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# CHARACTER OF THE CROSS People and Place / Past and Present

Kings Cross Photography Prize 2011 Exhibition 5 – 24 October 2011



Carmen



Jeff Duff

Both images by Roslyn Sharp

**OPENING NIGHT Wednesday 5 October 6.30 – 9pm**

**+ FREE Storytelling Event Sunday 16 October 3 – 5pm**

With Kings Cross locals -

Writer, Mandy Sayer and Playwright, Louis Nowra

All welcome to both free events.

An entertaining and fascinating visual celebration of Kings Cross life!

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Mercure Sydney Potts Point, Level 2 Reception, 226 Victoria Street, Potts Point  
Entrance cnr Victoria St & Darlinghurst Rd near Kings X train station

This prize and exhibition is an initiative of the Kings Cross Arts Guild [www.kxarts.com](http://www.kxarts.com)

**The Kings Cross Photography Prize & Exhibition is Part of the 2011 City of Sydney Art & About Program**

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The Kings Cross Photography Prize is an initiative of the Kings Cross Arts Guild. This is its second year of exhibition. The Guild has a history of supporting artists - in particular local artists - and the competition is run by practising artists. This year photographer and curator Sandy Edwards of [ARTHERE](http://ARTHERE) is the Guest Curator.

The theme of this year's prize is *CHARACTER OF THE CROSS People & Place / Past & Present*. This competition is open to everyone – professional, student and non-professional photographers – and there is no time restriction on when the photographs have been taken. In fact this year the competition is also inviting old and historical images to be submitted for competition.

### **What Guest Curator Sandy Edwards says about this year's call for submissions:**

*We are looking for strong and striking images that illustrate the unique character of Kings Cross. This character has been formed through a long and fascinating history that this exhibition will bring alive. The individual stories of both infamous and 'ordinary' people are what contribute to the character of a place and Kings Cross has had more than its fair share of these characters. The names of people like Jack Munday and Juanita Neilson immediately evoke colorful memories.*

*You may have an old photograph in your family album that tells such a story. There is no time limit on when these images have been taken. You may not have been the photographer. Perhaps it was your father or mother who took the photo.*

*We also want recently taken photographs celebrating individuals who have contributed to the community life of Kings Cross. Think of a neighbour who quietly goes about creating a communal garden, or a similar story. We are looking for the modest achievers as well as the infamous (and famous) identities.*

*The selected finalist's photographs will evoke memories for young and old of the rightfully famous Sydney suburb of Kings Cross.*

**Sandy Edwards 2011**

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## **EXHIBITION DATES**

October 5 – 24 2011

## **EXHIBITION VENUE**

Mercure Sydney Potts Point (Hotel), Level 3 Reception area, the restaurant and hotel corridors.

## **PRIZES**

Prize for the new photograph \$1000. Prize for the old photograph \$500.

## **OPENING**

The exhibition will open on Wednesday October 5 from 6.30 to 9pm.

Prizes will be announced at 7.30pm by local writer and identity Mandy Sayer who is also one of the judges.

## **STORYTELLING EVENT**

To be compared by local identities and artists/writers Mandy Sayer and Louis Nowra.

The Storytelling Event will take place on Sunday October 16 at 3pm on the roof garden at the Mercure Hotel Level 3. Participants in the exhibition and the subjects of their photographs will be invited to tell the stories of their images. All welcome.

## **JUDGES**

William Yang, Sydney Photographer

Mandy Sayer, Writer and Kings Cross Identity

Don Walker, Songwriter extraordinaire, Writer & Elizabeth Bay Resident

Simon Walkom, Program Manager/Events, City of Sydney

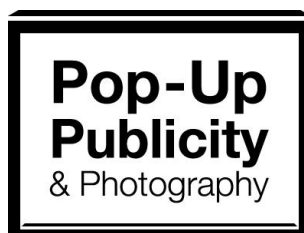
Sandy Edwards, Exhibition Curator, Stills Gallery & Creative Producer of ARTHERE [www.athere.com.au](http://www.athere.com.au)

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