

Southside Camera Club



What's on in September 2017

Date	Meeting, Excursion, Walkabout or Group Event	Convenor
THU 14	Regular Club Meeting Topic: Famous American Photographer	Presidents & Geoff Cutting
THU 21	Bowral Tulip Time /open garden	Laurie Wescott
SUN 24	Australian National Botanic Gardens	Helen Dawes
THU 28	DIG SIG - Restoration of old photographs.	Presenter TBA
SAT 30	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson

Details of the walkabout and excursion are included in this newsletter at Page 9.

Previous Meetings & Events

Last Meeting - 10 Aug 17

The email vote on whether members wished to look at incorporation had been defeated. An option to join the Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW) is being investigated and will be reported to a future meeting.

Treasurer Jim Grigg, reported the Club's bank balance was \$3,698.15 with petty cash of \$162.05. Membership dues for 2017-18 are now due.

Rob Wignell advised that alternative accommodation could be available at the Canberra Deakin Football Club on a Tuesday night. Helen, Peter and Rob had inspected the facilities which provided more space but required a change of meeting night. Members views will be sought by email, with the intention of making a decision at the September meeting.

Peter advised that neither he nor Helen (presently in Sth Aust) would not be seeking re-election in 2018. This will leave the President and Newsletter Editor roles available for other members.

Helen Maxwell shared her experience and insights into what makes a successful photographic exhibition. It was greatly appreciated by those attending. Helen also offered to speak directly with Nicky regarding our proposed 2018 exhibition.

Peter Keogh

Walkabout - Shepard's Lookout and Strathnairn, 17 Aug 17

It was raining the night before, but we woke up to the sun shining, but with a cold wind blowing. Driving to Holt from Queanbeyan, I needed to turn the wipers on for a short while.

14 of us met at Strathnairn Art Gallery at 9.00am, ready for a 9.15 start. A few minutes

drive took us to the carpark at the entrance to the easy walk of a kilometre or so to Shepherds Lookout, which is near the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre by the junction of the Molonglo River and Murrumbidgee River.

The last time I was at Shepherds Lookout was with the Southside Camera Club on an early morning walkabout to photograph the heavy fog in the valleys below. No fog on Thursday, but a strong cold wind blowing from the Brindabellas to the west, not too unpleasant if one was wearing a good coat with scarf and beanie. The mountains were shrouded in an almost constant mist of rain, which on a couple of occasions broke through briefly to where we were standing – though not enough for us to look for shelter. The sun shone weakly on our most of the time, causing lovely rainbows periodically to show against the mountains.

The views at the lookout were great –it is quite a picturesque spot- and the wattles were coming out in flower, painting the slopes with yellow. We ventured a short way down the path which would end at the river below, about a 3 kilometer walk. But just a little way down, it was really sheltered – no wind at all, and with the sun shining it was then lovely and warm.

We headed back to the Strathnairn Art Gallery for coffee. As we arrived an echidna was seen, so we all left our vehicles with cameras to try to capture images before he took fright and dig himself in. Strangely, to the surprise of all of us, he didn't do this. He must be so used to people invading his territory that he showed no sign of alarm at all, but continued to search for food, and walk about among us, even brushing against some of us. What a great finish to our day.

Strathnairn is a property house converted to gallery and café. Art is for display and sale, and varies from paintings to ceramics and jewellery. One room is of components taken from a photograph and manipulated in software to designs which are then printed on pure silk scarves. Our group filled the room with the

largest table, and we had a pleasant social coffee before heading for home.

Overall quite a pleasant morning with good company. Thank you, Laurie, for organising this.

Bev Bayley

Orroral Ridge Excursion 20 Aug 17

The August SSCC excursion was led by Laurie to Boroomba Rocks in Namadgi National Park. Eleven participants turned up to the Namadgi Visitors Centre and then proceeded to the Honeysuckle Creek campground before continuing to the rocks. At the campground a small mob of kangaroos came out of the brush as soon as we parked and one had a very young joey in its pouch. The weather was a bit chilly and we looked with envy at a group gathered around a roaring campfire but we soon headed off to the Boroomba Rocks car park expecting the destination be windy and even colder.

This trip had been postponed from a month or two earlier due to expectant snowfall so it was ironic that as we approached the last kilometres to the car park we began to see snow by the side of the road. At the car park someone had built a small snowman on top of a rock. Parts of the ground were frozen and could be a little slippery but the snow added additional interest to photos and we were surprised to find that it was actually warmer here than further down.

