

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

Next meeting: Thursday 9 December 2021

Extended Show and tell.

Please start sending your photos for the 2021 Yearbook



What's on this month

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Speaker/convenor
Sun 12 Dec	Christmas gathering: Lake Ginninderra	
Thurs 9 Dec	Meeting: Year-end Show & Tell	

Reports

President's report

Like a wave, the light makes its play on the landscape. We watch, wait, gasp, and hope. And sometimes groan! Will the light become magical, and if so, exactly when will the decisive moment be? Landscape photographers must be keen pupils of the weather anticipators of that magic sunbeam or dramatic colour. (W Neill. 2020, Light on The Landscape.)

Christmas is fast approaching as is the end of another interrupted year. Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the wheels turning at the SSCC and to all members for staying connected with Club activities. Your cheerfully flexible approach to the changes we had to make because of restrictions was a blessing. While Zoom might not have been a complete solution for meetings, it did open access up to members both local and interstate and allowed us to have guest speakers from all over the world, which was a bonus. Virtual outings have become a feature of the Club's program, and small groups have been meeting on specific topics, so Zoom is here to stay.

The committee will be working on the Club's program for 2022 presentations over the break and would be keen to hear from anyone who has an interesting topic they would like covered or who would like to give a presentation. The special interest groups are also busy planning outing activities for you.

As explained at the November General Meeting I have a clash of meeting every second month so I asked if we could change the SSCC General Meeting to the third Thursday of the month. We have had to change our meeting days in the past from Tuesdays. It is a bit disruptive for some and I am sorry if the change of dates makes it difficult for anyone. The members who have talked to me have been agreeable and Laurie was happy to move the virtual meeting. The Woden Seniors, (our venue) is available so in 2022 we will meet on the third Thursday of the month.

The December Club meeting, in keeping with Club tradition, will be an extended Show and Tell. It will be an opportunity to show your favourite dozen shots from 2021. For those new members, the meeting agenda will be to briefly cover any Club business raised, then show our photos, have a coffee break, and show more photos. You can bring printed photos or upload them electronically (before the meeting) into the Show and Tell folder so they can be projected.

It is a chance to catch up with friends as well as let them help you know what photos you might submit for next year's Club calendar/yearbook. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting or at the Club BBQ on Sunday 12 December. If I don't see you, have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Nicky Bazley-Smith
President

Portrait Interest Group meeting report

The Portrait Interest Group had intended to have it's final meeting for the 2021 year at Fetherston Gardens in Weston on Saturday, 27 November. However, due to the amount of rain in the preceding days the venue was moved indoors to my home in Kambah. With six photographers, two models and various pieces of lighting gear scattered about, it was a cosy fit in the garage. The Club lighting kit was put to good use with the two Elinchrom lights being able to be used independently, one with a soft box and the other using a silver reflective umbrella producing different lighting effects. Several Club members had not previously used the lighting kit so it was a good opportunity to try it out.

This might be a good time to remind members that the lighting kit remains an under utilised piece of Club equipment. The

kit is very simple to use and I encourage members to make use of it, particularly at this time of year with so many family gatherings happening.

Other remote lighting kits and on camera flashes were also in use making for a very busy session. With the rain having stopped by late morning, we were even able to get out into the garden for a few shots in the watery sunlight.

The Portrait Interest Group will next meet in February of 2022. A venue for that meet has not yet been decided upon.

Mark Stevenson
Portrait Interest Group Convenor

Future events and meetings

Sunday 11:00 am 12 December: Christmas party at Lake Ginninderra

Nengi Bamir Beach under the trees at the western end of Diddums Close, northern end of Lake Ginninderra, Belconnen has a pleasant spot. Grass, shade, BBQ, toilets, kiddies play equipment and nice walks around the peninsular. A bit far north of the southside but we're all in for an adventure occasionally, aren't we?



Bring a picnic lunch and nibbles. A spare chair just in case others have the same idea.

