



## Pixels Competition Rules

1. WAUPS Competition Rules, available on the WAUPS website [www.waups.org.au](http://www.waups.org.au) and as updated from time to time, also apply to this competition. If the WAUPS Competition Rules contradict rules in this document, those in this document prevail.
2. Competition duration is for one calendar year and the results will be presented in January of the following year.
3. Images entered must have been taken in the period 3 years before the closing date for entries. Files will be checked and if they don't meet this time-line / or the EXIF data is not included, they will be rejected.
4. Image sizes are to be consistent with the WAUPS Image Size Guidelines, available on [www.waups.org.au](http://www.waups.org.au).
5. Image submission will be via an online form which automatically adds your image to the WAUPS Google drive. Image submission will be open for the whole month of the advertised theme. Late entries will not be accepted and entries can only be submitted via the form, not via email. Submission details including the link to the form will be communicated in the WAUPS enews.
6. For each monthly submission, an external judge will view the submitted images. Every image entered will be eligible to be awarded one of the following standards. There is no obligation for the judge to award a gold, silver or bronze award if the images entered do not meet the standard as described below.
  - a) **Gold** – Most judging criteria are expertly handled. A very strong image displaying a high level of excellence in art photography. Technical standard is very high.
  - b) **Silver** - Some elements are very good and the technical standard is high. A strong image and successful visual communication has been achieved.
  - c) **Bronze** - Sound image with at least one strong element. The message is present but not strong. Any flaws are minor or compensated by other successful elements. Evidence of intent to combine skill and artistry.
  - d) **Entrant** – the image does not meet the above standards.
7. The external judge will be encouraged to provide critique on the images submitted.
8. The name of the external judge will only be provided once the images have been judged and not before.
9. Points to be allocated are as follows:



- a) Gold – 15 points
  - b) Silver – 10 points
  - c) Bronze – 5 points
  - d) Entrant – 1 point
10. The name of entrants will not be announced, except if they are the recipient of a Gold, Silver or Bronze.
  11. The PIXELS Competition winner for the year will be based on the total points received for all 6 entries within that calendar.
  12. Images may only be submitted once for the PIXELS Competition. Previous entries and entries having only minor variations from those entered previously by the same author will not be accepted.
  13. Images that have won Image of the Year are not eligible to enter the PIXELS Competition.
  14. Competition closes on last day of month at 11.30 pm.
  15. The results from the judge will be announced at the following monthly meeting.



## Pixels Themes for 2020

Month	Theme	Theme definition
January	Soft and Squidgy	Any image taken underwater of a subject that has soft or squidgy texture. Sponges, sea squirts, Nudibranchs squid and jellyfish are all fair game!
March	Shell-shocked!	Any image that has been taken underwater of a subject that has a shell.
May	Symbiosis	Any image that has been taken underwater that demonstrates Symbiosis. This can be mutualistic (both benefit), commensalistic (one benefits, one not effected), or parasitic (One benefits, one adversely affected).
July	Safety	Marine creatures employ all sorts of techniques to ensure their own safety. For example, some have protective spikes and others rely on safety in numbers. Some simply hide. For this theme, your image must have been taken underwater and demonstrates a technique of self-preservation.
September	Towards the surface	The shot must somehow reveal the presence of the ocean surface. Split shots (Over/unders), light from the surface, waves, images where the sky is visible through the water are all permitted.
November	Open	Any image that has been taken underwater, but not including in an aquarium, is allowed.