This area had been nicknamed Legoland by bushwalking clubs as looking up from the Orroral Valley below the boulders look like huge lego blocks stacked upon each other. I believe that Legoland has now made its way into formal identification.

We headed West along a narrow track to a flat slab of rock with huge set of boulders fronting the valley below. We spent a bit of time exploring before continuing to the next set of boulders. It was very interesting investigating the ice crystals beginning to

melt in the morning sun and particularly how they integrated with moss and lichen.

Our next stop led us to a cave, which provided several interesting aspects. The rocks above were open to the sky allowing the sun to reach through and various members stood in the one spot of light for photos with a visceral effect. It was here that our campfire occupants caught up with us. We suspected that they were rock climbers as this area is a well known spot for rock climbing enthusiasts and at times we could see the metal crampons embedded into rocks.

It was good to see that some of the other visitors were families with young children who seemed to be having a marvellous time exploring and making up fantasy stories about the area. There's nothing better than a child's imagination.

Laurie then led us to a spot that, with a bit of scrambling, gave a view across the Orroral Valley below. There was a considerable amount of snow visible on the distant mountains. The valley below was once the site of the Orroral Tracking Station and several walks can be undertaken in this area. At the far end of the valley to the West is the Corin Forest and the Corin ski field and Smokers Gap. The walk to Square Rock also begins near Corin Forest.

We headed back to the car park for lunch and by the time we arrived we were actually feeling quite warm and had to shed coats. We could not have asked for a nicer day-given that we also had snow at our feet.

After lunch, we headed in the opposite direction on a very short walk to yet more boulders. This time however, there were views down the valley with no scrambling at all. Perhaps not as extensive as the previous location but still pretty spectacular. It was a little bit cooler on this side with more snow and perhaps the breeze was starting up more.

Then it was back to the cars and home. On the return journey we again stopped at the Honeysuckle Creek campground. As before, there were a few kangaroos around but we were honoured by one young female who approached us close as her young joey popped its head out of the pouch to pose for photos. I think she was actually quite disappointed when we all left without leaving her any food.

Thanks Laurie for yet another brilliant excursion and location.

Alison Milton

DIG SIG - 24 Aug 17

Jim Grigg provided an excellent summary of his personal experience with HDR photography.

Neryl Foy

Portrait Interest Group 26 Aug 17

The members of the Portrait Interest Group opted for a relaxed warm meeting in August where we shared food and our portrait photographs taken over the last year.

The range of images shown was an indication of both the variety of technique and personal response members have to the genre. The group also had the opportunity to discuss their images, exchange ideas and opinions and plan future activities. Malcolm was thanked for his efforts for establishing the PIG and organising the group for the monthly shoots.

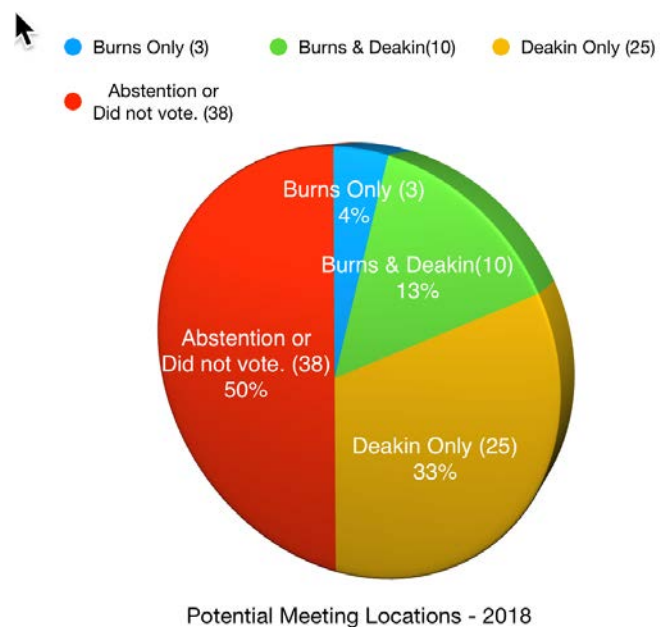
The group agreed that putting down their cameras for a moment and evaluating the effectiveness of their work with others was worthwhile and we would be doing it again.

