5s exposure. Between grief and new beginning, I offered my body to sea and sky; a ritual of renewal. Created entirely by my hand and original concept, it marks my arrival in Australia, a surrender to nature, to love reclaimed, and the strength it takes to begin again.

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## Finalist - Peter Barrien

### Me and My Mate on the Streets

Life on the streets can be hard, but made much easier if you have a friend. This photo was taken with permission in the Adelaide mall.



## Landscape and nature

### Winner - Kim Petersen

#### Mouse for Lunch

Owls are very fond of mice for lunch! Owls are called raptors, or birds of prey, which means they use sharp talons and curved bills to hunt, kill, and eat other animals. Sadly, many owls die in Australia every day by eating mice and rats that ingested poison intended to keep mice plagues at bay. Luckily there are programs in place to encourage farmers to use Barn Owls as natural predators to keep mice populations under control. This owl enjoyed his lunch and I'm hoping he gets to enjoy many more.

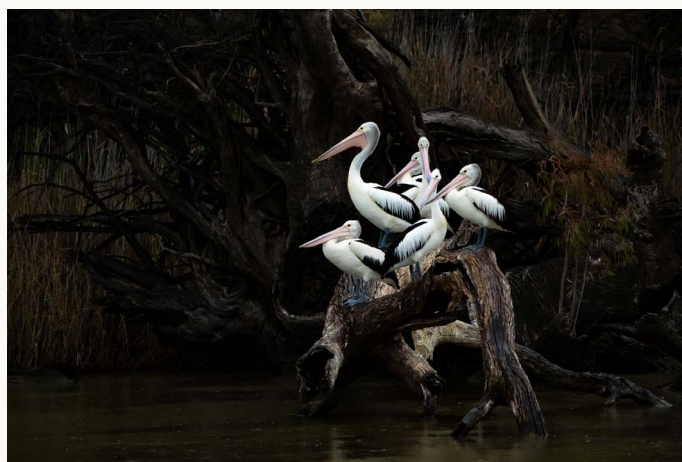
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### Finalist - Peter Hayward

#### Pelicans on the River Murray

While travelling with friends on a houseboat on the River Murray, just upstream from Morgan, I saw this group of pelicans, so I quickly grabbed my camera. This is the result that I was very chuffed with.



## Meaningful connections

### Winner - Jennifer Reeves

#### Father and Son

Stormy weather was approaching, but the fun of exploring and sharing a treasured moment together was stronger. Pennington Bay, Kangaroo Island.



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### Finalist - Patricia Fairley

#### The Spark that Binds

I captured my son in this spontaneous moment when he was playing with his nephew, and I love the connection between them that is portrayed in this photo. It embodies the joy in their relationship, without words, only laughter.



## Active ageing

### Winner - Kay Hargrave

#### Ageing Utterly Disgracefully

I attended a local community event showing Priscilla Queen of the Desert, raising funds to renovate and bring the bus, from the movie, back to SA, and where as some may say I should be more of a Queen of the Desert at my age, I say fudge brownies to that! I only wish I could dress this way everyday... maybe I can!



### Finalist - Richard Upton

#### Morning dip in the Marino Channel

Jenny takes a dip in a favourite local swimming spot at Marino. It's 7am and the day is shaping up to be a hot one. On this summer morning at Marino Rocks, we walked up to a place the locals call "The Channel". I'm standing in the water with my trusty Pixel phone. It's a special moment – the water is crystal clear and the sun is just coming up over the clifftop behind us. Since we stopped working full time, we've really come to appreciate the chance to hop into the sea each day.



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