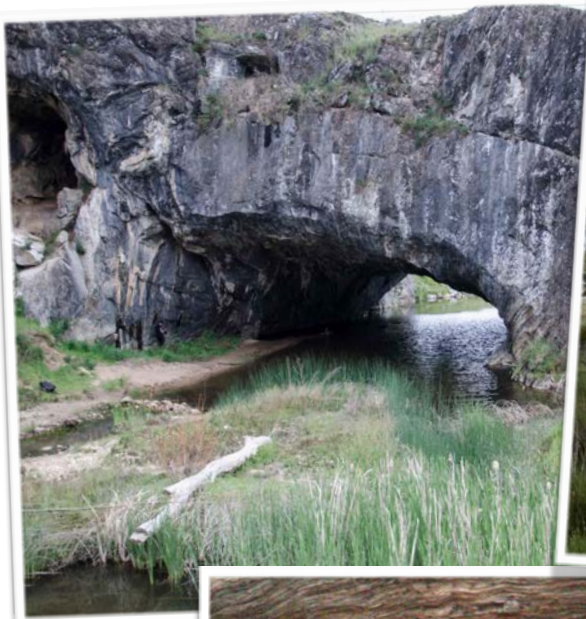


Southside Camera Club



Googong & London Bridge Excursion - Images: Bev. Bayley
Namadgi Bird Walk - Image: Diane Cutting

What's on in December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting, Excursion, Walkabout or Group Event</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
THU 14	Annual General Meeting Expanded Show-n-Tell	Presidents Members
SUN 17	Xmas Party at the National Arboretum (see details on page 11)	Helen Dawes

Previous Meetings and Events

Last Meeting - 09 Nov 17

Laurie Westcott and Rob Wignell are developing a selection of walkabouts and excursions for 2018. Laurie again asked for suggestions on where members would like to visit. He also outlined the benefits of adding a "theme" to each outing as a way of improving composition and attention to detail in our images. That idea was widely supported.

The development of the draft constitution was outlined and the need to fill positions on the committee emphasised. Members can nominate themselves, or nominate another member who has agreed to accept a position.

Nominations can be submitted to the president@southsidecameraclub.org email address until 13 December, the day prior to the AGM. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Jim Grigg presented the Treasurers report and advised that we currently have 71 financial members with several in the process of finalising their applications.

Diane Cutting gave an excellent presentation on bird behaviour which was supported by a great selection of her images.

At the AGM we will have an extended Show-n-tell, so members are encouraged to bring along both their USBs, framed or mounted images and other examples of their work.

Presidents Report

2017 has flown by and the achievements of the club have been many. We thank you all for your continuing support of your club by attending meetings and by your involvement in excursions and walkabouts.

Jim - as treasurer you have done a wonderful job in explaining and maintaining club funds and expenditure.

Peter - What a co-president you have been - so energetic and hardworking particularly with the team work on formulating the incorporation documentation and preparing the way to join the Federation of Camera Clubs - major steps to ensure that the club has liability cover for its organisers.(Helen)

There have been mixed reactions on the club becoming incorporated, but we have full faith that it will continue to operate as the friendly club that we all joined and love.

Laurie and Rob – Activity co-ordinators extraordinaire. Many thanks for the careful planning of all outings – they have stimulated the group to not only explore new locations but develop new friendships and learn new techniques from the more experienced members of our club. Photography is a never-ending world of exploration and we are “never too old to learn”.

Our f/22 newsletter – Another cap that Peter has worn. The club thanks you for all the work you have put in to compiling the newsletter over the past 2 years. We recognise your need to pass this on, but I am sure that with the groundwork done the new editor will take on this task with ease. (Helen)

Brian – This year we have seen the website updated and proving to be an excellent means of discovery, for both new and existing club members, and a reference point for the public when they search for photography groups they would like to join.

Neryl – DIGSIG activities continued under your leadership. A job well done. Thank you Neryl and contributing members.

With Malcolm’s leadership the portrait interest group has gone from strength to strength and has stimulated and educated a growing number of members.

Our club could not go on if you as members did not volunteer to present at our meeting and help with outings. They have been stimulating and our thanks go out to you...

Nicky ,Rod ,Rob, Bob, Luminita, Dianne, Jeff, Jim, John, Alison & Denis – Special thanks.

Being co-presidents had opened our eyes to the amount of work which goes on behind the scenes and we extend our thanks to all members for allowing us to jointly share the position in 2017.

2018 promises to be another exciting year for the club with our exhibition in May and no doubt a great selection of outings and informative speakers. Helen has done a great job throughout the year organising and arranging speakers for our meetings and working with Laurie and Rob to ensure we have interesting outings. She has already arranged speakers for the first three meetings in 2018. Thanks Helen. (Peter)

Our best wishes go to those who will hold committee positions in 2018; you can be assured of our ongoing support.

To all members and their families, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a fulfilling new year.

We look forward to seeing you again at the Canberra Deakin Football Club in February.

Helen & Peter

Googong & London Bridge - 12 Nov 17

When I left home on Sunday, I wasn't sure whether or not I'd need an umbrella. The day was overcast, but cleared during the morning till by the time we left, it had become quite warm.

