

F22: Southside Camera Club newsletter



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Meetings

7:30 pm: Woden Senior Citizens Club, 12 Corinna Street, Phillip

Second Thursday of the month for general meetings;
fourth Tuesday for DIG SIG (Deakin Soccer Club, 3 Grose Street, Deakin)

Next meeting Thursday 14 October: AGM via Zoom

Following the AGM, Warren Hicks will present on identifying wildflowers that you have photographed. This meeting via Zoom due to the ACT lockdown.



What's on this month: Virtual outings

Week's subject	Meeting date and time
SSCC AGM	Thursday 14 October, 7:30 pm
Close-up	Thursday 21 October, 7:30 pm

Reports

President's report

This is my final AGM President's Report and I would like to thank all the Club members for their continued involvement with the club despite the Covid-19 lockdown and continued restrictions. We had a good year overall but sadly we went into our second lockdown just in time for the August meeting and have been in lockdown ever since.

Despite this, I think we have risen to the challenge and kept engaged and involved and even a bit innovative these last few months. Our Outings Group have just started up online digital outings, which we hope will keep the Club members engaged and involved. We've had two presenters – one from interstate and one from overseas who both were able to present on Zoom and those meetings were well attended despite us going into lockdown on the day of the August meeting. Thank goodness our Victorian presenter, Richard Tatti, was already intending to present via Zoom as the Victorian border had already been closed to the ACT for several weeks by this time.

What this year has continued to demonstrate is that the Club continues to maintain its core values, as set out in its constitution 'to practise and improve photography in a flexible, relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere'. The continued success of the Club over the years and particularly these last two years, has had a lot to do with these values and I trust the Club will continue to preserve these values while meeting future challenges.

The Club has a great group of members who take on diverse roles to keep the Club functioning. I'm glad to say that this has continued supporting the work of the committee and in particular I appreciate that it makes the job of President a lot more manageable.

I would like to give a particular and very heartfelt thank you to Tim Heenan. He has been a huge support to me in my role as President these last two years and a dedicated Treasurer. Without him I'm not sure how well I, or the Club, would have continued this year. The Club is very lucky that Tim has chosen to renominate as Treasurer for the 2021–22 year.

I would also like to thank the Committee members for their support over the year:

- Tim Heenan
- Dennis Lovatt
- Warren Hicks; and
- Nicky Bazley Smith

In addition, the Club wouldn't function as well without these contributors:

- Website manager Brian Moir
- Newsletter editor and Yearbook coordinator Alison Milton, and all the members who contributed to the newsletter and Yearbook
- The DIGSIG, Portrait Interest Group and Astro photography group coordinators – Norman Blom, Mark Stevenson and John Mitchell
- Events and excursion coordinators – Helen Dawes, Rob Wignell and Laurie Westcott
- and to all those who organised excursions, and who presented or organised presenters, my heartfelt thanks.

Events worthy of note for 2021 included:

- Meetings continued both via Zoom and face-to-face – especially the August meeting this year, which was on

the night of the second lockdown! A big thank you to all the members who managed to attend the meeting despite the extremely short notice that it was going to be via Zoom only.

- We had our second overseas presenter, Frank Doorhof, present from the Netherlands via Zoom at the September meeting.
- We published the 11th successive Yearbook highlighting members' photography.
- Members organised many excursions and walkabouts, and so far we have only had a two month shut-down this year when Government regulations do not permit meetings or gathering of any type.
- The innovative digital outings organised to make up for the lack of outings during the 2nd lockdown by our amazing outings committee with the first of these outings held on 23 September – well attended with 24 members at the meeting, and subsequent meetings to be held each Thursday until lockdown is over.
- We maintained regular special interest group meetings – the DIGSIG and portrait groups and a new Astro Photography special interest group was formed by John Mitchell, which has been very popular with members.
- We are continuing our relationship with the Woden Seniors Club and hope to be there for some time yet.

Sadly this year also saw the passing of one of our founder members, Bonnie Crawford on 15 August 2021. Ken and Bonnie, both founding members of the Southside Camera Club, were made life-time members in recognition of their contribution to the Club over many years.

Here's to a better 2021–22 year with fewer lockdowns across the world and maybe the resumption of a covid normal life for us all.

Julie Taylor
President

Future events and meetings

Astro Photography Group

Like all Club activities, the astro group haven't been able to get out to do any night shoots. However, this may change after the lock down restrictions ease in the middle of October. The next opportunity for photographing the milky way will start around 24 October and last until 10 November.

At this time of the year, it's great to shoot panorama's of the Milky Way in an arch and setting in the SW. If the right conditions exist, we will endeavour an event to demonstrate on how to shoot a nightscape panorama sometime during this period.

