

Southside Camera Club



Meets at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at the Burns Club, 8 Kett Street, Kambah ACT

December 2016 Events

Annual General Meeting

Thursday - 8 Dec 16

Annual General Meeting - Convenor: President
(see President's Report below)

Christmas Party - Sunday 18 Dec 16

Full details of our Christmas get together are included later in this Newsletter. We hope that many of you will be able to join in the celebration.

President's Report - aka Rob's Rant

This month is when we have our Annual General Meeting so I will convert my rant into a President's Report.

This year started very well for the Southside Camera Club because we were able to return to the Burns Club. The Burns Club now seems to be operating positively and we have been able to use their room free of charge.

Sheila and Peter Cudmore continued the Digital Special Interest Group meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, having taken over from Dennis Lovatt who had guided the DIGSIG for the previous two years. Peter and Sheila were supported by numerous session leaders. I think that the DIGSIG benefitted from Peter and Sheila's leadership and I think they deserve a strong round of approval for the energy and enthusiasm they brought to this longstanding extension of our club. Sadly, Sheila and Peter have announced that they won't be available to run the DIGSIG next year so we will need a volunteer to convene this group for 2017.

A newer extension, I think it was 5 years ago, has been the Walkabout Group. I was not involved in its creation but strongly support the idea of a daytime outing for our retired members (and for those who can get away from the daily grind to attend some of our outings). Despite the fact that Laurie Westcott was away from Canberra for large parts of this year he made sure that we developed a program early in the year. I thought that the highlight for this year was the November outing where we travelled on the Southern Cross ferry to the Governor General's Gardens. Good weather combined with the gardens looking their "spring" best produced a great outing to a location that is difficult for the general public (like us) to visit.

A great initiative this year has been the Portrait Interest Group (PIG). Malcolm Watson and Juanita Moolman initiated and convened this group and you will have noticed by the photos in our Newsletter, F22, how the quality of the work coming out of that group is improving every month.

Our monthly outings have been to numerous interesting places. In April, Laurie Westcott hosted a weekend visit to Burrawang and in October, I hosted a weekend trip to a ski lodge where I have a membership in Guthega. Other outings were to locations in and around Canberra. Weekend outings have been a feature of our club activities for many years. They are a great opportunity for club members to get to know each other and their photographic interests in much greater depth, to learn a lot about photography and to have a great time. I hope that they continue into the future. I am sure that there is room in our calendar for more than we had this year.

I have been incredibly impressed with how our web site has developed this year. Brian Moir is a self taught genius. With little fuss and a lot of patience he has transformed our web site into a treasure trove of information about our club. I know that he has more ideas for things to include so I expect that the site will go from strength to strength. Brian has also finalised the transfer of the club domain name from our founding member Steve Lees.

Another treasure that came out of the blue is our F22 Newsletter editor. Peter Keogh was new to the Canberra region and new to our club when he offered to take on the job of editing our club newsletter from John Franze early this year. It did not take him long to improve the format and own the role of F22 Editor. Of course, Peter does not write F22 by himself. He has been supported by many club members who have taken the time to send him bits of information about photography that they thought other members would want to know about. Thank you to all the contributors.

Nicky Bazley-Smith and Helen Dawes are organising a Christmas Party on the lawns outside the Canberra Yacht Club on Sunday 18 December. They have send out invitations and will probably speak about it at the AGM. It looks like it could be a great social occasion and I thank Nicky and Helen for taking on this task. If you haven't responded, make sure you check your emails and get back to Nicky as soon as possible.

I am pleased to say that many club members have collected the name badges that we decided to purchase this year. I still have some badges for members to collect and I will bring those to club meetings over the next few months. If you want a badge and don't have one yet, come and see me at a meeting, or email me at: rob_wignell@hotmail.com and I will organise for a name badge to be made for you.