London Bridge is situated south of Googong Dam. Access is via the Old Cooma Road, Burra Road, then London Bridge Road. There is a gate to be opened on this dirt road, which must be closed again after going through. There were a lot of cars at the Woolshed when we arrived. It turned out to be a large walking group from Canberra, who we met up with a little later at the Bridge.

There were 13 of us altogether on the excursion. From the Woolshed it was a steady walk across the paddock to an opening at the corner. After a 10 minute walk along the driving track then along the walking track, we found ourselves on top of the bridge. This is quite substantial – about 50 metres wide. This natural bridge has been there for 20,000 years, and was first recorded by Europeans in 1823, by explorer Captain Mark Currie.



After crossing London Bridge, you can go down the bank on either side, though the upstream side of the bridge has easier access to underneath. You can't walk through from one side to the other however, as the sandbank only goes part way under. The rest is under water. The arch of the bridge is a beautiful curve. Swallows were nesting underneath, flying in and out.

Some of the small caves near the arch are said to have contained a large quantity of human bones, found by a local policeman in 1874. A local coroner was called, but by the time he arrived a few days later, the bones had mostly been spirited away –by who was never discovered. It is presumed the caves were an ancient burial site. It is a mystery which may never be solved. Rangers advise against entering these caves for cultural as well as safety reasons, and warn that these areas are extremely fragile and take thousands of years to recover from disturbance.

We had only been there a short time, when the walking group arrived, making quite a few people at the site. There are a number of wombat holes, many of them quite old, on the bank. Thistles are invading the area as well. We spent a while there, enjoying the morning. The wind was obvious on top of the Bridge, but was only slight on the bank –just enough so the thistle flowers we were trying to photograph wouldn't stay still.



We continued along the dirt road, crossed the creek over stepping stones, and made our way to London Bridge Homestead, which took 20 minutes or so. The homestead is a collection of buildings, put together in an L shape. This area has been fenced off with an 8ft fence, due to vandalism of the property; but we were still able to get some photos. There is even the remains of an old orchard there.

It was originally owned by Irish immigrants, the McNamaras, in 1857. They added to the original property over time, and stocked sheep, with some crops on the river flats. In 1921 it was purchased from them by the Noone brothers, then by the Douglas family in 1928 who kept it till the commonwealth resumed the land in 1973 to build Googong Dam.

The homestead was built over a 100 year period, and there were five architectural styles used:- the original 1860's stone cottage (built from local siltstone with 40cm thick walls, then rendered); a locally hewn slab hut built in the late 1870's (used initially to house some of the 13 McNamara children, and later as a bathroom/laundry); a Lath and Plaster (Wattle & Daub) home built in early 1890's (with floorboards covering the original rammed earth floor); a Weatherboard home built by the Noone's in the 1920s (contains an old Bega slow combustion stove); and the Fibro Annexe, built by Robert Douglas in 1954 to house his overseer.



We returned to the car park in smaller groups. There were a group of about a dozen people near the Woolshed with sticks and bags practising snake catching. We were not allowed close for photos.

Our usual coffee meet afterwards went a bit awry, as most of our group had to leave early. So it was a small group of four who finished a very pleasant day with coffee at the new suburb of Googong.

Images and report by Bev Bayley (many thanks Bev.)

Namadgi Bird Walk - 04 Dec 17



A small but enthusiastic group of 10 attended what I think was the first dedicated bird walk for the Southside Camera Club.

It was gratifying with such inclement weather as I was very close to cancelling the outing, but so glad that I did not. The lighting was extremely dull and not so good for photography but the birds made up for it being extremely active. There was great excitement when the little male Mistletoe bird made his appearance with his brilliant colouring and sweet song. Another little favourite was the white throated gerygone who performed very nicely for the barrage of paparazzi who visited his nest.



We also saw the nest of a Dusky Wood Swallow with 3 chicks and their eyes were not yet open. I have attached a photo taken on Wednesday 6 December to show how much stronger they have grown and have voracious appetites (see page 1).



Also sighted and heard was the rufous songlark a very dull brown bird but with a loud song which continues during flight. The male white winged triller was also a favourite as he flew from tree top to tree top making his loud call. There were the usual rosellas, cockatoos, galahs and welcome swallows, and the Sacred kingfishers were heard but a flash of brilliant blue was the only sighting. We did shorten the walk as the weather started to pack it in, and we then travelled to Banks to have coffee and a chat and bring a close to what I felt was a very successful bird walk.
Diane Cutting

DIG SIG - 23 Nov 17

The November DIGSIG was my last, and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Rod Burgess gave a very informative talk on Lightroom which was well received by all. A summary of Rod's presentation is available on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Portrait Interest Group - 25 Nov 17

The final meeting for this year was held at Gold Creek on Saturday 25 November. Eight photographers and two models participated. We met at 09:30 at the Dinosaur Museum and used the outside dinosaur models for props before moving across to the historic village where there are some really interesting backdrops. The dress theme for the models was fashionable long dresses with gloves and broad brimmed hats as might fit in with older and more elegant times.

