

F22: Southside Camera Club newsletter



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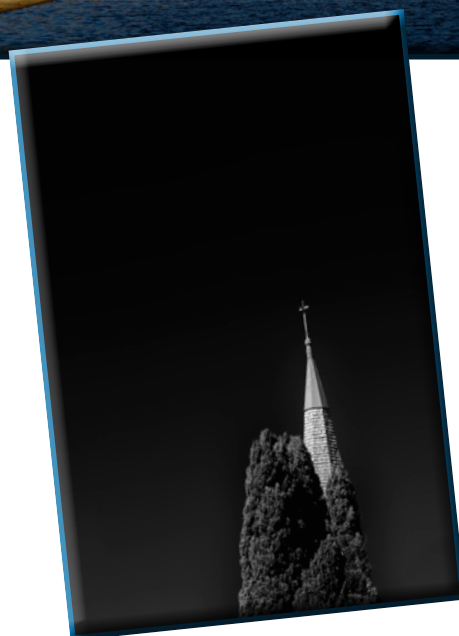
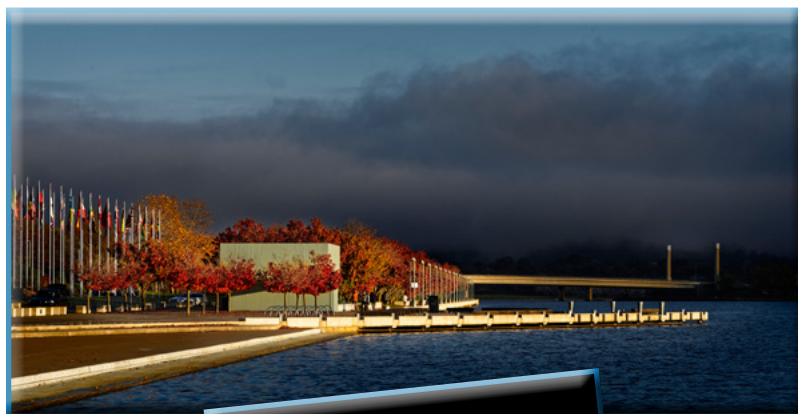
Meetings

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

Third Thursday of the month

Next meeting Thursday 27 July: Photographic style presented by Rodney Garnett

Rodney will explore the concept of a photographer's signature style and what it takes to have a personal style. He will draw on examples from famous photographers, past and present. This will be followed by some different 'looks' or styles of photography using photos from his portfolio. Aspects of his approach to visualisation, capture and post processing will be discussed to achieve the styles.



What's on this month

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Speaker/convenor
Thurs 7 July	National Gallery and environs	Helen Dawes
Fri 22–24 July	Burrawang weekend	Laurie Westcott
Wed 20 July	Astro Interest Group: 7:30 pm Zoom meeting	John Mitchell
Thurs 21 July	Meeting: Photographic style	Rodney Garnett
Sat 30 July	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson

Reports

President's report

Photos of the snow-capped Brindabella's on the nightly news, chilly temperatures, and icy winds herald winter in Canberra.

The cold fronts have in turn hit the NSW Snowy Mountains. For the next few months, the alps will provide a playground for skiers and photographers alike. From snow flanked rivers to forests of trees with branches laden with snow. The vibrant colours of the twisted trunks of the snow gums, the icicles clinging to the roofs of old huts and the snow skirting the granite tors give plenty of subject matter.

We have quite a few SSCC members who are well seasoned snow bunny" with a wealth of knowledge, alas I am not one. However, a couple of years ago on a rare visit to the mountains, fortunately it was on a clear afternoon, I witnessed a beautiful sunset, the snow peaks of the range were washed in soft pink and orange hues, then once the sun disappeared the stars and planets were exposed. There were plenty of birds (flame robins if you were fast enough) and we were fortunate to see a wombat but sadly we encountered a drove of wild boar. The bright white snow does play havoc with the camera's exposure metering, so you do need to adjust your exposure for the conditions. If you are lucky enough to get up there this year rug up and start exploring, the environmental challenges are numerous, but the photographic opportunities are exciting.

Rodney Garnett is our speaker for the June meeting, his topic will be developing your own photographic style. To illustrate this Rodney will share some images from his portfolio and show some images that are instantly recognisable from past and present masters of photography. Style will progress over time however if you are able to identify visual patterns in photos it will help you express your vision more confidently. This promises to be a very inspiring and instructive presentation. I hope to see you there.