In the meantime:

Wednesday 13 October, Astro Photography Zoom meeting

The meeting will start at 7.30 pm. I will be talking about my Canon RP and the H-alpha modification. What the advantages are etc. I will also make a comment about the summer period for astro photography, summarising the setting and rising times of the Milky Way over the summer period.

If you want any further information about the Astro Photography group and/or the zoom meeting please contact John Mitchell on the astro group email: astro@southsidecameraclub.org.

[Zoom Meeting Link:](#)

Meeting ID: 870 0662 4449

Passcode: 052522

Calendar of future events and meetings

We need to await the outcome of the lockdown and will advise members of plans for outings for the remainder of the year. In the meantime Weekly Virtual Outings have commenced.

The Outings Committee invites Club members to participate in the 'Virtual' Outings each Thursday until the end of the present ACT lockdown. Simply, take photos on each week's subject and join in that Thursday's Zoom meeting to share them by following the instructions outlined in the 'Invitation' you will receive by email the Tuesday before. Zoom meetings start at 7:30 pm but will open 30 minutes before to provide any assistance needed.

Give it a go. All members can participate this way even the less able as a fair bit of leeway can be attributed to 'photographic licence', creativity or a different way of thinking about a subject.

Looking forward to seeing you each Thursday under Lockdown,

Laurie Westcott
for the Outings Committee

Guthega weekend 29–30 October 2021 deferred

Due to the uncertainty of Covid openings and short notice lockdowns, I have decided to defer the outing to Guthega until February/March next year. Hopefully, the Covid restrictions will be more predictable by then.

Rob Wignall

For sale: Nikon 200–500 mm f5.6 lens \$1250 or offers

I have decided to sell this excellent lens to help fund a much more expensive, but less heavy, Nikon 500 mm prime lens. A [thorough review](#) of this lens is available on the web. The lens comes with its original box and packaging. The current price at Teds is \$2299.95. Contact Rob Wignall on 0416 055 322 or rob_wignall@hotmail.com

Rob Wignall

Online resources

[Digital Photography Review](#)

[Photoaccess](#) – Manuka Arts Centre

[Red River Paper](#) – sign up to receive emails that contain good articles that are primarily about photographic printing but also on a wide range of photographic topics.

From Paul Livingston

Paul has been a regular online resource and also a former President of the Club.

[Useful composition tips for aspiring macro photographers](#)

[Six things to consider when printing your images](#)

[Why should I print any of my photography?](#)

[A photo of annular solar eclipse in Tibet wins 2021 Astronomy Photographer of the Year](#)

[A simple seven step process to create dramatic black and white images in Lightroom](#)

[How to use scrims and strobes outdoors in bright sunlight for amazing portraits](#)

[This landscape photography shoot-out sees 24 mm and 200 mm lenses go head to head](#)

[First hands-on with the Canon EOS R3](#)

[Will the iPhone 13s insane camera specs kill off proper cameras?](#)

[Creative travel portrait photography tips](#)

[Landscape photography tips for boring skies](#)

[Ten tips for cleaning your camera lens](#)

[The role of focal length in creating a visual signature](#)

[Colour in photography for emotional impact](#)

[Portrait session photography tips](#)

[Aerial photography: What type of aircraft works best?](#)

[Chasing the elusive perfect exposure in photography](#)

[Digital SLR focus tips](#)

[How to clean your digital SLR camera and lens](#)

[How to create a mock-up of a framed photograph in Photoshop to help you sell more prints](#)

[Five reasons why you're not taking your camera out of your bag](#)

[Here's why you should photograph your hometown – even if you think it's ugly](#)

[Canon has now officially announced the EOS R3 mirrorless camera and yup, it's \\$5,999](#)

[Fujinon XF 90mm F/2.0 – Too good to be true?](#)

[Chalk artist creates stunning 3D Illusion response to viral milk crate challenge](#)

[Photoshop tip: can blurring the image help you sharpen it better?](#)

[Elements that make a striking photograph](#)

[Checklist for your camera after a portrait shoot](#)

[Wide angle landscape photography: seven tips](#)

The Club online

Web site

www.southsidecameraclub.org/

Please send material for the web site to webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org

Facebook

flickr

[Links](#) to the Club's Facebook and flickr pages are available on the Club's web site under the [images / members on line](#) page.

To join you will need a Facebook and/or a flickr account.