The day was hot and half way through the photo-shoot Mark kindly bought cool refreshments for all. We retired for coffee at 11:30 at the Armadillos where we sat in the cool shade and chatted for over an hour. Everyone was eager to restart the group meetings early in the new year.



Online Resources

From Paul Livingston:

Is the new Luminar 2018 a good Lightroom Alternative? [Click Here](#)

Documenting life's last chapter [Click Here](#)

First-home buyers grab photo op [Click Here](#)

Current & Forthcoming Exhibitions

National Gallery of Australia

"Hyper Real" - till Feb 2018. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for members.

I am sure this will provide lots of interesting opportunities for photographers.

For more info, [Click Here](#)

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 till 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

Midawarr | Harvest: The Art of Mulkun Wirrpanda and John Wolseley

Explore the plants of north-east Arnhem Land through stunning artworks by Yolŋu elder Mulkun Wirrpanda and landscape painter John Wolseley.

Until 18 February 2018 | Studio Gallery | Free entry, donations welcome.

For more info: [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

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

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

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f/22 Gallery

This is my last edition of the f/22 as your newsletter editor, so like those before me, I am going to take this opportunity to select my favourite images from those featured previously in 2017. They are my personal choice, and they are limited in number. If your favourite is not here, it's just because we all like different aspects of photography.

I have enjoyed receiving so many wonderful images and as a novice photographer, I have been inspired by many of them.

I hope you enjoy seeing them again, and I wish you and your family all the best for Christmas and a happy and safe 2018.

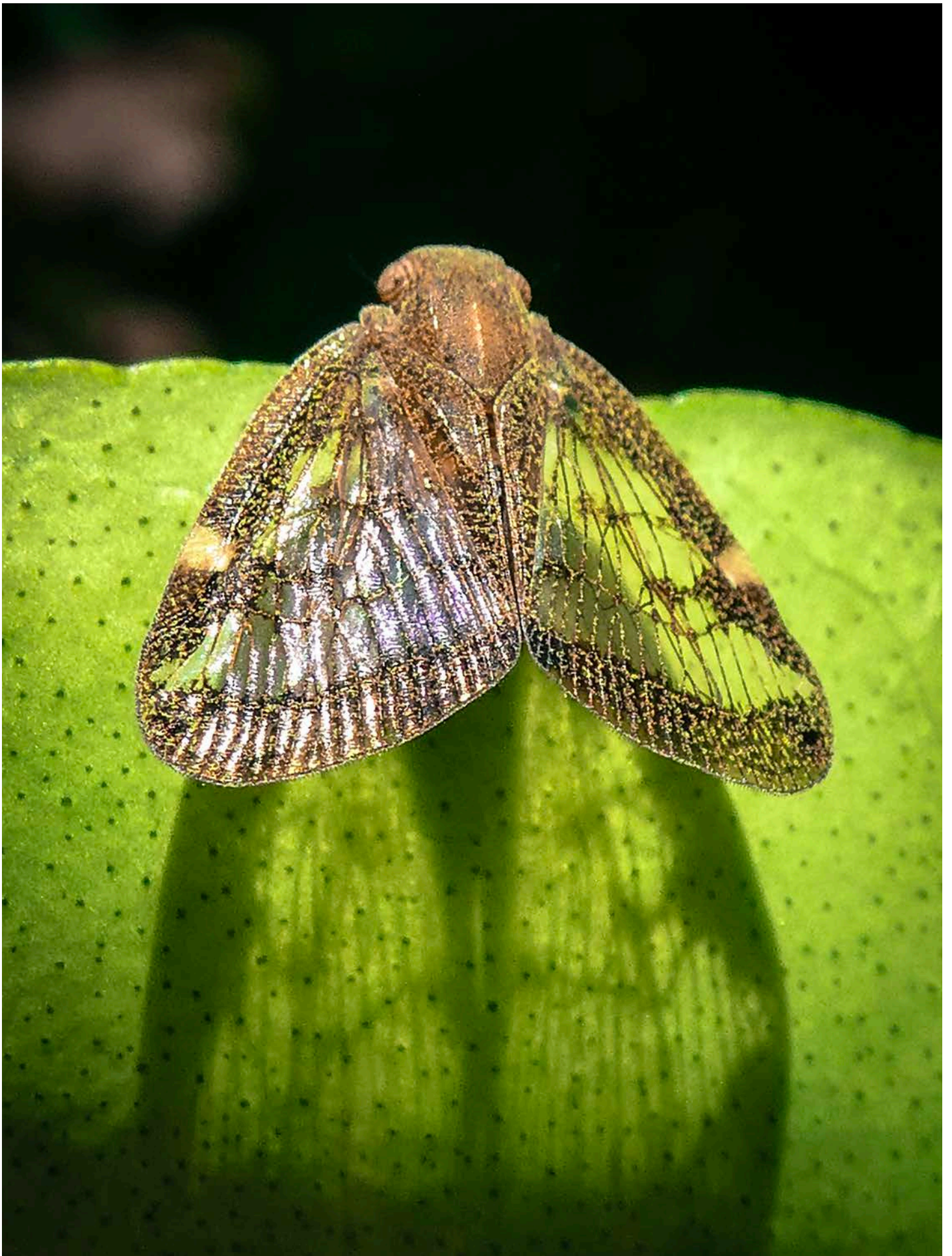
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Peter Keogh
f/22 Editor