As photographers we have a preferred approach to lighting, composition, creating a mood or a story. It would be interesting before the meeting if you think about:

- why do you take the photos you take?
- what subject matter makes you curious?
- what technical processes do you use, and
- what post processing you prefer?

Have you already created a photo series that demonstrates your style?

Nicky Bazley-Smith
President

Shepherds Lookout to Strathnairn excursion

The June activities were wrapped up with an excursion that incorporated two options of visiting Shepherds Lookout in West Belconnen.

Laurie led a small group along the recently opened track from Strathnairn to the lookout, while Helen led a shorter trip directly to the lookout for the less adventurous. I experienced a bit of both.

Originally opting for the shorter walk, Laurie dropped me off at the start of the short track to the lookout while he went back to Strathnairn to lead the longer walk. The second option didn't start for another hour so I amused myself by visiting the dam and observing the pair of grebes and the wood ducks.

I was then lucky enough to come across a flock of small birds flitting among the acacias just coming into flower. The flock included a male Rose Robin in brilliant colour, as well as the usual thornbills and Grey Fantails.

The two groups eventually met at the lookout and after a catch up again went their separate ways with a plan to meet at Strathnairn for coffee.

I decided to join Laurie on the new track as it was something I had been wanting to do. I had only previously walked the first part from Strathnairn to the dams but not the whole route.

The track is a narrow foot track through bushland below Stockdill Drive. One short section skirting above the gully had a steepish drop off, which may not be favoured by those with a fear of heights, but was otherwise very easy going, with great views over the Murrumbidgee River gorge.

On this trip, rather than focusing on taking yet more photos of the iconic view of the river from the lookout (though I did take photos) I looked for other options and instead took photos of the dam and of the varying patterns of the landscape beyond the lookout.



A very enjoyable outing with thanks to Laurie and Helen.

Alison Milton

Portrait Interest Group report

The June meeting of the Portrait Interest Group was held at the Canberra Fire Museum in Forrest. The museum houses restored Canberra fire fighting appliances dating from 1913 to the 1980s as well as breathing apparatus and a range of fire fighting equipment, some dating back to the late 1800s.

Models were able to pose on and against some of the vehicles and the staff were also kind enough to provide a period brass fire helmet for our use. Other interesting backdrops included Canberra's first analog fire-alarm panel, (which takes up almost one entire wall of the station's fire response and control room), 19th century human-drawn (as opposed to horse-drawn) fire fighting appliances and a range of period uniforms.

Given the amount of beautifully restored equipment and vehicles on display, the museum is certainly well worth a visit for just a gold coin donation.

Following the shoot, the group meet for coffee at Maple and Clove behind the Hotel Realm.

Mark Stevenson
Portrait Interest Group Convenor

Future events and meetings

Portrait Interest Group July meeting

The next meeting will, weather permitting, be at 10.00 am on Saturday, 30 July at Henry Rolland Park, in Acton. Adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue.

For those who aren't aware of this park, it is the new recreational area on the other side of Commonwealth Avenue to Regatta Point.

Mark Stevenson
Portrait Interest Group Convenor

9:15 am 12 July: National Gallery

We will meet at the big ball in front of the National Gallery. The plan is to meander through the artworks in the surroundings of the Gallery. Coffee after at the cafe.



Misting commences at 12.30 so you may need to stay a tad longer if you want to experience this.

