

End of Year Awards – Judge Comments

Winter at Poolburn Dam Digital	Landscape	A lovely colour palette of greys and golds. My eye is led around the image via the water which curves around the ice leading me to the building on the left. I like that the building blends into the landscape, so feels unobtrusive. The heavy clouds sitting on the hills acts like a vignette drawing you back down to the river and ice. It looks like a cold winters day and I feel like I need to get my woolly hat out. I love the moodiness and it's an image I would put on my wall. Irene Callaghan
Time for a Cuppa Digital	Portrait	I love the story told in this image. A cold day winter's day out, yet some lovely light rays coming in lighting up the mans face, yet nothing is blown out. To me it looks like he's in his own world and taking the time to relax with his cuppa. It reminds me of Edward Hopper's paintings – an American painter who created subdued drama out of commonplace subjects inviting narrative interpretations. The photographer has done just this with this lovely image. Graeme Skinner
Duck Duck Fly Digital	Open	This is a stunning well detailed image of this mallard. I love the minimalistic look with the white background allowing you to focus on the fabulous detail. There are no distractions. Your eye is led in with the water ripples on the left, taking you right through to the beak and then the fly. The image is sharp throughout including the tiny droplets of water on the ducks head. Caroline Foster
Smoko Time Print	Black and White	This is stunning black and white environmental portrait full of textures and details. I love that the background tells us just as much about the man, as the man does about the background. The lighting on the man is superb and I love the texture you've brought out in the hands and beard. The photographer has connected with his subject and that shows in his eyes. It makes me feel like I'm right there in the moment with him. Well done. Dianna Hambleton
Hypholoma australianum, Pelorus Bridge Digital	Natural History	This is a lovely image of the Hypholoma Australianum. Lovely and sharp all the way through, and shows me it's natural environment. Beautiful complimentary colours and the lighting is superb. I love the triangular background on the right which adds strength to the composition. Deb Corbett
Overall Champion Image		Duck Duck Fly Caroline Foster