



Reg #A0013634



Newsletter: March 2023

Editor: secretarywacc@gmail.com

Website: www.waccfoto.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WACC.Photography

Through the Viewfinder - Exhibition Revealed

Last Friday evening saw the opening of our Camera Club Exhibition 'Through the Viewfinder' celebrating our 70th Anniversary. Held at Hyphen in the Wodonga Library Gallery, visitors were treated to a stunning display of member's photographs. Selected works included a diverse variety of styles and subject matter. The exhibition includes video of members talking about the club and their journey with photography.

If you were unable to attend the evening it is well worth taking the opportunity to visit the gallery with the exhibition being held until Sunday 9th July 2023.

Thank you to those members who were involved in the organisation of this exhibition and all who have submitted works. The result is a very impressive display that is a credit to the Club. We hope those who attended the opening had a very enjoyable evening.



Images above and left provided by Neville Bartlett

Image below: by Brian Paatsch



Diary Dates

Next General Meeting
Monday 13th March
Venue: Boomerang Hotel
7:30pm

Committee Meeting
Monday 27th March 2023
7:30pm via zoom

April
General Meeting
Monday 17th April
Note: 3rd Monday
7:30pm

For Family, Feathers & Rum

By David Woolcock

I have just returned from a holiday to the island of St Lucia which is part of the chain of islands called the Lesser Antilles. The lower end of this island chain is also known as the Windward Islands. You virtually cannot get further away from Australia if you tried – the globe has a circumference of 40000 kmls and St Lucia is 18000 klm from Australia.

My brother settled there over 25 years ago to take up a role as a Sales & Marketing Director for the local rum distillery. My mother has also now retired to the island as London was getting too cold for her. Therefore, this was a chance to catch up with family, do some bird photography and enjoy the weather and rum.

St. Lucia is only 27 miles (43.2 km) long and 14 miles (22.4 km) wide. The Atlantic Ocean sits off its eastern shore, while the beaches of the west coast owe their beauty to the Caribbean Sea. The population is only 180,000 of which 50,000 live in and around the capital Castries.

My brother has a wonderful split-level home called the Birdcage up in Reduit Rise overlooking Rodney Bay in the north of the island.

The wealth in the country mainly is generated by an influx of foreign tourists (around 2 million of them!!) who arrive between January until May. Unfortunately, this does not make this a wealthy country and their roads and services reflect this. For example, it takes over an hour and a half to drive from Rodney Bay to Vieux Fort in the south where the international airport is located. This distance by road is 73 kms of pot-holed horror down to Castries, then through the mountains to get to the south.

Once you are away from the hustle and bustle of the small towns and villages that are overcrowded with traffic the forests are peaceful & quiet and home to a wonderful array of birds. I managed five trips into these forests with my guide Adams Touissant and whilst I took many photos, some of the major species eluded me – good excuse to go back.

But all was not lost as back at the Birdcage my Hummingbird Feeders attracted the three species on the island every 5 minutes all through the day. I used to spend my breakfast time sitting on the balcony taking shots as they came to feed. I also enjoyed sun downer sessions with a supply of Rum & Coke to go with the photography. On this trip I had bought minimal camera gear (for me) with only one camera body (Canon R6) & two lenses (Canon RF 24-105mm & Canon RF 100-500mm plus the Canon RF 1.4 Extender).

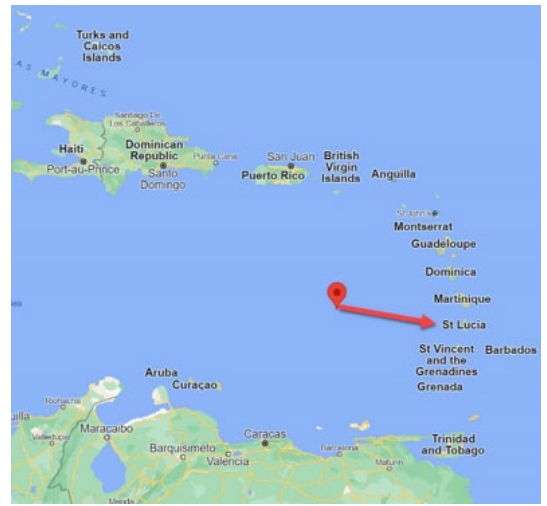


Image by David Woolcock
St Lucian Peewee

All in all, I spent 9 weeks in St Lucia and even managed to miss my original flight out!!! First time ever in my life have a I missed a flight from not reading my schedule correctly. This was a relatively inexpensive mistake and it could have been worse if I was not staying with my brother. Maybe it was sub-conscious desire to not put up with nearly three days it takes to get back home again.

I had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed myself but I am also pleased to be home as there are many more birds for me to photograph in Australia.



Images by
David Woolcock

Above: Purple-throated
Carib

Left: Lesser Antillean
Crested Hummingbird

Below: St Lucian Oriole



COMPETITION PAGE

email: photocompwacc@gmail.com

web: <https://wacc.visualpursuits-au.com>

What's Coming Up

Due in March [for May] [March 13th]..... NATURE

Due in April [for June] [April 17th]..... YEAR END OPEN

“Year End Open” - Images for this annual competition must have been entered in a previous competition during the past 11 months [July 2022 - May 2023].

Images must not be altered or re-named from the original entry.

Outright winner of this competition receives the annual Dallinger Award.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

211. Glenn Rose

212. Gregory Lewis

Greg has advised that he has a personal website where he records his photo trips on film, plus articles on Nikon film photography in general.

<http://leatham.com.au/film/>

In addition, he has a new one where he shows his digital work.

<http://leatham.com.au/digital/>

Maybe these would be of interest to some members

Photography Exhibitions & Competitions

WACC Exhibition 'Through the Viewfinder'

Location Hyphen Gallery - Wodonga
Exhibition dates 4th March - 9th July 2023

Rutherglen Tastes of Art Prize 2023

Location Rutherglen Memorial Hall
Exhibition dates 10-19th March 2023 (entries closed)
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=966511&>

The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival 2023 - Art & Photography Exhibition

Location Corryong, Vic
Entries close 13th March 2023
Exhibition dates 13th - 16th April 2023
<https://bushfestival.com.au>

Mitta Valley Art Photography Show 2023

Location Eskdale
Entries close 31st March 2023
Exhibition dates 7-10th April 2023
Email Contact cynthia.stuart593@gmail.com

Warragul 50th National Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Location West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul
Entries close 15th March 2023
Exhibition dates 12-14th May 2023
<http://www.warragunational.org/>

Online Photo Competitions

<https://www.australianphotography.com/competitions>

Workshops Available

Our club was contacted by the Echuca Moama Camera Club to inform members of a number of photography workshops to be held in Echuca Moama during March. The workshops will be conducted by Wildlife photographer Jay Collier. There is a fee to attend. Information about Jay and his workshops can be found on his website www.thephotographyworkshopco.com



Wildlife Photography Masterclass Seminar - Echuca, VIC

Sat, Mar 18, 7:00 PM

Echuca Library • Echuca, VIC

Our Sponsors:

Kerry & Leighton Weymouth

