



# **Newsletter: November 2024**

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#### **October Meeting**

Our October meeting had 36 members attending with 3 guests. In the early part of the meeting we critiqued a member image with many useful comments being made. This will be a feature of upcoming meetings.

David Willis showed a video on templates and Helen Bishop gave a talk on Portraiture. Guest Ben Eyles gave an interesting talk on his photographic journey and his current teaching role at MAMA.

Judge Andrea Cornwall attended to critique our images in the open competition. Thank you Andrea.

There were images of Railway stations and tracks, beach scenes and Autumn vistas. There was a remarkable image of the critically endangered Swift Parrot that we are lucky to see in the Chiltern NP.

Abstract and composite concepts were selected by some members, these included some satin chrome forks, fishing nets, boat wakes and a curious composite of a boy on a tree!

The old favourite Bethanga Bridge was seen twice and there was also a marvellous image of a local tree lined avenue in heavy fog. Judge Andrea made the true comment that as photographers we are spoilt for choice in this area.

Some members have started meeting for a meal and catchup at the "Edwards Tavern" in Wodonga prior to the monthly meetings. All welcome, no need to book but try to get there by 6pm.

Congratulations to all entrants and the placegetters.

See all the images here

http://www.waccfoto.com/index.html

#### **Diary Dates**

November

**General Meeting/AGM** 

Felltimber Community Centre

Monday 11th November

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

**November** 

**Portrait Workshop** 

Felltimber Community Centre

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am

**WACC Committee meeting** 

Monday 25th November

7:30 pm

**December** 

**General Meeting/AGM** 

Felltimber Community Centre

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

# **Competition Page**

## **WACC Competitions**

## **Enter via WACC My Photo Club Webpage**

https://waccfoto.myphotoclub.com.au

## Due November 11 2024 January Meeting Backlit/Backlighting

**BACK LIGHT/BACK LIGHTING:** Is an image in which the main source of illumination comes from behind the subject as opposed to the front or sides. Such lighting does not preclude the use of other secondary light sources from the camera- side of the subject. Backlit can include Rim Lighting - the effect usually hides details, causes a stronger contrast between light and dark, creates silhouettes and emphasizes lines and shapes.

**Due December 9 2024** February Meeting – Open

Due January 20 2025 March Meeting – Markets/Market scene

Set Subject to prepare for in 2025 is "Rainy Day/Night". Definitions for all our set subjects can be found on the WACC Website and the My Photo Club/WACC Web page.

# Due February 10 2025 April Meeting – Open

Competition Secretary's Words of Wisdom Photography Planning

#### **According to Antoni Cladera, PhotoPills**

Devote as much time as you can to find and scout the perfect location, to check the weather forecast, to prepare your gear and to plan your photo down to the very last detail.

#### According to me

When the above plan all goes pear shape when you arrive. Don't crawl up in a ball and cry or spit the dummy and go home.

There will always be a photograph. Take a deep breath, calm down, slow down and look for an image utilizing the conditions you have.

Take up the challenge.

Share your stories with your photography friends of success when taking this approach. David Skinner

#### **Other Competitions**

Competitions coming up approved by the APS are provided by VAPS on their Website.

Here is the link for details:

https://www.vaps.org.au/competitions/australian-national-competitions.html

#### 2024 APS Australian Cup "This is Australia"

The club will again enter the APS Australia Cup for 2025. We definitely want to improve on 2024!

In MPC, there is a place to enter your selections. Please select your images (max 5) from now to the closing date, 14th April 2025. Between now and the closing date, you have the time to take your photographs. We live in a very good area for Australian photographs, as well as from your travels around the country on holiday, visiting friends and relatives etc. You can replace images as you feel you have a better one as time goes on.

Here are the rules for entry. (Not our rules, but those set by APS)

#### **TOPIC DEFINITION**

"This is Australia"

Any image that shows a flavour of life in Australia, including landscapes, people, events and places including architecture, birds and animals.

Images may be taken in any of Australia's territories.

Entries must be a single image as captured by the camera.

Images must not be 'composite images' that combine subjects or elements from different scenes – replacing a background or sky, for example.

HDR, focus stacking etc. that has been performed in camera is permissible.

**Image Specifications** 

- 1920px by 1200px

HORIZONTAL Images must be 1920px wide and let the height take care of itself as long as it does not exceed 1200px.

VERTICAL Images must be 1200px in height.

SQUARE oriented images must be 1200px by 1200px.

- The maximum file size is 2mb.

If you need any help on creating your image to the above specs, please speak to David Skinner at meetings or phone 0409 525 283, email: <a href="mailto:davidmskinner51@gmail.com">davidmskinner51@gmail.com</a>

I recommend you also save/export your image at 300dpi to maximize its viewing size.

