

POP 2022 - BMPG

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Over the last 15 or so years I have been spending a lot of time in the Central Western Ranges. This region is steeped with history and has a lot of old historic buildings. I became very keen on finding and photographing abandoned inns and houses. This led me to look at many more old buildings in the upper mountains of Katoomba and Leura and what I saw was some amazing roof features, which I photographed last year and made into a calendar. Each month my Father goes to Katoomba and Leura to look for the building which has the interesting roof line.

When I heard about the Project of Passion, I had the idea to expand on my old building passion and to gather photos of old and/or grand buildings and put some grunge textures over them. I trawled through my archives and found that I had photographed a lot of old buildings around NSW. Now I had the opportunity to do something with them rather than just sit on the computer. I started working on adding grunge textures to some of the photos but after a while I discovered something different that I thought I would try and I liked the effect that I was getting.

I purchased an acrylic paint effect and a watercolour effect psb files from a company called Photography BB. All I had to do was embed my photo onto the psb file. Once I had done that I could manipulate the photo with toning, contrast, colour, texture effect, strength of the texture. I could change the blending modes and the opacity which were features on the psb file. Once I was happy with the result I could then do any photoshop adjustments, like curves, levels, hue, saturation, brightness, etc.

I created 13 photos and have used Momento to produce my annual calendar that I make for family and friends every year.