I also started a process of establishing groups within the club. This has not been a successful process, partly because I have had personal projects that have deflected me from writing lists and partly because I didn't have a clear view in my

own mind of the purpose of having groups. However, at last month's meeting I expressed the opinion that I thought that groups should be formed for the social purpose of welcoming new members and as a first point of contact for seeking support on photographic issues. With this as the primary purpose it makes sense to set up groups with a wide range of experience so that the more experienced can support the less experienced. It is unlikely that a couple of group members, regardless of experience, can answer all the questions of their less experienced group members and this is not intended. Instead, they are more likely to be able to refer questions on to someone else in the club who may have an answer.

Another issue is that although we have a membership in excess of sixty, we have an active membership of around thirty. It seems to me that the the social purposes of a group are best met by the active membership. Less active members, for whatever reason, are unlikely to be a useful social contact (at least initially) for new members. For that reason, I intend that while establishing groups, the membership will be limited to members who regularly attend club meetings. It will be an easy process to add inactive members to a group if they decide that they wish to be more involved.

I would like to see the process of establishing groups through as a sort of post Presidential project.

Before the AGM, I will write to the Burns Club Manager and thank him for hosting our club this year. I will also organise the bookings for our meetings next year.

Which gets me to the AGM. The AGM each year should be a celebration of the club's achievements with as little "administrivia" as possible and as much "Show and Tell" as we can manage.

The administriavia does include reports from the President and the Treasurer. The F22 Editor and the web site administrator and the DIGSIG convenors will be invited to make comments.

Following these, we will have an election of office bearers.

I won't be re-standing for President this year as I think that two years is plenty for both me and you. I had hoped to find a successor but haven't as of writing this. However, I can say that it has been an enjoyable task and that my successor is unlikely to have the challenge of losing the club's accommodation like we did in my first year of being President.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the AGM and at the Christmas Party.

Best wishes

Rob Wignell
President, Southside Camera Club

Reports: Meeting, Excursion, Walkabout and Interest Groups

November Meeting - 10 Nov 16

Following a recommendation from Rob, it was agreed that the U3A newsletter would be added to our website to allow Members easy access.

The survey sent to members regarding topics of interest had elicited 20 responses to date. There was support for an exhibition which Rob has offered to convene.

In addition, Slow exposure in landscapes and bird photography had broad support.

Jeff Cutting then gave a very informative presentation on the use of photography applied to documenting bush fires. Jeff included some amazing, if not frightening, images.

Walkabout - Lake Cruise 17 Nov16

November Walkabout departed on the ferry from the Yacht Club, Lotus Bay, on a lovely spring morning and headed for Government House Yarralumla. Club members took advantage of the top deck vantage point to shoot panoramas,

fishermen, rowers, birds and reflections. We disembarked at the GGH jetty and were met by our guide's, volunteer members of *The Australiana Fund*.

Sadly we were told our one hour walking tour of the historic gardens of Government House would have to be cut short because the ferry had arrive an hour late. However our guides were determined to give us as much information as they could in the time remaining. *The Australiana Fund* was established in 1978 to raise funds to acquire and preserve a permanent collection of art works that are Australian by origin or by association. These works are acquired to furnish the residences occupied by the Governor-General and the Prime Minister.

Yarralumla's European history started in 1831 and its first eighty years were wholly pastoral and of its earliest owners no trace remains except the choice of the site and name, a deodar tree. This enormous tree still stands next to the house. In 1899 a three-story double-gabled brick house was built, which now forms part of the present Government House. Ever since, parts of architecture of the house have been demolished, replaced, incorporated, remodelled and new buildings have been added to the complex.

Extensive landscaped grounds surround the house and as we walked around we would come across pockets of beautifully flowering shrubs, bulbs and annuals. They were first devised and put in place by the horticulturalist Charles Weston. Many of the trees in the gardens have been planted by visiting dignitaries. The grounds include extensive plantations of trees and sweeping lawns. The "Wild Garden" or "English Garden" was laid out by Lady Gowrie and includes a memorial fountain to her son, who was killed in the Second World War. The design of this garden was influenced by the work of Edna Walling. Successive governors-general and their spouses have added to the gardens.