**David Skinner** 

**Competition Secretary** 

View this year's entries here

2024 Australian Cup



**Update:** Templates will be available at the November meeting, **please bring a USB stick** to the meeting. Entries due by the 24<sup>th</sup> of November (entries can also be of spring if desired)

# Portrait Workshop 9am Sunday 17th November 2024 Felltimber Community Centre



Please wear a costume, hat or mask. \$5 donation (for room hire) Xmas themed costumes welcome but any type of props will do

#### AV (audio visual) Season







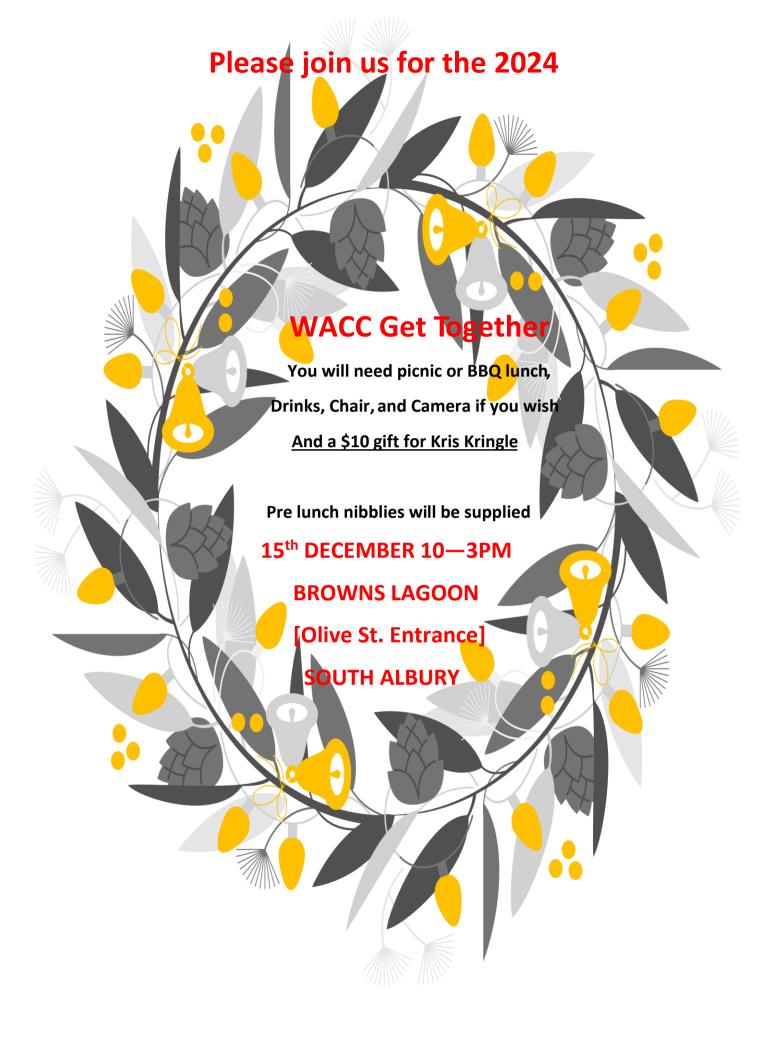
The yearly AV competition is now open for submissions please see David Willis for details and to book a slot at a future meeting



The WACC 2025 calendar has been sent to the printer and will be available in mid-November. It makes a great present or reminder of some of the excellent photographers that belong to our club.

This year the price is \$25 and they can be ordered from Neville Bartlett (neville@nrbartlett.com.au). Last year they sold out and some of us missed out.

Former member, John Organ, has ordered one already so that he can show his current club what is possible.



# **Ben Eyles**



At our October meeting local professional photographer and educator Ben Eyles gave a short presentation on his upcoming courses at MAMA. Click on the links below for more information.

Ben also has an excellent and interesting website where you will find links to his Instagram and YouTube videos

https://www.mamalbury.com.au/events/digital-photography-for-beginners

https://www.mamalbury.com.au/events/photo-studio-xmas-edition

Website <a href="https://benhasacat.com/">https://benhasacat.com/</a>



Many club members attended the 2024 BFOP which is getting bigger and better every year.

This year saw 550 keen photographers and with 2025 tickets already half sold it's probably wise to

get a ticket sooner than later **BFOP** 

There is also an excellent video on the BFOP Facebook page featuring Mark Slater and also David Skinner with a sledgehapper and his camera!



Club President Woolie and Competition Secretary David S volunteered and travelled to the 2024 Wabundrie show on the October long weekend. They judged the Photographic competition which was of a high standard!

Well done both judges!



## **Buy Swap Sell**

SELLING: Canon EOS 5D MkIV DSLR Camera with Canon EF 24-105mm F4 L is USM Lens

\$2,500

Selling due to upgrading to Mirrorless. In excellent condition. Comes with:

- 2 x batteries
- 4x 16GB CF cards
- Canon battery charger
- Original manual
- Lens cap, Lens hood, Camera cap
- Original boxes for both camera and lens

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