Helen Dawes

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 4 Aug	Virtual outing: Coastal scenes	Laurie Westcott
Sun 14 Aug	Brayshaws Hut, Namadgi National Park	Julie Taylor
Tues 16 Aug	Street art using your mobile phone – Braddon	Helen Dawes
Wed 17 Aug	Astro Interest Group: 7:30 pm Zoom meeting	John Mitchell
Thurs 18 Aug	Meeting	Rod Burgess
Sat 27 Aug	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 1 Sept	Virtual outing: Phone photography	Laurie Westcott
Wed 14 Sept	Astro Interest Group: 7:30 pm Zoom meeting	John Mitchell
Thurs 15 Sept	Meeting: Journey through the galaxy	Kym Haines
Wed–Thurs 21–22 Sep	Boorowa region car trip (options for 1 or 2 days)	TBC
Sat 24 Sept	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Tues 27 Sept	Tulip Tops	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 6 Oct	Virtual outing: Colours of spring	Laurie Westcott
Sun 9 Oct	Legoland, Namadgi National Park (could include long walk)	Mark Stevenson
Wed 19 Oct	Astro Interest Group: 7:30 pm Zoom meeting	John Mitchell
Thurs 20 Oct	Meeting	Jen Thompson
Thurs 27 Oct	Goulburn	TBC
Sat 29 Oct	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 3 Nov	Virtual outing: structure – still life	Zoom
Thurs 10 Nov	Street photography, Fyshwick	TBC
Wed 16 Nov	Astro Interest Group: 7:30 pm Zoom meeting	John Mitchell
Thurs 17 Nov	Meeting	
Sat 26 Nov	Portrait Interest Group	
Sun 4 Dec	Christmas gathering by Lake Burley Griffin	
Thurs 15 Dec	Meeting: Year-end Show & Tell	

Membership fees due

At the recent June monthly meeting I confirmed that membership fees for FY 22-23 would remain unchanged from last year, at \$35 for individuals, \$60 for couples and \$20 for full time students. Under the terms of our Constitution these fees are now due.

Given the ongoing COVID situation, it is preferable that these be paid by bank transfer to the Club Account at Beyond Bank: Southside Camera Club (BSB: 325185, Account: 03483070). Please include your surname in the reference area together with the notation 'Fees FY22-23'

Regards and happy to clarify further at the July meeting, or by email, if required.

Tim Heenan
Treasurer

Epson inks for sale

I have just retired my big Epson printer: EPSON Stylus Pro 3880 and have some unopened and some partly used inks to find a new home for – they will work in a P3800 or P3880 printer. I will consider any reasonable offer rather than binning them.

Jeff Cutting
jeffcutting@optusnet.com.au

For sale: second-hand Canon camera

A Canon Power Shot G3 Digital Camera (4 MP) in good condition, ideal as a gift for a young person and their entry into the world of photography. Compact Flash card not included. \$25.

Contact Laurie Westcott on 0407 544 263 or
westcott16@bigpond.com

Photography tips

How can you change things up in your photos, so people will find them interesting?

Some simple ways to help your photos stand out and be noticed <https://youtu.be/xiH3ZQdEVEM>

A video worth watching.

Shane Baker

Online resources

[Digital Photography Review](#)

[Photoaccess](#) – Manuka Arts Centre

Competitions

These are the official short listed images for the [Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year awards for 2022](#), showcasing the year's best wildlife and landscape photos.

FCC NSW 2022 topshot entries open

Entries are now open for the [FCC NSW 2022 Topshot Competition](#).

There are 8 categories:

- Open Monochrome – Print
- Open Colour – Print
- Nature – Print
- Open Monochrome – Digital
- Open Colour – Digital
- Nature – Digital
- Australian Landscape/Seascape – Digital
- Creative – Digital

See the [FCC NSW Topshot website](#) for entry and further details.

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

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From the Editor

Well, much like the F22 gallery for this month, there's not much to contribute.

With only two members submitting photos, besides my own, this is the least impressive effort I've seen. I know at least some of you have been out taking photos as I saw you out at Shepherds Lookout last week, and while we've seen numerous photos of this iconic scene, there were other options.

I'm sure you all also have other photos to share even if they are from 10, 20 or even 30 years ago.

I hope to see a more enthusiastic effort next month and perhaps even better for the September newsletter, especially after some of are heading to the coast on Laurie's Burrawang trip. I'm hoping to see some great photos from this.

Thank you to Bob and Kumar for keeping the dream alive.

Alison Milton
F22 Editor

F22 gallery



*St Johns church, Georges Plain
Bob McHugh*



*Galahs at the Australian National Botanic Gardens
Kumar Sukumar*



*No moon
Kumar Sukumar*



*Silo art, Darlington Point, New South Wales
Alison Milton*



*The Breakaways, Coober Pedy
Alison Milton*



*Sand dune opposite Mount Connor, Northern Territory
Alison Milton*



*Rural scene, South Australia somewhere near Port Pirie, taken from a moving bus.
Alison Milton*



*Shephers Lookout, Holt
Alison Milton*



Raindance
Bob McHugh



Downfallen
Bob McHugh