Southside Camera Club AGM and Meeting – via Zoom 14 October 2021

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. AGM and Office Bearer reports.
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Secretary's Report
 - President's Report
3. Nominations and elections
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - President
 - Other members
 - DigSig convenor
4. Reports
 - Coming excursions
 - DIGSIG, Portrait Interest Group
 - Newsletter
5. Presentation
 - Warren Hicks – Identifying wildflowers that you have photographed
6. Upcoming presentations
 - November – Dennis Lovatt -
 - December – annual show and tell for your best shots of 2021
7. Next Meeting - Thursday 11 November, Seniors Club Woden

Break

8. Show and Tell

SSCC Annual General Meeting: 8 October 2020

Opening

Attendees: 19 people at Woden Seniors. 6 on Zoom. Total: 25

Julie Taylor opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

No apologies

Annual General Meeting

Presidents Report

President Julie Taylor thanked everyone for attending. Thanked everyone who participated and organised activities in what has been a difficult year due to Covid-19. A more detailed report from the President can be found in the Club's October newsletter (2020).

Treasurers Report

Tim presented the Annual Financial report detailing that the Club had made a financial loss of \$552.68 This was attributed to a large number of members who had paid subscriptions in the previous Financial year. Therefore, the said membership fees had accrued to the previous year's profit (2018–2019

financial year). The report was accepted unanimously by the floor.

Tim then gave a projection for FY20–21. Tim outlined that if we went ahead with the promise made by the committee to reduce the fees for the current financial year by 50%, that this would incur a \$1114 loss. It was pointed out that when the promise was made during the Covid-19 lock-down, it was thought that the Club would be out of action for some time but had recovered quickly due to the use of Zoom and the threat of Covid-19 in Canberra not being as bad as expected. Tim suggested that if we paid the normal fee then the Club would make a small profit for this Financial year. A vote was proposed. Acceptance was proposed by Rod Tier and was unanimously adopted.

Membership payments now fall due.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Julie Taylor then declared all positions vacant and conducted the election of office bearers and ordinary committee members. The following members will hold office until the 2021 AGM:

- President: Julie Taylor
- Secretary: Dennis Lovatt
- Treasurer: Tim Heenan
- Ordinary Members: Nicky Bazley-Smith, Warren Hicks.

Other Positions

- Newsletter: Alison Milton
- Portrait Special Interest Group: Mark Stevenson
- Digital Special Interest Group: TBA
- Outings Coordinators:
 - Helen Dawes
 - Laurie Westcott
 - Rob Wignell
- Webmaster: Brian Moir

General discussion

Derek Throw will distribute the Calendars at the next meeting.

Events

Rob Wignell informed us of a night photography outing near Goulburn on Saturday 17 October to perform Astro-photography near St Brigids Church at Breadalbane. Limit of 10 members.

Laurie Westcott informed us of a planned trip to the Canola fields around the Boorowa to Harden area on Sunday 11 October.

The October Digsig will be a RAW photo challenge to demonstrate and compare the ease of use and abilities of a few available post-processing software options.

Malcolm announced that the Portrait Interest Group would be meeting at Lake Ginniderra on the last Saturday of the month.

Presentation

Club member Mike Woolley gave a presentation on Bonsai photography. He discussed his approach to photographing them by means of many fine images.

Show and tell

The evening concluded with the usual Show and Tell session.

Southside Camera Club Balance Sheet FY20-21

Opening balance as at 1 July 2020	5225.45
Plus receipts	
Bank interest	1.93
Membership fees	2380.00
Calendar sales	723.00
Coffee sales	106.90
Sub-total	3211.83
Minus expenditure	
Woden Seniors room hire	810.00
Zoom payments	254.68
Calendar expenses	475.76
Coffee purchases	56.67
FCC (NSW) payment	809.00
Lighting upgrade	241.40
Zoom microphone	122.99
Website maintenance	91.00
Gifts to guest speakers	331.54
Sub-total	3193.04
Closing balance as at 30 June 2021	5244.24
Profit	18.79

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	Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com

Office bearers

Committee			
President	Julie Taylor		president@southsidecameraclub.org
Treasurer	Tim Heenan		treasurer@southsidecameraclub.org
Secretary	Dennis Lovatt		secretary@southsidecameraclub.org
Ordinary member	Nicky Bazley-Smith		
Ordinary member	Warren Hicks		
Public Officer	Tim Heenan		
Non-committee positions			
Walkabout/excursion	Laurie Westcott, Rob Wignell, Helen Dawes		outings@southsidecameraclub.org
DIG SIG	Norman Blom		digsig@southsidecameraclub.org
Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson	0404 283 212	portrait@southsidecameraclub.org
Astro photography	John Mitchell		astro@southsidecameraclub.org
Newsletter Editor	Alison Milton	6254 0578	newsletter@southsidecameraclub.org
Website Manager	Brian Moir	0414 834 249	webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org

F22 gallery



Tulip
Subramaniam Sukumar



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*Whistling Kite over Herdsmans Lake, Perth, WA
Nikon D850 with Nikkor 500mm f/5.6 pf
1/1250 sec and f/6.3 at ISO 125
Processed in Capture One Pro 21
Shane Baker*