Future Events & Meetings - 2018

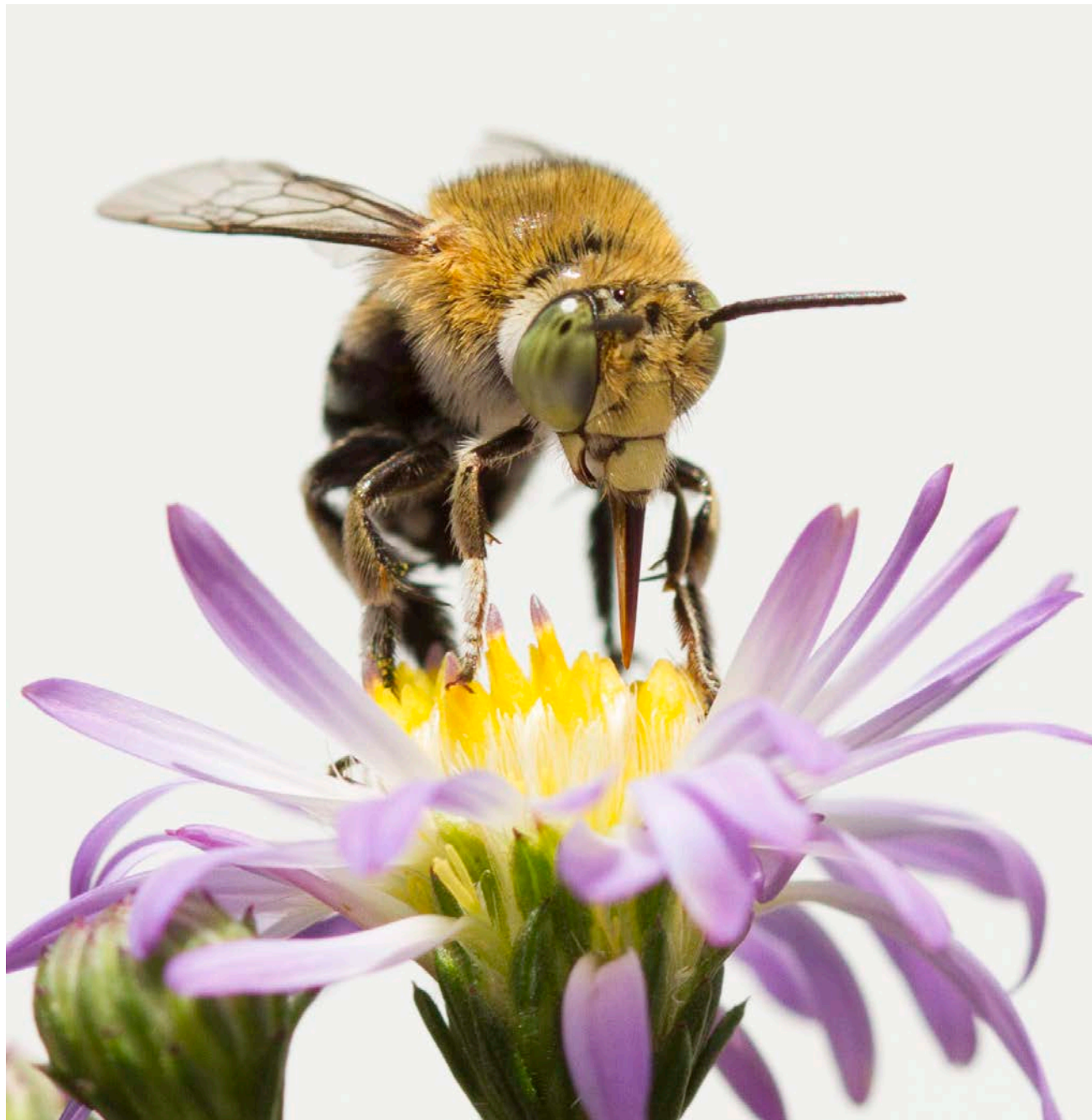
Date	Meeting, Excursion, Walkabout or Group Event	Convenor
	February 2018	
TUE 06	Regular Club Meeting Topic: Landscape Photography	President Paul Kowalski
TBA	Walkabout & Excursion Details	Laurie Wescott, Rob Wignell
SAT 24	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson
TUE 27	DIGSIG	TBA
	March 2018	
TUE 06	Regular Club Meeting Topic: Wild Life Photography	President Bruce Harley
TBA	Walkabout & Excursion Details	Laurie Wescott, Rob Wignell
SAT 24	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson
TUE 27	DIGSIG	TBA
	April 2018	
TUE 03	Regular Club Meeting Topic: High Speed Photography	President Russell Field
TBA	Walkabout & Excursion Details	Laurie Wescott, Rob Wignell
TUE 24	DIGSIG	TBA
SAT 28	Portrait Interest Group	Malcolm Watson



The critter on the cumquat tree - Jean Herring









Australian Blue Banded Bee- It is interesting that in this photo, the nectar is not in the centre of the flower, but at the base. I watched numerous times as a bee would land on the flower then walk down the stem to suck the nectar from the base. - Alison Milton



Members of the Southside Camera Club have once again been successful in the art competition at the Canberra Show. Bob McHugh won the black and white section for the second year running with his photo "Early Winter, Lake Burley Griffin". Rod Burgess went one better than last year in winning the landscape section with his photo "Barolin Rocks".

