



## Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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#### Smartphones VS DSLR Cameras

Unless you're one of those admirable people who carries their favorite camera with them at all times, at the ready, chances are that you often watch great photographic opportunities pass by you.

Nowadays, most of us keep our phones with us all the time, which means most of us have a camera with us all the time too. And because of the advances in smartphone design, that camera does a pretty decent job! Awesome shots are now within your reach, everywhere you go. You can easily practice your craft – and add to your visual record – every single day.

Smartphone cameras are nowhere near as powerful as DSLRs, and even some point-and-shoots. The megapixel count is low, and they lack the manual controls that let you achieve shallow depth of field and super-crisp shots of subjects in motion. And the editing apps are nothing compared to programs like Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. So, what's the plus?

When you can't rely on your technical or editing powers to create a great shot, you have to go back to the basics: **Composition**. You need to think more about the light, the colors, the lines, the placement of your subject. Being forced to focus on those fundamentals will do amazing things for your photography.



As many of you know, in 2016 all my competition entries were done using a Samsung Galaxy smartphone. There is no magic trick when taking pictures on a phone, just click away and eventually something good should appear. I encourage you all to visit this fantastic website and have a go at shooting some images on your phone in 2017. Good luck and happy photography.

Article taken from 'Smartphone Photography 101' <http://photographyconcentrate.com/introduction-to-smartphone-photography/>

#### Diary Dates

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

@ Boomerang Hotel

**7:30pm** Judging – Feet

Entries due – Still life

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**7:00pm** Committee Meeting.

Slater residence

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January –**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Falls Creek Photography

Workshop

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

@ Boomerang Hotel

**7:30pm** Judging – Open

Entries due – VAPS

## FALLS CREEK WORKSHOP

The Falls Creek Wildflower and Astronomy photography workshop will be held on Saturday the **28<sup>th</sup> of January** to Sunday the **29<sup>th</sup> of January**.

Planned activities for the weekend include:

- Wildflower photography
- Bushwalking
- Photographing huts, the dragon boat races, sunrises and sunsets
- Night photography

Contact Mark Slater for further information.



**Members are reminded that this is the start of our financial year and subs are now due.**


### MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Single: \$35

Family: \$55

Remote Member: \$20

Student: \$20



Membership  
Renewals Due

Members can either pay at the next monthly meeting or by Bank Transfer (*details are*):

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## Challenge yourself in 2017

Taking on a photography project is a great way to get yourself out of a photography rut and to bring some focus to your picture-taking. Placing some constraints on what you're going to take photos of or what camera gear you'll use really does force you to become more creative, too.

Below are some photography projects you might like to try in 2017.

1. **The 365 Project** - shoot a photo a day for a year.
2. **The 52 Project** – if taking a photo every single day is too much, try taking a photo each week this year.
3. **The 50 Strangers Project** – simply talk to and then photograph 50 strangers in the street.
4. **The 50 x 50 x 50 Project** – take 50 pictures in 50 days using nothing more than a 50mm lens.
5. **A – Z** – Pick a place and try to take pictures for each letter of the alphabet.
6. **1 – 100** – Take pictures for each numeral.
7. **Read a new book** – read a photography book and then practice a new technique.
8. **Take a class** – look for classes or workshops that introduce you to different styles of photography. Wodonga Albury Camera Club have excellent workshops throughout the year and our club mentors are always happy to lend a helping hand.
9. **Organize your photos** - Are the photos on your computer organized? This is one task that often gets overlooked for a long time. Then you keep putting it off because it becomes so daunting. Keep your photos more organized this year.
10. **Submit an entry into ALL WACC club competitions** – even if you do not like the competition for the coming month, submit an entry anyway, the more photos you take, the better photographer you become.

### Future Club Competitions:

#### February:

Judging - Open  
Entries Due – VAPS

#### March:

Judging – Still Life  
Entries Due – Nature

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