



What do coral reefs mean to you?

Photography Competition 2008



Pictures speak a thousand words

In celebration of the Second International Year of the Reef, Reef Check Australia and Project AWARE partnered to promote the “What do coral reefs mean to you?” photography competition.

This competition was designed to showcase the multitude of different ways that ‘we’ value our reefs. These “values” include social activities and recreational pastimes such as diving, snorkeling, sailing and fishing, traditional cultural activities for many indigenous Australians and commercial ventures such as tourism and gathering seafood. The overall aim of the competition is to raise public and political awareness of the importance of responding to climate change and other global threats to coral reefs.

Reef Check Australia Photographer of the Year 2008

Overall Winner:

Steve Rosenberg (Screamer)

Prize: 1 x 6 day, 6 night Osprey Reef Shark Encounter trip for 1 person worth \$2215 on board Undersea Explorer and “The Great Barrier Reef” book by Steve Parish.



Overall Second Place

Chris Hamilton (Found You)

Prize: 1 x weekend sail and dive trip on board New Horizon and 2 DVDs of choice from the Australian Natural History Unit.

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Overall Third Place

Sascha Unger (Gentle Giant)

Prize: 1 x underwater photography course by PADI and 2 DVDs of choice from the Australian Natural History Unit.



Voter's Choice

Damien Siviero (nudibranch)

Prize: Intova IC 500 Digital camera from Digital Divers & Reef Teach.

Category: People and the Reef

Category Winner:

Chris Hamilton (What's below)

Prize: 1 pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses worth \$219



Category Runner Up:

Gary Brennand (Wally and me)

Prize: Dive mask by Cape Byron Imports

Category Second Runner Up:

Seanna Cronin (Shark Bay)

Roger Beeden (Bleaching Nemo)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise



Category: Icons of the Reef

Category Winner:

Sascha Unger (Gentle Giant)

Prize: 1 pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses worth \$219



Category Runner Up:

Gary Brennand (Fly)

Prize: Dive mask by Oceanic

Category Second Runner Up:

Joint Winners:

Justin Gilligan (Unexpected Surprise!)

Matt Curnock (Eyeconic)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise



Category: Animal Behaviour

Category Winner:

Steve Rosenberg (Screamer)

Prize: 1 pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses worth \$219

Category Runner Up:

Chris Jones (Seranid Swallows)

Prize: Dive mask by Oceanic



Category Second Runner Up:

Chris Hamilton (Devour your brother)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise

Category: The Reef in Our Hands

Category Winner:

Justin Gilligan (Taking The Bait)

Prize: 1 pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses worth \$219



Category Runner Up:

Dean Cropp (The New Generation Swims By)

Prize: Dive mask by Cape Byron Imports

Category Second Runner Up:

Chris Jones (Nautilus Release)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise



Category: Creative Visions of the Reef

Category Winner:

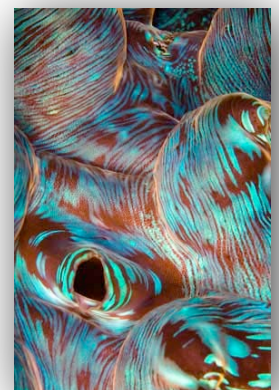
Chris Hamilton (Found You)

Prize: 1 pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses worth \$219

Category Runner Up:

Sascha Unger (Fragile World)

Prize: Dive mask by Cape Byron Imports





Category Second Runner Up:

Roger Beeden (Lady Elliot Magic)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise

Highly Commended

Silke Baron (Results of Dynamite Fishing)
Steve Rosenberg (Caribbean reef Shark at the surface)

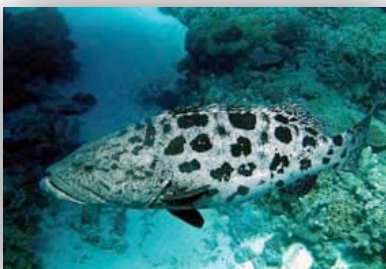
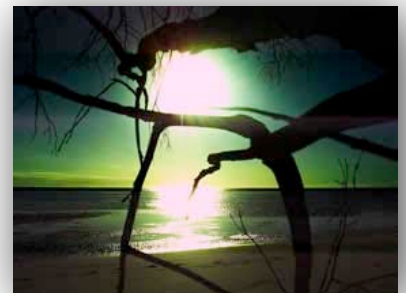
Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise



Reef Check Australia Young Photographer of the Year 2008

Catti Butler (Creative Sunset?)

Prize: Dive trip on SunSea Cruises and 1 x PADI Underwater Photography Course



Young Photographer Animal Behaviour Category Winner

Andrew Jeffries (Potato Cod)

Prize: Selection of Quiksilver Merchandise