Rod also gained a Highly Commended award for his photo "Golden Curl".

In previous years former club President Paul Livingston has also been very successful at the Show.











Balloon Spectacular 2017 - Helen Dawes



Lying in wait, Lake Burley Griffin - Bob McHugh







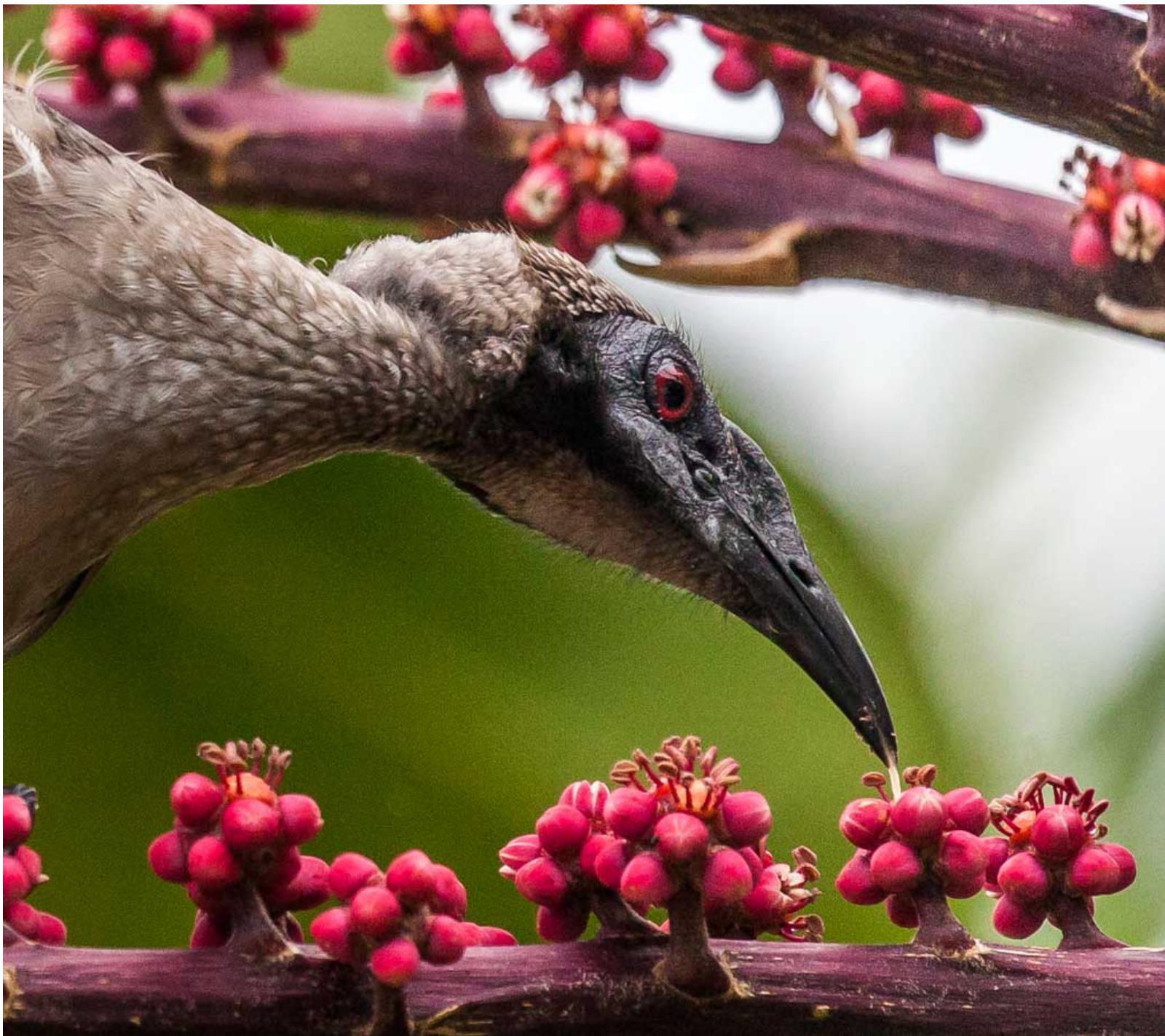




Portrait Interest Group - Malcolm Watson











Late afternoon on the back roads to Wee Jasper - Rod Burgess



A day at Taronga Park Zoo - Mark Stevenson



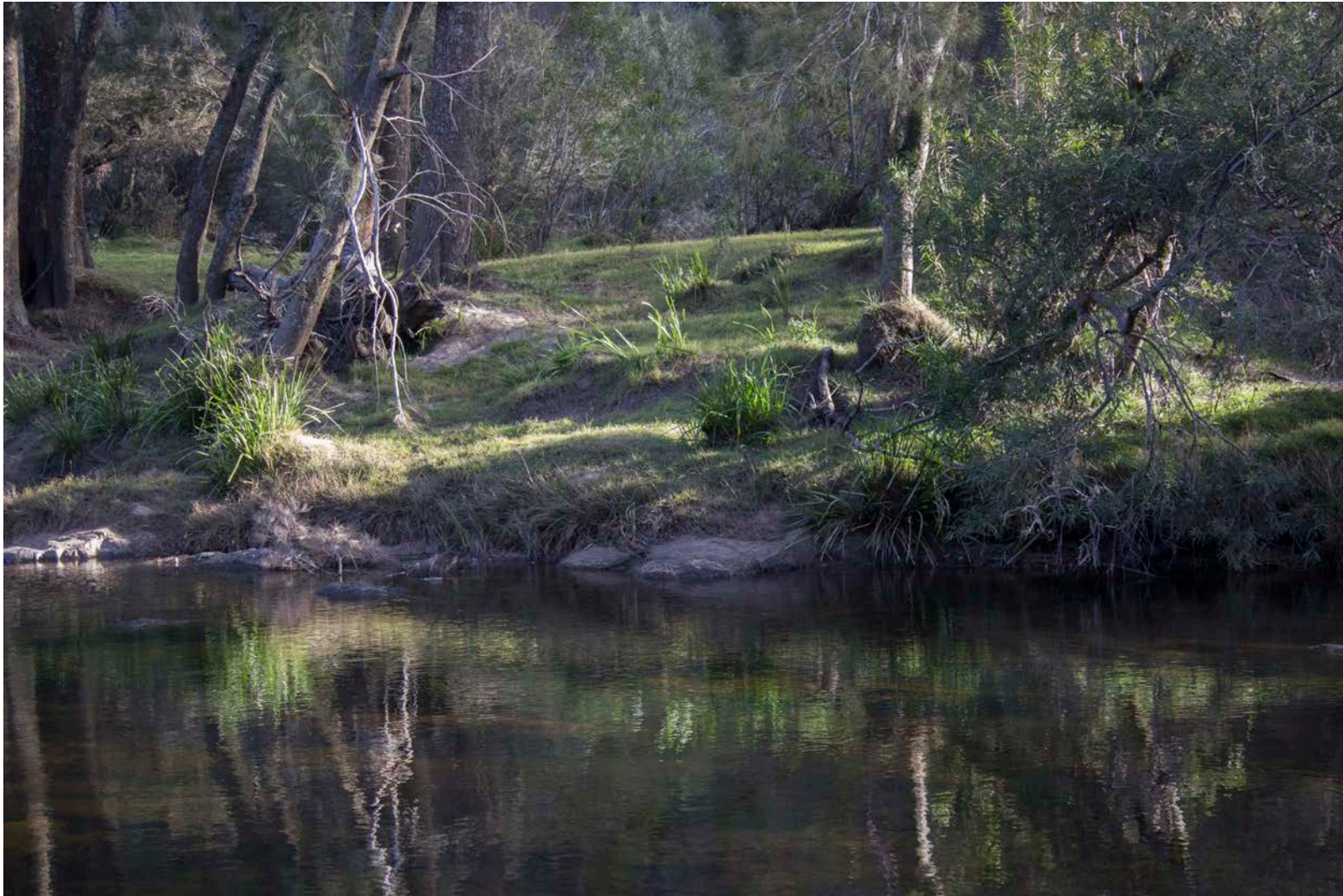
Heath Banksia - John Mitchell



The Eyes have it - Tawny Frogmouth in our garden - Sheila Cudmore



Tawny Frogmouths in our garden - Sheila Cudmore