Nicky Bazley-Smith

Presidents Report

The result of the email vote on whether to move our main meeting to Deakin closed on 31 August.

The result was strongly in favour of having both meetings relocated to Deakin.:



We have spoken with the club CEO and he has advised that on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month, the main function/meeting room on the entry level and the first floor meeting rooms are presently available.

Photos of the club meeting rooms is included in the gallery section of this newsletter.

Following our September meeting, we will formally request space be booked for the club commencing in January 2018. The room hire cost will be covered by a community grant of equal value. Members are encouraged to join the Club as an indication of our mutual support.

We have arranged with the Treasurer of the Federation of Camera Clubs to attend our October meeting to address any questions members may have. This will enable us to join prior to election for office bearers for 2018.

Helen & Peter

Current & Forthcoming Exhibitions

National Gallery of Australia

Mexican Modernism - an exhibition of influential photographic images is on from now till 26 November 17. Entry is free, for more info [Click Here](#)

On the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, ***Defying Empire: 3rd National Indigenous Art Triennial***, explores the ongoing resilience of Australia's Indigenous people since first contact. A survey of 30 contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, this powerful exhibition proves art and activism has always gone hand in hand.

On now **until 10 September 2017**. Free

National Library of Australia

"Journeys into the Wild"

Peter Dombrovskis was one of the world's foremost wilderness photographers. His powerful, reflective and deeply personal images of the unique Tasmanian wilderness had a lasting impact, changing the way Australians think about their environment. The Library has over 3,000 Dombrovskis transparencies, and has printed 70 of the best for this exhibition, the most complete survey of his work to date in Australia.

[Click Here](#) On 21 Sept 17 to 30 Jan 18

See more of "What's On" by using this link [Click Here](#)

National Museum of Australia

First Australians Focus Gallery

The 1967 referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision were significant events in the ongoing struggle to achieve equal rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Explore these and other remarkable stories of resistance in our

exhibition inspired by the 1964 civil rights song 'A change is gonna come'.

On now until 30 January 2018|Free

Online Resources

From Paul Livingston:

Watch: How to Adjust Your Camera's Autofocus System.

[Click Here](#)

15 Habits You Need to Unlock Creativity (+7 Habits to Forget)

[Click Here](#)

The Guide to Color Calibration for Photographers Who Don't Understand it at All

[Click Here](#)

Canon Announces New All-In-One Printers with Updated Photo Ink

[Click Here](#)

After 150 Years, a Portrait of a U.S. President Reemerges to Become the Oldest in Existence

[Click Here](#)

Shooting after dark: It's all about the light!

[Click Here](#)

From Rod Burgess

If any club members are thinking of buying an **A3+ size printer**, here is a useful explanation of the choices: [Click Here](#)

and a handy guide to the printers:

[Click Here](#)

The prices are \$US, so they are a bit higher here. I use an earlier version of the Epson 1430, a good value printer if you don't need to have prints that will outlast you!

From Peter Keogh:

Studio Lighting 101 is a one day photoaccess workshop on Saturday 16 September. For more details [Click Here](#)

Personal Photography Project | Workshop and exhibition | Commencing 5 November 2017 A long project available through photoaccess. For more details [Click Here](#)

From Shane Baker

Lexar acquired by Chinese flash storage maker Longsys
Should keep up some degree of competition - particularly in XQD cards: [Click Here](#)

Club Websites

www.southsidecameraclub.org/ Brian Moir manages the club website. If you wish to send him material, his email address is webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org

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 (your Presidents).

If you don't get confirmation in a reasonable time then email Helen or Peter at president@southsidecameraclub.org

Software Buddies

If you need help with using post production software, a few club members have volunteered to try and help sort out problems for the named software:

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
- Capture One: Shane Baker (in Perth) at shane@sb.id.au

Equipment List

Item	Custodian	Contact Email
Elinchrome Studio Lighting Equipment	Julie Taylor & Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com
Colour Munki screen and printer calibrator	Rod Burgess	canberrarod@hotmail.com
Fixed Lighting Kit - stands, light sources & extras	Claude Morson	claudemorson@gmail.com

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f/22 Gallery

Some great images, both local and interstate, are featured in this months gallery.

Thanks again to all who continue to provide their images for the newsletter.

Peter Keogh
f/22 Editor.

