



The *Optic Nerve*

Monthly Newsletter of the Wodonga Albury Camera Club

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WACC Photographic Road Trip



What a great day had by all on the WACC Photographic Road Trip. Congratulations and thank you to both Louise and Helen for organizing it. It was by far one of the best outings for 2017.

The road trip was held on Sunday the 22nd of October. Members met at 8:50am in the Bunnings carpark in Wodonga for a briefing of the day's events, and then set off on a 220km return trip to Bright via Albury/Wodonga, Yackandandah and Myrtleford. There was lots to see and photograph including the gardens and colours around Bright, which were just spectacular at this time of year.

The aim of the photographic road trip was to get club members out in a social setting to explore various photographic techniques and to photograph 10 specific subjects of which their locations may be obscure.

Members had a lot of fun on this photographic treasure hunt which also presented opportunities to catch up for morning tea and lunch at various destinations.

Diary Dates

Monday 13th November 2017 @
Boomerang Hotel
7:30pm AGM
Judging – Humorous
Entries Due – Flora

Thursday 23rd November 2017
7:00pm Committee Meeting @
Bishop residence

Sunday 10th December 2017
12:00noon Christmas Lunch @
Jindera Hotel

Monday 11th December 2017 @
Boomerang Hotel
7:30pm Judging – Open
Entries Due – Open

Albury Show

Thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to assist at the Albury Show. A big thank you to Phil Bell for organising the boards to mount the photos onto and for seeking sponsorship for this event. It was another successful show with over 180 images entered which was judged by Tom Manvel.

Congratulations to Debbie Shepherd for taking out the championship ribbon with her entry 'Bright Eyes'.



BREAK THE RULES

Whilst we as photographers should be aware of the "rules" such as Rule of Thirds, Natural Frames, Leading Lines, etc., etc. consulting the rules before taking a photograph is like consulting the laws of gravity before going for a walk.

Photography is an art, not a sport, it's all about personal expression.

Sure by breaking with convention and taking an unorthodox approach to your photography will not greatly increase your collection of competition judge prize certificates. Is this **your** self-satisfaction or is it capturing something that is beautiful and meaningful to you personally?

Compose with your heart rather than your head.....centre your subject.....tilt your camera....blur on purpose....shoot it shallow....go wide....forget the eyes....slow it all down....shoot up....take a sideways look...aim to go beyond what's been done before.

[Note these are the writer's views and not necessarily club policy]

Brian Paatsch.

Learn the rules like a pro
so that you can break
them like an artist.

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Please Note: 10% of all sales from WACC Members goes back to the Club.

WACC Christmas Lunch

Members are invited to attend the WACC Christmas lunch on **Sunday the 10th of December** at 12:00noon at the Jindera Pub.

Please let David Willis know as soon as possible if you intend to go to enable us to book enough seats.

Traditionally this has been a great social event and a wonderful way to finish off the year. We look forward to lunching with you.

Future Club Competitions:

December:

Judging – Open
Entries Due – Open

January:

Judging – Flora
Entries Due – Profile

Our Sponsors:

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