Light & Shade, Endrick River - John Mitchell



Strathnairn & Shepherds Lookout Excursion - Bev Bayley



Honey Suckle Creek Walkabout - Robert Triggs



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



Sunrise - Hucks Lookout Flinders Ranges - Helen Dawes



Collecting lunch from the crab apple, Bowral - Lyn Keogh



Sunrise Greet a Dry Storm, Mt Lewis, Billimari - Bob McHugh



Portrait Interest Group - Malcom Watson



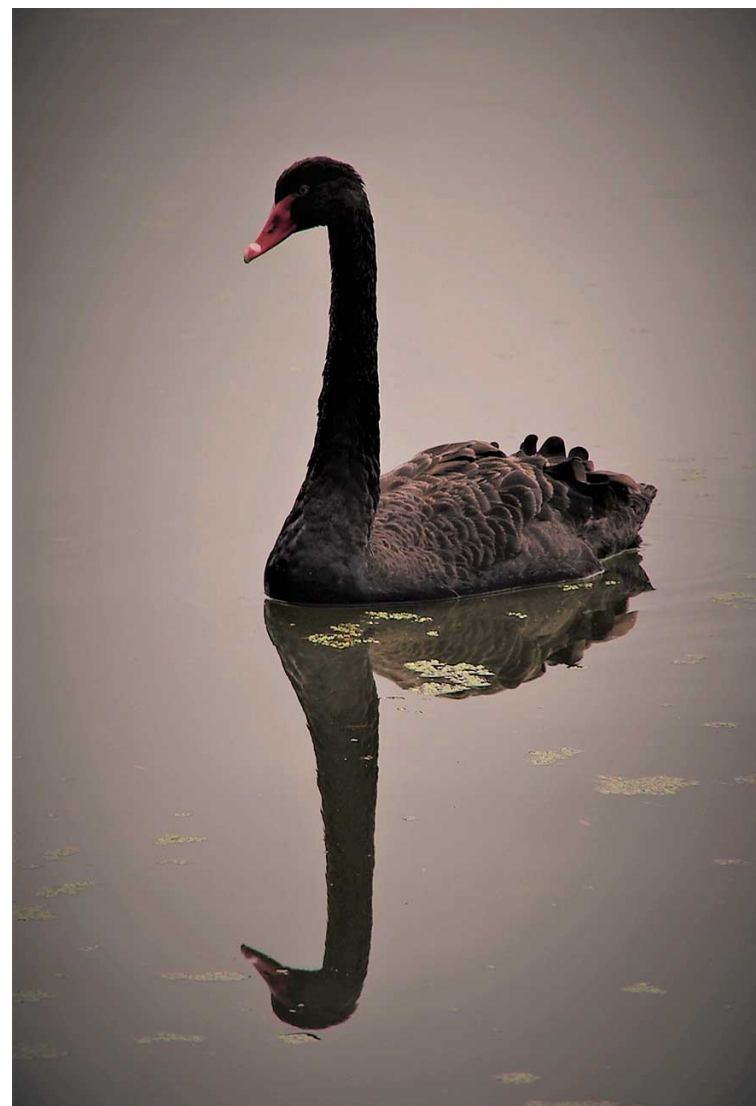
Portrait Interest Group - Mark Stevenson



Portrait Interest Group - Juanita Moolman



Kayak fishermen heading off on Lake Burley Griffin, near Scrivener Dam - Rod Burgess