The Governor General must have been out or very busy as he didn't come out for a chat, so back on the ferry and more photography on the trip back to the Yacht Club for Coffee.

Nicky Bazley-Smith

Portrait Interest Group - 19 November 16

The November meeting was a great success. We hired a studio in Mitchell for four hours on Saturday 19 November 2016 and had three lighting setups. Five club members, six models and a hair and makeup artist participated. The models wore various outfits and we were able to change the backdrops and lighting.

A great variety of images were made. It was a busy four hours, but great fun for all.

Malcolm Watson

DIG-SIG - 24 November 2016.

There was a good turn-up to the meeting. Sheila's hint of the month was how to make a very welcome, but inexpensive Christmas Present with any of your favourite shots.

Warren gave an excellent and informative presentation on the use of tethering cameras to tablet or computers. He demonstrated the extensive range of controls which are available with the right combination of hardware and software.

As Sheila and Peter will be unable to continue to moderate the DIG SIG in 2017, interest is sought from other club members interested in taking on this rewarding task.

News, current & forthcoming exhibitions

Club Website

Newsletters: I have recently found some back issues of the club newsletter and placed them on the website – back to 2008. But the collection is far from complete, particularly in 2008, 2009 and 2010. If you have any of the missing issues on a disk (or on paper that could be scanned) would you please let me have them.

Members work on-line: If you have photos that are publicly available, maybe on Flickr or on your own website, and you would like to be linked from

the club website, please let me have the details. I will add a link to the list under "Images"

Presentations: A few presentations from recent meetings are on the website, under "Publications". I would be happy to add more, from past meetings, and from future meetings as they come up.

Coming events: I generally get information for the calendar of events from the newsletter. I could put information up earlier if details were sent directly to me.

Brian (click on "contact webmaster" at the bottom of any page on the website)

Brian Moir

Exhibition: Friends Photographic Group, Botanic Gardens.

The annual exhibition of photographs of flora and fauna, mainly in the ANBG, continues until 11 December 2016, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, 7 days a week, in the Visitor Information Centre at the gardens. See <http://www.friendsanbg.org.au/node/812>

Brian Moir

National Portrait Gallery

"The Popular Pet Show"

Friday 4 November 2016 until Monday 13 March 2017 to read more, [Click Here](#)

The "Digital Portraiture Award" was established in 2012 to support the growth of digital portraiture, a distinct genre of digital art. Now in its fifth year, seven finalists were selected from over 270 entries; the largest number of entries yet!

After much deliberation, the judges have decided that the winner of the 2016 Digital Portraiture Award is Amiel Courtin-Wilson for his poignant portrait of Charles.

To watch all the finalists' portraits. [Click Here](#)

National Gallery of Australia

Versailles - Treasures from the Palace
9 December 2016 – 17 April 2017

Be seduced into a world of power, passion and luxury this summer. This sumptuous exhibition is a once in a lifetime chance to see and experience here in Australia a mesmerising period in French history. Included are more than 130 paintings, intricate tapestries, gilded furniture, monumental statues and other objects from the royal gardens, as well as personal items from Louis XIV to Marie-Antoinette.

Photoaccess

Check out some interesting images [Click Here](#) and a photoshop & Lightroom course on offer: [Click Here](#)

There is also a kids summer digital photography school (if your running out of ideas for a Christmas Present) [Click Here](#)

Online Resources

From Rod Burgess

Six Essential Camera Settings (for those interested in landscape photography) by Michael Frye Photography [Click Here](#)

From Paul Livingston:

There is an photographic exhibition at the National Library of Australia on Athol Shmith Fashion Photographs opwnws 26 Nov 2016 and runs until 16 July 2017. [Click Here](#)

'10 Valuable Resources for Photography Scouting and Planning' [Click Here](#)

'100 Most influential Images of All Time'.

It is not only the image but also a short biog of the photographer. Some of them also have videos accompanying them, like the very iconic 1932 'Lunch Atop a Skyscraper'. [Click Here](#)

Where can you get film processed?