Swan River, Bell's Rapids, Swan Valley
Nikon Z6ii with Nikkor Z 24 - 70 f/4 at 24mm
1/8sec and f/22 at ISO 50 hand held
Processed in Capture One Pro 21
Shane Baker



*Tulip, Araluen, Darling Range near Perth
Nikon Z6ii with Nikkor Z MC 105mm f/2.8
1/125sec and f/8 at ISO 100
Processed in Capture One Pro 21
Shane Baker*



The Colour Red

Nikon Z6ii with Nikkor Z MC 105mm f/2.8

25 x images shot at ISO 100, 1/30sec at f/4, focus merged in Affinity Photo and final exposure adjustments in Capture One1

Shane Baker



Spring tulip time in Canberra
Rod Burgess



A Silvereye in a Japanese Maple
Rod Burgess



Wild Prunus among the rocks
Bob McHugh



Grevillea alpina
Warren Hicks



Tiger orchid
Nikon 60mm prime lens with macro function. Handheld Nikon D700
Giles West



Red-backed Kingfisher
Luminita Lenuta



*Male Gang Gang at a nesting hollow
Alison Milton*



Pansy
Subramaniam Sukumar



Poppy
Subramaniam Sukumar



*Laowa 100 mm lens at F16
Malcolm Watson*



*Laowa 100 mm lens at F16
Malcolm Watson*



*Tulips at Floriade using a Canon 135 mm lens at F4
Malcom Watson*



*Dawn spectacle, South Durras
Rod Burgess*



*Late afternoon light, South Durras
Rod Burgess*



*Golden afternoon glow, South Durras
Rod Burgess*



*Covid on Joplin Lane
Bob Crawshaw*



The Wedge-tail Eagles are nesting and close by are the magpies, the Wedge-tails are guarding their nesting area quite aggressively as is the Magpie, think the Magpie is winning in this instance
Diane Cutting



Nankeen Kestrels, as part of their courtship, which includes courtship flying, as well the male presents the female with a mouse before copulation, he kept on bring her mice, for was a couple of weeks, think she was getting a bit fed up by the end of it all
Diane Cutting



Courtship flight of a pair of Brown Goshawks - this flying together is quite a noisy act with lots of calling to each other and mirror image flying
Diane Cutting



Black Swan
John Mitchell



*Black Swan
John Mitchell*



*Pacific Black Duck
John Mitchell*



*Brayshaws Hut panorama
John Mitchell*



*Mt Tennent Milky Way
John Mitchell*



Pansies
Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/640@f8, ISO 400 (on camera flash)
Mark Stevenson



Pansies
Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/640@f8, ISO 400 (on camera flash)
Mark Stevenson



Pansies
Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/2000@f8, ISO 400 (on camera flash)
Mark Stevenson



*Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/200@f11, ISO 400
Mark Stevenson*



*Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/1000@f10, ISO 400
Mark Stevenson*



*Nikon D850, Sigma 70-200mm @ 200mm, 1/800@f8, ISO 800
Mark Stevenson*



Hot and cold
Bob McHugh



*On the back road to Yass
Bob McHugh*



*Ready to fly
Bob McHugh*



*Rise and shine
Bob McHugh*



*Male Superb Parrot, Curtin Ridge
Derek Trow*



*Yellow-rumped Thornbill, front garden
Derek Trow*



*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Derek Trow*



*Arboretum, spring
Warren Hicks*



Parrot pea
Warren Hicks



Purple coral pea
Warren Hicks



Glossodia major, Wax Lip Orchid
Warren Hicks



Diuris chryseopsis, Golden Moth Orchid
Nikon 60mm prime lens with macro function. Handheld Nikon D700
Giles West



Caladenia fuscata, Dusky fingers orchid
Nikon 60 mm prime lens with macro function. Handheld Nikon D700
Giles West



*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Luminata Lenuta*



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*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Luminuta Lenuta*



*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Luminata Lenuta*



*Strahan Harbour
Peter Hanrahan*



*Taken for the themed colour red
Rob Wignall*



*Taken for the themed colour red
Rob Wignall*



*Taken for the themed colour red
Rob Wignall*



*Nankeen Kestrel with mouse, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*The Kestrel's mate in a nesting hollow, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*Nankeen Kestrel stretching her wings, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
This rare visitor to the ACT arrived at Campbell park just after the ACT went into lock-down. Unfortunately, it was not in my local region so I couldn't go looking for it until this week when we were finally allowed to leave our local region. Luckily, it has hung around for several weeks and was still there for me to see it.
Alison Milton



*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*Red-backed Kingfisher, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*