Turn in from Ginninderra drive and take a right. Follow this to the end. There are two available carparks. A map is attached to help guide you.

Weather-wise we cannot ensure that this will be a sunny day. If it is raining the event will be cancelled.

If interested, can you, please let me know – helendawes54@gmail.com. If cancelled I will send out an email!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Your outings committee



Night outing on 18 January 2022

The Club doesn't normally have outings in January but, at the November 2021 meeting there was strong interest in a suggested outing on the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin to take photos during the 'blue hour' followed by photos of the full moon when it rises at 8:51 pm.

The outing is specifically aimed at members who are new to taking night shots and would like to learn a bit more about the settings on their cameras for taking longer exposures. I expect to have people with skills in using Nikon and Canon cameras who can act as coaches for those who want some guidance.

Details on when and where to meet will be circulated in early January.

Rob Wignell
Outings Co-convenor

Fri-Sun 25-27 February 2022 Guthega weekend

Please join me in a weekend trip to Guthega for photography and an enjoyable weekend. I have been taking Southside Camera Club members to a ski lodge in Guthega for more than 10 years. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members and to learn more about photography. The ski lodge has views over Guthega Dam and the main range of the Snowy Mountains.

The accommodation cost is \$70 per person for the weekend. Bookings are on a first come first served basis so please contact me on 0416 055 322 or via email at rob_wignell@hotmail.com as soon as possible to reserve your place.

Rob Wignell

Astro photography group 2022

Best times for astro Milky Way photography 2022

Generally we look to the new moon date and work the moon set and rise times from there.

January - new moon, 3 January

The best time is between 27 December 2021 and 6 January.

The Milky Way too low in the SE: the morning blue hour starts at 4.05 am and core rises at sunrise around 4.24 am.

January-February - new moon, 1 February

The best time is between 23 January and 6 February.

The Milky Way core low SE, am blue hour starts at 4.45 am, core rises around 2.30 am.

February-March - new moon, 3 March

The best time is between 24 February and 8 March.

Milky Way core ESE, am blue hour starts at 5.23 am, core rises around 12.33 am.

March-April - new moon 1 April

The best time is between 26 March and 6 April.

Milky Way core ESE, pm blue hour finishes at 8.30 pm, core rises around 10.35 pm.

April-May: new moon 1 May

The best time is between 24 April and 6 May.

Milky Way core ESE, pm blue hour finishes at 6.47 pm, core rises around 7.29 pm.

May-June: new moon 30 May

The best time is between 24 May and 4 June.

Milky Way core ESE, pm blue hour finishes at 6.30 pm, core rises around 6.17 pm.

June-July- new moon 29 June

The best time is between 22 June and 3 July.

Milky Way high in sky, pm blue hour finishes at 5.45 pm, core rises around 6.06 pm.

July-August: new moon 29 July

The best time is between 20 July and 3 August.

Milky Way high in sky, pm blue hour finishes at 6.18 pm, core rises around 5 pm.

August-September: new moon 27 August

The best time is between 20 August and 2 September.

Milky Way high in sky, pm blue hour finishes at 6.06 pm, core rises around 5 pm.

September-October: new moon 26 September

The best time is between 17 September and 2 October.

Milky Way high in sky, pm blue hour finishes at 7.28 pm, core rises around 3 pm.

October-November: new moon 25 October

The best time is between 15 October and 29 October.

Milky Way high in sky, WSW, pm blue hour finishes at 7.54 pm, core rises around 3 pm.

November-December: new moon 24 November

The best time is between 24 November and 29 November.

Milky Way high too low WSW.

Notice about meetings for 2022

Please note that general meetings will be moved to the 3rd Thursday each month starting 2022.