Rob has been doing some research, and has found Manuka Photographics

Where: 1 Palmestone Lane, Griffith ACT

What we process:

- . 35mm, 120mm, 110mm and slides using the C41 process
- . B&W film
- . high resolution scanning to print and digital (they use an Epson V700 scanner and also have a Nikon film scanner (but I don't know what model)

Phone contact: 02 6295 9766

Club Websites

Brian Moir manages the new club website. www.southsidecameraclub.org/

If you wish to send him material, his email address is brian.g.moir@gmail.com

Facebook: To join the Facebook page members should:

- Log on to Facebook (you need to have a Facebook account)
- Go to the groups page
- Search for "Canberra Southside Camera Club"
- Click on the 'Join Group' button.

The request will be sent to Rod Burgess to join the group. If a member doesn't get a confirmation within a day or two they should contact Rod by email: canberrarod@hotmail.com

flickr: To access, view and post images to the flickr site:

- You need to have a Flickr account (A Yahoo email address)
- Click on this link in your web browser: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/southsidecc/>
- Click on the 'Join Group' button.

The request to join will be sent to the group moderator (our President).

If you don't get confirmation in a reasonable time then email Rob at sscc.president@gmail.com

Software Buddies

If you need help with using post production software, a few club members have volunteered to try and help sort out problems using Photoshop Elements, Photoshop Lightroom and Photoshop Creative Suite.

The contacts are:

Photoshop Elements: Peter Bliss at bliss.images@yahoo.com.au

Photoshop Lightroom: Peter Bliss at bliss.images@yahoo.com.au

Photoshop Creative Suite: Graeme Kruse at gkruse@bigpond.net.au

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f/22 Gallery

Thanks to the many members who have contributed images throughout the year - now is the time for all member to select those two special images for inclusion in the forthcoming edition of the Club's Annual Photo book.

Best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

Peter Keogh
f/22 Editor

For Sale

Canon EOS 450D with an EF 24-85mm Ultrasonic Lens (Made in Japan) 1:3.5-4.5 - 67mm UV (actual images below)



Great DSLR camera for someone wishing to dip their toe into photography with a DSLR. It has had very little use and as a result it is in very good condition. The 12.2 meg sensor lets you take images in a wide range of situations.



More details can be found in a full professional review of the camera when it was released at <http://www.trustedreviews.com/Canon-EOS-450D-digital-SLR-review>

Only selling as I got a new camera as a gift. Inspection welcome: Call Peter 0403 611 813 Includes original battery charger, 2 spare batteries and USB charger.

Price: \$275.00

For Sale

Canon Zoom Lens EF 75-300mm 1:4-5.6 III
Nice lens which complements the 24-85mm being sold with the camera.

In very good condition and well looked after. Comes with a both lens caps and a Marumi UV HAZE filter.



Price: \$100.00



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Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 11:00 AM