A morning on the Kingston Foreshore - Norm Fisher
Using his legendary Pentax K-5



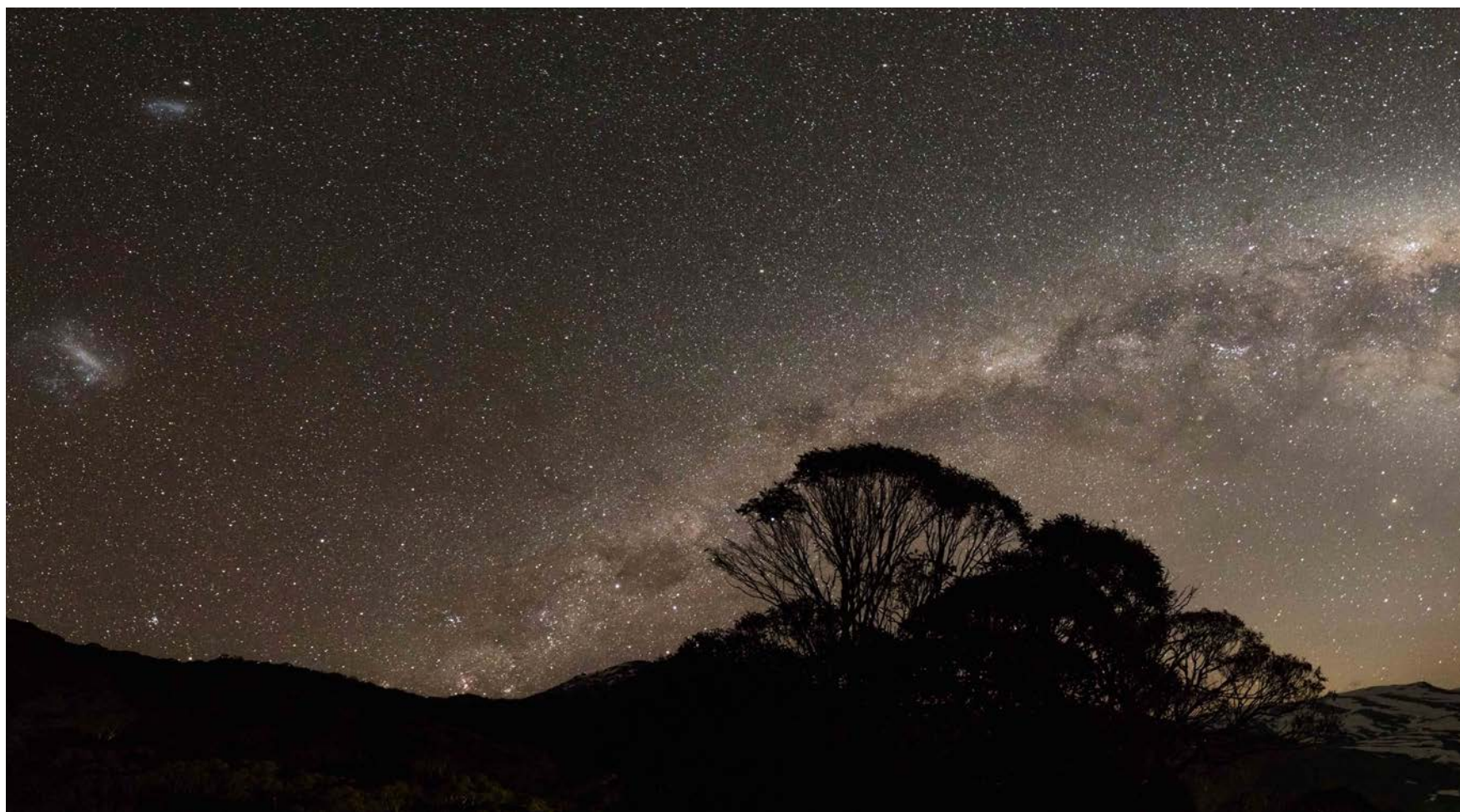
Male variegated wren - Diane Cutting



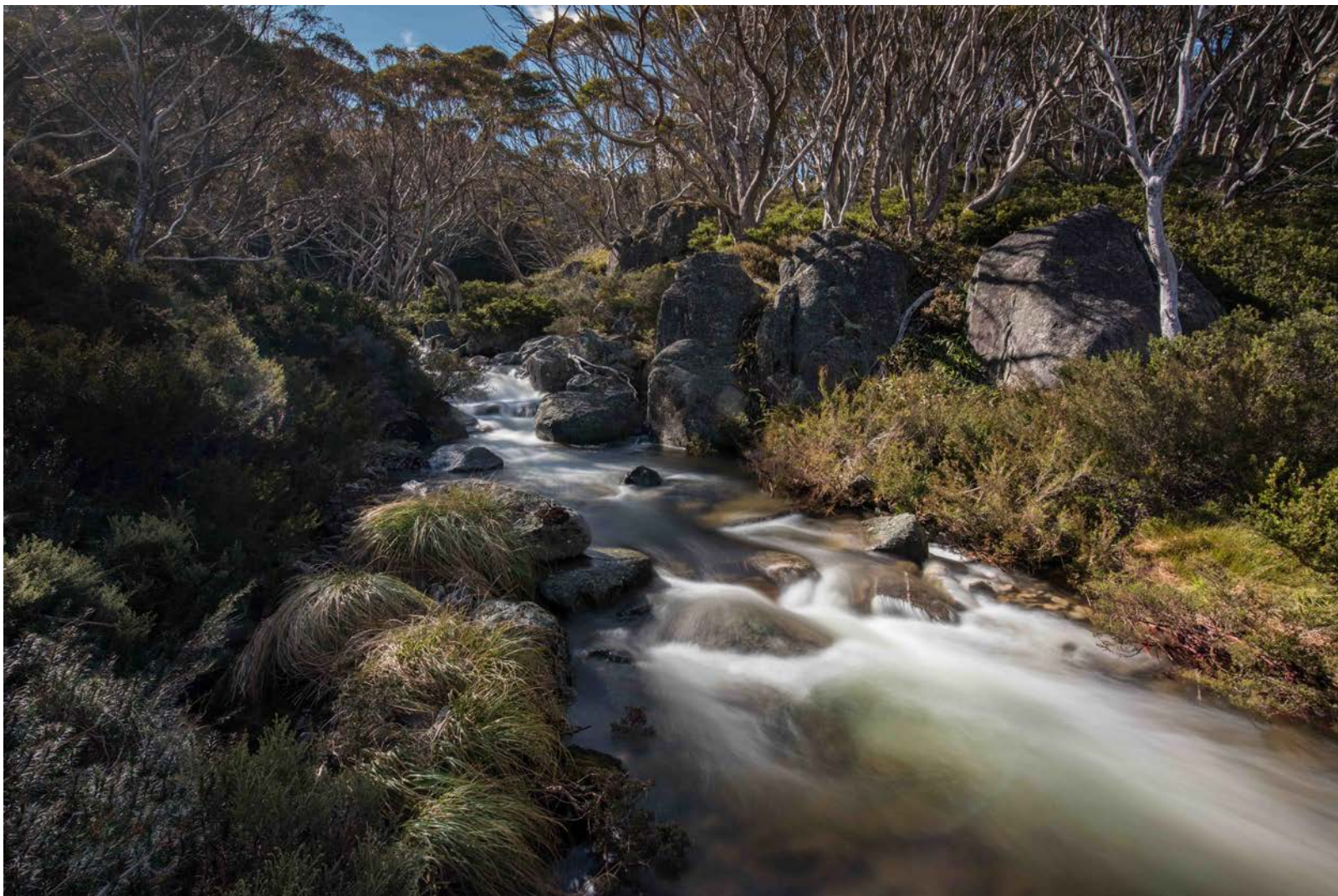
Bad hair day - Silvereye - Diane Cutting



Red Wattle Bird - Diane Cutting



Milky Way and galaxies from Guthega - Rod Burgess



A long exposure of the creek near lodge at Guthega. For those who have been there, this spot is just above the waterfall
- Rod Burgess



Guthega Excursion - Iain Cole



Pinnacle Walkabout - Rob Wignell





Anonymous Image from an obviously talented Photographer