

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 21 September – Cetacean fascination, presented by Vicki Clarke

When out stalking orchids on the south coast of Western Australia, little did I know that a quick peep over the nearby sandhills would ignite a passion that has fuelled my Cetacean fascination ever since. From the west coast to the east coast, I have been fortunate to share some special moments with these beautiful creatures (and their friends) in the scenic waters off our coast. Join me as I share some of this journey with you.



What's on this month

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Speaker/convenor
Sun 10 Sept	Stromlo sunset and light painting	Brian Moir
Tues 12–14 Sept	Canola/silo art road trip	Julie Taylor
Wed 13 Sept	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 21 Sept	Meeting: Cetacean fascination	Vicki Clarke
Thurs 27 Sept	Floriade	Helen Dawes
Sat 30 Sept	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson

Reports

President's report

Angela Robinson Buchanan was our guest speaker for August and she gave a terrific presentation. From a very young age in the UK where she was born, Angela has been interested in nature, animals and flora. As a child she discovered a spider she didn't recognise so sent it off in the post to the Natural History Museum. It turned out this species was not known in the UK at the time.

Angela has extensive knowledge in many genres of photography, firstly studying photography and printing at university and working in the industry for many years before moving to Australia. She explained, using her beautiful photographs of birds, the path she has taken in recent times as a wildlife carer, which has led to her photography winning awards, having multiple exhibitions, teaching workshops and writing and illustrating several children's books. For Angela it is essential that the birds and animals are photographed with respect – she never uses a flash and the well-being of the animal comes first. She had some beautiful photos of a tiny frogmouth she had raised that had fallen out of the nest before it could fly. Then it took a lot of preparation and patience to get the shot of a magpie one winter's morning, singing out condensation in her backyard. Angela runs workshops twice a year, which are all booked out. However she said if our Club had a group that was interested, she could run one for us. Let me know if there is interest and we can go from there. Great talk, thanks Angela.

After the coffee break I mentioned that the AGM will be held at the October meeting and that as I have been president for two years, I will be vacating the seat for someone else to have a turn. Kumar will also not be standing for re-election as Secretary. If anyone wants more information about committee positions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

This month's speaker will be Vicki Clarke and she will be inspiring us with her fascination for whales. Now is the time to catch a glimpse of the Humpback whales making their long migration down Australia's eastern coastline with their young. The ocean comes alive with spectacular acrobatic displays and some of us have been lucky enough to be in the water with the marine mammal and hear their haunting song. So hope to see you at the meeting for another terrific presentation.

Nicky Bazley-Smith
President

Orroral Homestead outing

A number of members met for an excursion to the Orroral Homestead in Namadgi National Park.

Situated near the site of the Orroral space tracking station, the homestead was built for Archibald and Mary McKeahnie for grazing in the 1860s. It has three rooms and a chimney at each end, plus a full length verandah at the front. The original kitchen and staff quarters were built behind, and were as large as the house. The main chimney for the kitchen remains.



We parked at the renovated tracking station picnic area and wandered on down to the homestead, cautiously watched by the many kangaroos, either grazing or simply lounging on the grass.



The old corral seemed of particular interest to the roos to congregate within.

There were very few birds with a grey butcherbird heard calling in the distance and a few shy Superb Fairy Wrens flitting around the picnic area.

On the far distant ranges we spotted a pair of Little Eagles being harassed by a Wedge-tailed Eagle, but they were too far distant for even our long lens to get a decent shot.

The old shearing shed still stands and there were the remnants of old stoves nearby.

After a wander round the old homestead. We headed up the hill to a spot that looked out over the homestead and valley. It was in a gully before heading up the slope that I spotted a couple of female Flame Robins. A male Scarlet Robin was found on our descent while looking for the Flame Robins.

Back at the picnic area a male Scarlet Robin was hunting nearby, the Superb Fairy Wrens made another appearance and a few other species made their appearance while we had a quiet lunch.

I had previously been to the old tracking station site and while I had heard of the homestead I hadn't realised just where it was so I was very pleased to have made this trip and hopefully get some decent photos in return.