A chance to catch up before the year ends

ON THE GRASS IN FRONT OF

THE SOUTHERN CROSS YATCH CLUB YARRALUMLA

BYO DRINKS AND A DESSERT TO SHARE

WE WILL HAVE COLD CHICKEN, SALAD AND BREAD
OR YOU COULD PURCHASE FISH AND CHIPS FROM THE
CAFE

BRING ALONG PICNIC CUTLERY PLATES ETC AND A RUG
OR CHAIR

RSVP EMAIL NICKY: BAZSMITH3@OPTUSNET.COM.AU BY
DECEMBER 15TH

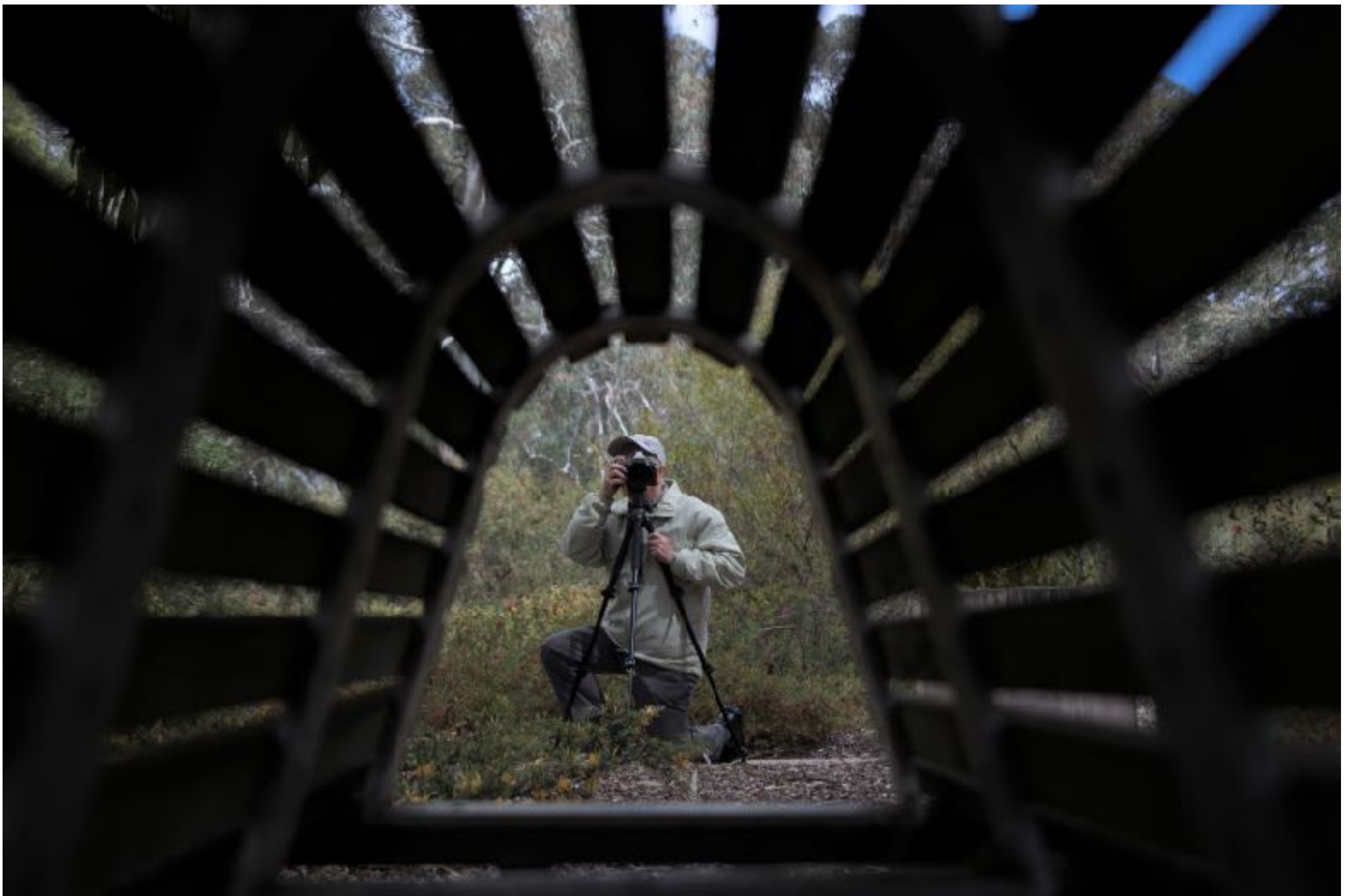


Taken in Victoria while Bob McHugh and I were photographing an Audax 1200 km endurance cycle event. This cyclist is climbing to the top of Tower Hill near Port Fairy - Rod Burgess [Page 9](#)