Calendar of future events and meetings

Subject to change. Forward queries/suggestions to outings@southsidecameraclub.org

Outings and excursions are subject to change. If you are able to fill the gaps contact:

outings@southsidecameraclub.org

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Convenor/speaker
Thurs 20 Jan	Virtual outing: Light and shadow	Zoom
Thurs 3 Feb	Virtual outing: Reflections	Zoom
18-19 Feb	Multicultural Festival	Rob Wignall
26-27 Feb	Guthega	Rob Wignall

For sale

Samyang XP 14 mm f2.4 lens

Canon mount, manual focus, pristine condition and Australian stock: An excellent lens for astrophotography

Price \$1000

Canon EOS 6D Mark One camera plus EF 24-105 f/4L IS USM lens

Included is Really Right Stuff L-bracket, Scandisk 4 GB card, original box, battery charger, one battery and Canon 6D camera strap.

The camera is in excellent condition with an extremely low shutter count of 12,475 actuations. This is 8% of its rated life span of 150,000 actuations. Proof available.

Both the camera and lens are in excellent condition and have been carefully used, never dropped or misused and they both perform as well now as the day I purchased them.

No scratches or marks on lens elements or body. The lens has always been used with a filter to protect the front element. I believe the lens is a Version One.

Both the camera and lens were purchased from an official Australian Canon retailer.

\$1400

Will separate if required.

Replacement foot for the Canon EF 100-400 mm f4.5-5.6L IS II USM lens. Made by Really Right Stuff in the USA.

Excellent condition

Price \$75.00

All are pick-up Canberra or Postage / Insurance extra.

All prices are negotiable

If interested I can be contacted on clarktony553@gmail.com

Tony Clark

USB power explained

USB power can be really confusing! This [video](#) explains the different types of USB Power, the level of power each USB type supports, and why the USB cable you use makes a difference. It also explains useful terminology so you know what to look for.

Submitted by Shane Baker

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.

[How to shoot portraits with Christmas lights](#)

[10 ways to boost your photography, even if you're a beginner](#)

[Food photography: Recipe for a great image](#)

[What to do if you're feeling unmotivated as a photographer](#)

[How to emphasize your main subject in photography](#)

[Low light photography: 5 tips](#)

[Seven tips to make your photos stand out](#)

[Sharp product photography with focus stacking](#)

[Photographing a Lunar Eclipse](#)

[Ring light portrait tutorial](#)

[Planning and packing camera lenses for a holiday or trip](#)

[Wide angle landscape composition tips and tricks](#)

[The first step to a quality portrait](#)

[Tack-sharp focus tips for street and travel photography](#)

[Animal eye detection & auto focus with mirrorless cameras](#)

Exhibitions

ANBG Photographic Group Exhibition: Recovery'

ANBG Visitors Centre Gallery | 25 November – 12 December

Recovery is the eighth annual photographic exhibition by the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Photographic Group.

This year there are four categories of images. Firstly, there are plant portraits of a single plant, or group of primarily the same species. Then there are wildlife images (in the Gardens, but also outside due to access restrictions this year). Next there are creative compositions of banksia plants in recognition of Joseph Banks' visit to Australia and the new banksia garden. And, to complete the show, images of rare, threatened or endangered plants. In total, there are 48 prints by 20 artists,

all framed in a light-coloured timber and, so, the overall exhibition looks cohesive.



The exhibition successfully displays in print aspects of our beautiful natural environment through the camera lens, and on screen with revolving images of plants, birds and animals in the ANBG.

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.

- Go to the groups page
- Search for Canberra Southside Camera Club
- Click on the 'Join Group' button.

The request to join will be sent to the president as the group moderator. If you don't get a confirmation within a day or two email 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	Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com

Office bearers

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From the Editor

Thank you once again to all members who have contributed to the newsletter over the past year despite limited opportunities to exercise ourselves, let alone our photographic skills.

Kumar and Shane have given us something to think about with their artistic photos of a scent bottle and a colourful striped spoon against a similarly striped background.

Bill reminds us that we have had record rain this spring with his spectacular photo of a flooded Murrumbidgee River viewed from Shepherds Lookout.

