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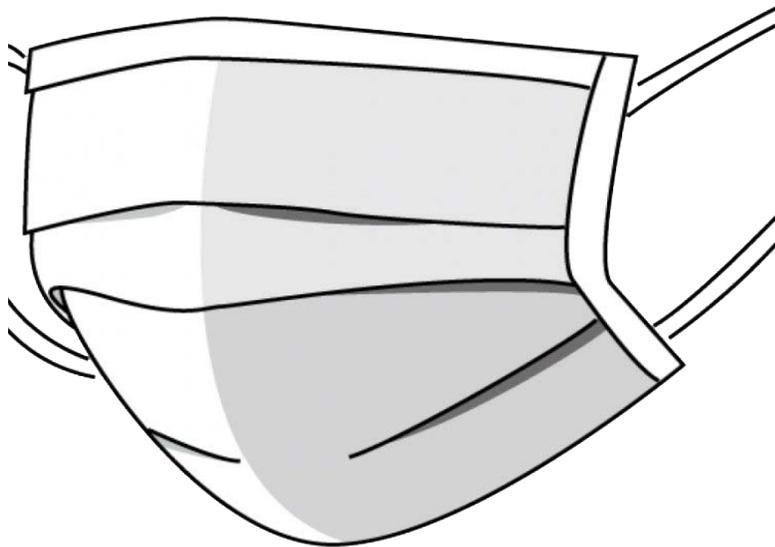
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ALL CLUB MEETINGS REMAIN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Clubs 2020 Award/Presentation Meeting has been reset for December 14th.

President's Message



Brian.

Diary Dates 2020

Meetings - Outings

Cancelled Until Further Notice

Club Competitions

Results, scores and comments of the June~August competition will be on the Club's website as of August 11th.

Monday, September 14th
Closing date for the September ~ November Competition .
Set Subject: "Coffee or Tea"

Closing date for items of interest for the September Newsletter is September 4th



NEW COMPETITION EMAIL ADDRESS.

A new club email address has been established for the receiving of competition entries only.

This is to eliminate the possibility of entries getting delayed/lost amongst normal correspondence hence not getting a prompt reply back to the member confirming receipt of entry and all required aspects of the image/s is/are correct.

Competitions are open for entries 2 weeks prior the closing date.

Entries are requested as early as possible during this period to avoid any last minute hysteria should they need any replacements due to incorrect sizing, resolution, etc..

Please lock this into your email address book.....**NOW**

photocompwacc@gmail.com

PRINTS

All member's prints being held by the club have been sorted and bundled per member.

If any member requires their prints prior to our next meeting [?] please contact Brian [0260252117] to arrange collection.



IMAGE TITLE

To continue on from last month..... let's look at "Title Case". Title case being when to or when not to use capitalization...or in modern terminology higher case or lower case letters.

Capitalisation means that the first letter of each word is capitalised.

For competition titles this should be applied except for certain small words such as articles and short prepositions or conjunction.

Confused? Well in a title the first word and usually the last word is capitalised as well as all major words. Minor words are lowercased.

Examples:

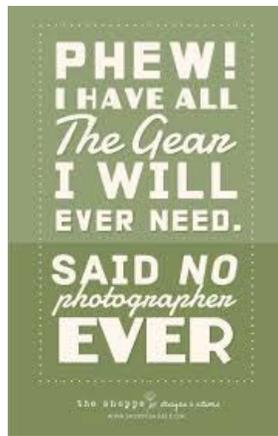
" Bank of America Blown Out following Wall Street Boom" [now that would be an interesting photo]

"River Flood Plains engrossed in Morning Mist"

"Three Kittens taking a Morning Nap"

As mentioned last month if members can assist by endeavouring to get it correct it does save comp. secretary having to retype it for administration purposes.

.....stayed tuned for next month.



NOW IS THE TIME TO EMAIL THOSE SELFIE IMAGES

Throughout the past 4 months we have requested you set up a selfie giving members an insight into how you have been handling the covid isolation period.

We are now seeking those images.....just **email c/- secretary** using our normal sizing.

We will publish a selected few in this newsletter however we **will not** publish any on the club's webpage.

Label your images as:-

Member No. ~Title~CP



Work at Home Dad with Assistant Daughter to Help.

The next COMPETITION subject is:-

Coffee or Tea

An image of coffee or tea, It can be unprocessed or processed or a combination of both

Entries due September.1st to 14th.



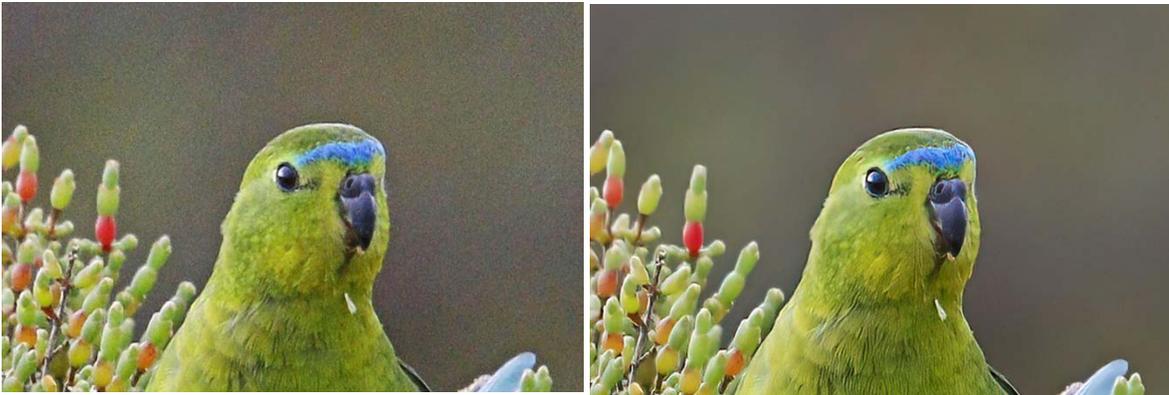
The New World of Artificial Intelligence Software

Modern cameras and mobile phones have advanced to the point where considerable computing power is becoming available to help photographers create exceptional images. Many of us have found that mobile phones can take particularly useful images even though the phones have small lens and sensors. The reason that this is possible is the ever-increasing computing power available.

The point-and-shoot camera market has suffered greatly because mobile phones are being used instead. Camera manufactures are under increasing pressure to improve the performance of products by another factor and that is the emergence of sophisticated software for processing images. This is a brief story about the impact of some of this new software.

Last year I was at the Western Treatment Plant at Werribee and happened to take see and photograph some Orange-bellied Parrots. This species is exceedingly rare with less than 100 birds in the wild and most of those birds are captive bred. I was using a long lens with a 1.4 times extender and managed to get several shots before the birds moved out of sight in the vegetation.

When I downloaded the images, I was disappointed to find that the results were quite soft and not sharp enough to use in competition. Some new software from Topaz Labs has been getting rave reviews, so I processed the better images using one of their products called Denoise AI that uses artificial intelligence methods to remove noise and sharpen images. Here are three versions of one image: (i) the image out of the camera indicating just how far I was from the bird, (ii) a zoomed in view of the bird's head and (iii) a similar zoomed view of the result of using Denoise AI.



Before and after using the software.

Note the lack of noise and the improved sharpness of the image on the right-hand side.

The capabilities of the latest mirror-less cameras and the advances in processing software indicate that some exciting developments are in store in the coming years.

Neville Bartlett.

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