The fern forest is on Turttons Track in the Otway Ranges - Rod Burgess





A well know photographer - with tripod - Nat. Bot. Gardens - Helen Dawes





National Botanic Gardens Walkabout - Helen Dawes



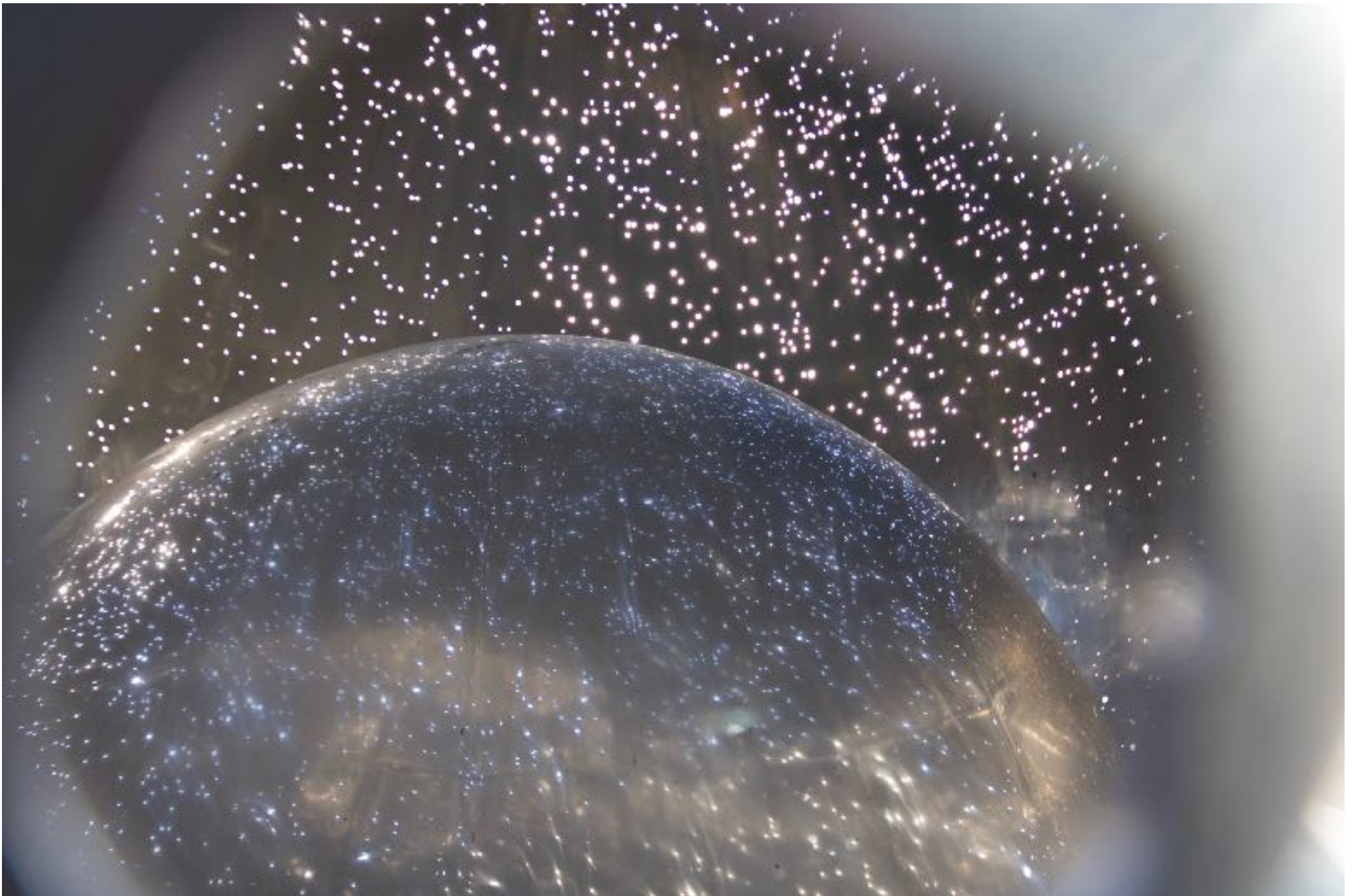




Portrait Interest Group 19 Nov 16 - Malcolm Watson



A punctured globe adjacent to the Linnaeus Building at ANU - Peter Keogh



A peek through one of the holes reveals a whole new world - Peter Keogh



Cruise to Governor Generals Gardens - Nicky Bazley-Smith