Future Events & Meetings - 2017		
Date	Meeting, Excursion, Walkabout or Group Event	Convenor
	October	
THU 12	Regular Club Meeting Topic: Wildlife Photography	Presidents & Bruce Harley
THU 19	The Pinnacle Nature Reserve (W)	Alison Milton
20 - 22	Guthega Weekend (E)	Rob Wignell
THU 26	DIG SIG	Neryl Foy
SAT 28	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson
	November	
THU 9	Regular Club Meeting Topic: Bird Photography	Presidents & Diane Cutting
THU 16	? Wetlands (W)	Diane Cutting
TBA	Googong/London Bridge (E)	Rob Wignell Laurie Westcott
THU 23	DIG SIG - Macro/Close Up Gear	Warren Colledge
SAT 25	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson
	December	
9 or 10	Christmas Party (E)	TBA
THU 14	AGM	Presidents
<p>Events compiled by Rob Wignell, Laurie Westcott and Helen Dawes. Subject to change unless marked with "*" which indicates confirmed with vendor; "(E)" indicates Excursion; "(W)" indicates Walkabout.</p>		

Walkabout - Bowral Tulip Time ***Thursday 21 Sept. 2017***

This involves a 2 hour drive to visit the massed display of 100,000 tulip bulbs in the Corbett Garden's Crn. Wingecarribee & Bendooley Sts. Bowral.

Corbett Garden's opens from 9 am till 4pm.

Entrance fee: \$12 adults / \$7 Senior card holders

Floral displays at Winifred West Park Mittagong & at Leighton Garden's Argyle Street Moss Vale are also worth a visit.

Car Sharing: If you prefer not to drive or need a lift, contact Laurie Westcott on 0407 544 263 or westcott16@bigpond.com

Meeting Time & Place in Bowral: 10.00 am at Gardens Entrance

The theme for the Walkabout is to provide an alternative location/scene to the SCC's annual "Floriade" or Tulip Farm in Spring and to enable us to wander around Bowral's town centre and soak up its offerings (older historic buildings, country town atmosphere, museums and galleries, etc) and have a coffee and/or lunch & chat at one of the many cafes before driving back to Canberra.

A reminder & map will be circulated closer to the date.

Cheers

Laurie (Wescott)

Excursion - Australian National Botanic Gardens ***Sunday 24 Sept. 2017***

A stroll around the National Botanic Garden's.

The floral display should be optimal at this time of year with bird photography a distinct possibility.

Time: The gardens open at 8.30 so I propose meeting at the end of the bridge to the café at 8.30 – 8.45.

I have booked a table at the café for 11.15 for refreshments.

Cheers

Helen (Dawes)

Guthega Lodge Weekend: 21 and 22 October 2017

This year's Guthega trip is on 21 and 22 October 2017. I have booked the Australian Ski Club lodge and it has 14 double rooms. I will take bookings on a first come first served basis via e-mail at : rob_wignell@hotmail.com

For those who haven't been to Guthega please consider coming as we have a lot of fun and learn a lot about photography. The ski lodge overlooks Guthega Dam and is warm and comfortable. All rooms have their own bathroom and the kitchen is well equipped as well as having storage and a fridge for each room. We have to bring all our food and the nearest shops are in Jindabyne about 40 minutes drive away.

Weather in the snowy mountains can be variable in October - from warm to cold and windy so bring layers and a waterproof shell to keep warm and dry. There is usually plenty of remnant snow on the nearby ranges to give interesting effects.

There will not be any long or onerous walks and all walking will be at a slow pace to allow plenty of time for taking images. If I get a lot of bookings, I may need to ask singles to share a room. However, in the past this, has only happened a couple of times. I am happy to co-ordinate travel arrangements so, if you need a lift please let me know. Conversely, if you can provide a lift please also include that on your email when you reserve a place.

The Australian Ski Club is keen for the Guthega lodge to be used during the off season months and, this year, has reduced the accommodation rate to \$20 per person per night so it is an even better bargain.

Look forward to hearing from you. Cheers, Rob Wignell



External Entrance



Entrance Level Function Room
Main meeting area is at the front.