The botanic gardens has opened up again giving us the opportunity to see the rare return of the Scarlet Honeyeater, and Laurie has dug deep into his archives to provide photos of some amazing floral displays at the 2010 Flower Show in Hong Kong.

This year's Club Yearbook was a bit sparse on contributions but perhaps we can dig deep to find something to submit for the 2021 Yearbook to show that the year was not all doom and gloom.

Wishing you all the best for the holiday season and better shooting opportunities next year.



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L'air du temp
Nikon Z6II with Nikkor Z 24-70mm f/4 S and Godox V1n speedlight
1/200 sec, f/5.6 at ISO 100
Shane Baker



*Rose
Nikon Z6II with Nikkor Z MC 105mm f/2.8
1/125 sec, f/11 at ISO 200
Shane Baker*



*Red-capped parrot juvenile
Nikon D850 with Nikkor 500mm f/5.6
1/1250 sec, f/5.6 at ISO 90
Shane Baker*



*Ball's Pyramid, 562 m high, constructed of lava flows, volcanic ashes, and feeder dykes, Lord Howe Island
Richard Arculus*



*Ball's Pyramid, 562 m high, constructed of lava flows, volcanic ashes, and feeder dykes, Lord Howe Island
Richard Arculus*



Grevillea
Bob McHugh



Scarlet Honey-eater
Luminia Lenuta



Scarlet Honey-eater
Luminia lenuta



Flower show near the docks in Hong Kong in March, 2010
Laurie Westcott



*Flower show near the docks in Hong Kong in March, 2010
Laurie Westcott*



*Wild Geranium' Olympus OMD E-M5 Mkii, 60 mm lens, ISO 1250, f.2.8, 1/2000 sec (aperture priority)
Jen Thompson*



Melia
Fujifilm XT2 Fujinon 56mm F1.2
Subramaniam Sukumar



*Murrumbidgee in high flow - from Shepherd's Lookout
Bill Blair*



Anchored Sunrise, Durras
Bob McHugh



*Incoming tide, Durras
Bob McHugh*



*Torrent, Murrumbidgee River
Bob McHugh*



*Carnaby's Black-cockatoo male: Nikon D850 with Nikkor 500mm f/5.6, 1/1250 sec, f/5.6 at ISO 450
Shane Baker*



*Carnaby's Black-cockatoo female with Juvenile: Nikon D850 with Nikkor 500mm f/5.6, 1/1250 sec, f/5.6 at ISO 1600
Shane Baker*



Sooty Tern, Lord Howe Island, these have made an astonishing recovery since the elimination of rats (last of the latter captured 3 months ago; long may that last)
Richard Arculus



*Masked Booby, Lord Howe Island
Richard Arculus*



Bar-tailed Godwit, Lord Howe Island; one of these species recently set a new non-stop longest flight from Alaska to Tweed Heads
Richard Arculus



Scarlet Honey-eater
Luminita Lenuta



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Scarlet Honey-eater
Luminita Lenuta



*Flower show near the docks in Hong Kong in March, 2010
Laurie Westcott*



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Laurie Westcott*



*'Gotcha – Broulee Rock Platform Gloomy Octopus' Olympus TG-870 in underwater housing, ISO 125, f.3.5, 1/13 sec
Jen Thompson*



*Burrawang Forest' Olympus OMD E-M5 Mkii, 14 mm lens, ISO 400, f.10, 1/125 sec (aperture priority)
Jen Thompson*



Car
Fujifilm XT2 Laowa 65mm F2.8
Subramaniam Sukumar



Spoon
Fujifilm XT2 Laowa 65mm F2.8
Subramaniam Sukumar



Sara
Fujifilm XT2 Fujinon 23mm F2
Subramaniam Sukumar



*Weston Park, 2 December 2021
Alison Milton*



*Weston Park, 2 December 2021
Alison Milton*



*By request, some more Kestrel fledgling photos, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*Kestrel fledgling, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*Kestrel fledgling, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*



*Kestrel fledgling, Campbell Park
Alison Milton*