



Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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Smart Phones - The camera that is with you 24/7

I first joined the Wodonga Albury Camera Club to support my husband in his new found hobby of photography, however I too soon found myself entering club competitions. Not confident with a SLR camera, I decided to use my smart phone for taking photos instead.

I have been taking photos using mobile phones ever since the camera feature was installed into phones in 2001. Whilst the camera itself has improved in quality over the years, the same photography rules apply to capturing the perfect image. Keep in mind the rule of thirds, balancing the elements in your photo, looking for leading lines or any symmetry and pattern, experiment with your viewpoint and depth of field, and pay attention to your background, lighting, and the framing of your image.

If you own a smartphone made in the last couple of years, chances are it has a pretty good camera on it too. Perhaps you're familiar with some of the basic operations, like switching between the camera and video modes, or turning your flash on and off or putting it on auto. But did you know that your camera is likely to have scene modes too?

The camera in the Samsung Galaxy Smart Phone has 12 different scene modes including panorama, sports, night, and HDR, just to name a few. If you go into your camera settings you can also change



your photo size and ISO. One really cool feature is the voice detection. If you are one that often moves the camera when pressing the button to take the photo, program your camera to voice detection. This way you just command your camera to take the photo for you by either saying "smile", "cheese", "capture" or "shoot".

So don't be afraid to start tinkering with your smart phone's camera. It has plenty of memory for photos, so you can play with different features, effects and settings and snap lots of photos. Who knows, you may find yourself entering smartphone photos into the club competitions too.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th March 2016

@ Boomerang Hotel

7:30pm General Meeting
Judging – Rural Life
Entries due – Nature

Thursday 31st March 2016

7:00pm Committee Meeting @
Neville Bartlett's residence

Monday 11th April 2016

@ Boomerang Hotel

7:30pm General Meeting
Judging – Open
Entries due – Open

(Image of the Year entries)

FAREWELL STAN BEST

Wodonga Albury Camera Club would like to farewell one of our fellow respected members of the club, Stan Best. Stan was a member of the club for over 8 years and a past Vice President of the club. We will remember and treasure memories of Stan during his time at the club. We give our condolences to the Best family during this difficult time.

PAATSCH SHIELD

The next Paatsch shield will be at the Pioneer Museum in Jindera at 10:00am on Sunday the 17th of July 2016. Come along and enjoy a great morning out taking photos and later catch up for a cuppa with club members. More details about this event coming soon.



LETS SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE & UPSKILL ONE ANOTHER

Wodonga Albury Camera Club consists of talented and knowledgeable photographers. Each one of us brings something new and special to the club. We attend monthly meetings, not just to enter club competitions but to learn from one another.

If you have a particular strength/skill and would like to share this with other club members by running a workshop after our monthly meeting, please see Mark Slater to book a date.

We would love to know what areas of photography you need assistance with or would like to learn more about. Please complete the yellow slip attached to this month's newsletter and leave it in the feedback box. We will use this information to inform future club workshops

TRY OUT YOUR CAMERA SKILLS AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival



17th – 18th March

Where: Albury Racecourse
For more information visit:
<http://www.alburyracing.com.au>

Chryslers on the Murray



18th – 20th March

Where: Gateway Lakes
For more information visit:
<http://www.chryslersonthemurray.com>

Australian Polocrosse National Championships



18th – 24th April

Where: Albury/Wodonga
Equestrian Centre
<http://www.ahpolocrosse.com.au>

Future Club Competitions:

April

Judging: Open
Entries Due: Open
(Image of the Year)

May

Judging: Nature
Entries Due: My
Favourite Place

Wodonga Albury Camera Club Road Trip

Louise and Helen are organising our upcoming road trip to be held on **Sunday the 20th March**. More details will be available at the March meeting.

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