1st Floor Meeting Room



Shepherd's Lookout . - Iain Cole



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The beauty of sand and wind - Perry Hills Wentworth. NSW. - Helen Dawes



The beauty of sand and wind - Mungo National Park - Helen Dawes



Strathnairn & Shepherds Lookout Excursion - Bev Bayley



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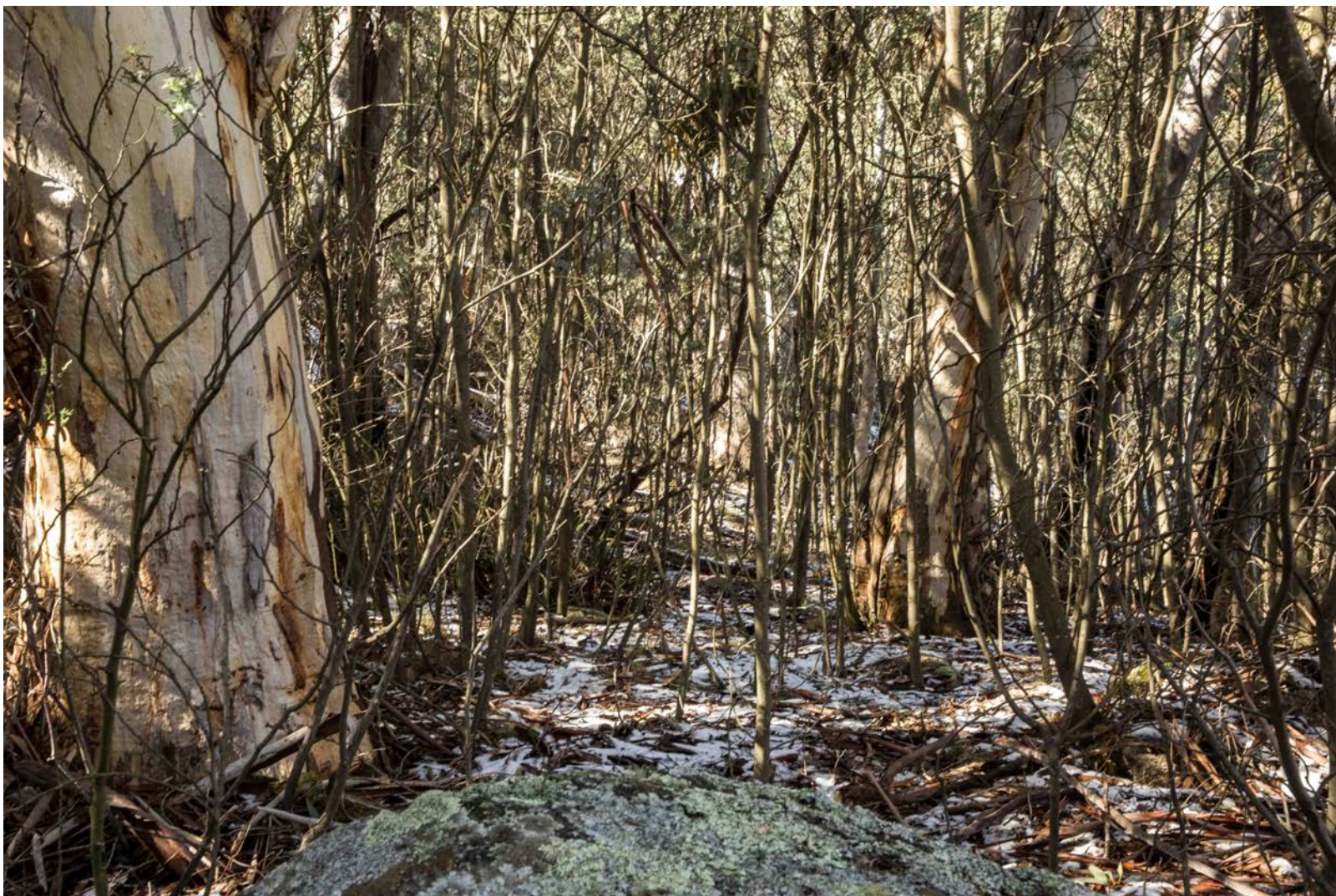
Honey Suckle Creek Walkabout - Robert Triggs



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Shepherd's Lookout/Straithnairn - Robert Triggs



Honeysuckle /Leggoland Orroral Ridge - Alison Milton



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All that glitters, Brisbane - Bob McHugh



August Storms, Lake Burley Griffin - Bob McHugh





Sunrise at Wilpena Pound - Flinders Ranges, Sth Australia - Helen Dawes



Aroona Valley, Flinders Ranges, - Helen Dawes



Sunrise - Hucks Lookout Flinders Ranges - Helen Dawes