Alison Milton

Future events and meetings

Astro Interest Group meeting

The next astro interest zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 September at 7.30 pm. If the full moon shoot is successful, I'll demonstrate how I edit the images to get a staggered moon rise.

The next new moon is Friday 15 September. This time of the year is prime time for Milky Way panorama images, tracked or untracked.

Geoff Morrison and I will be making a trip down to Brayshaws Hut to see how it would be for a panorama. If it's suitable, I'll send out an email for a suitable time slot. That weekend, if it's clear, could be busy down there. Although it's around 60 kms south, the location is the easiest to get to for a group event.

John Mitchell

Wednesday 27 September: Floriade

It's been a while since we all met up to photograph the beauty of Floriade. Vistas, macro, backlighting, people; are all there for us to practice our techniques.

This year's theme is 'Floral Wonderland'.

The gates open at 9.30 so we will meet at the main entry at 9.15.

Photography then coffee and a chat.

More information closer to the date.

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 5 Oct	Virtual outing: Framing for spring	Laurie Westcott
Wed 11 Oct	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 19 Oct	Meeting: Photography /printing in the Daintree – AGM	Rob Wignall
Sat 28 Oct	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Sun 29 Oct	Rose Garden: water features	Mark Stevenson
Tues 31 Oct	Scottsdale near Bredbo	Laurie Westcott
Thurs 2 Nov	Virtual outing: Wet, using the rule of thirds	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Wed 8 Nov	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 16 Nov	Meeting: Nordic adventures	Laurie Westcott
Sun 19 Nov	Sunset: Mount Ainslie	Laurie Westcott
Sat 25 Nov	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Tues 28 Nov	Camera basics: Weston Park	Outings Group
Sun 3 Dec	Christmas gathering: National Museum	Outings committee
Thurs 14 Dec	Meeting: Year-end Show & Tell	

We want your ideas for the 2024 SSCC outings program

The Outings Committee will soon be considering the SSCC's 2024 Outings Program. The intention is to organise the coming year's schedule of two activities a month, comprising a weekday and weekend activity, that appeal to the varied range of interests of Club members. That's quite a task, even with the Portrait and Astrophotography Interest Groups separately organising their speciality programs.

Apart from providing an opportunity for members to come together, these activities help improve our knowledge and skills in an enjoyable, pleasant environment.

To help us in this quest, we'd appreciate members identifying for us any photography interests, subjects, needs or locations to visit that they would like to see incorporated in the 2024 program.

We encourage you to do this by emailing suggestions to:

outings@southsidecameraclub.org or by speaking to a Committee Member (Helen Dawes, Rob Wignell, Laurie Westcott) or one of the Club Officers at a monthly Club meeting.

Outings Committee

Best Astrophotography apps in 2023

This [link](#) may be of interest to the keen astro photographers within the Club.

For sale

Canon EF 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6L II IS USM

This is a superb full frame lens for nature, bird or sport photography, and can be used on many mirrorless cameras with appropriate adapters. In recent times I have used it on a Fujifilm body with a Fringer adapter.

I am the original owner and have used it mainly for bird photos and while it shows a small amount of wear, the lens is in good condition and works perfectly.

It will come with the original box, lens hood, front and back caps and the special carry pouch.

\$1850 or nearest offer.

Please contact Rod Burgess on 0427 428 130 if interested.

Rod Burgess

Contributions from Shane Baker

PayID scam

Selling stuff on Gumtree? This article may be of interest in how to avoid [PayID scams](#).

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.

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	Mohamed Rageeb	mohrageeb@gmail.com
Fixed lighting kit: stands, light sources, extras	Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com

Office bearers

Committee			
President	Nicky Bazley-Smith		president@southsidecameraclub.org
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Ordinary member	Warren Hicks		
Public Officer	Tim Heenan		
Non-committee positions			
Walkabout/excursion	Laurie Westcott, Rob Wignell, Helen Dawes		outings@southsidecameraclub.org
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F22 gallery



*Fog Rising. The Milky Way rising on Bunda Cliffs
Iain Cole*



Gobbledegook
Bob McHugh



*Rocky Mountain
Kumar Sukumar*



Crossing the swamp
Mark Stevenson



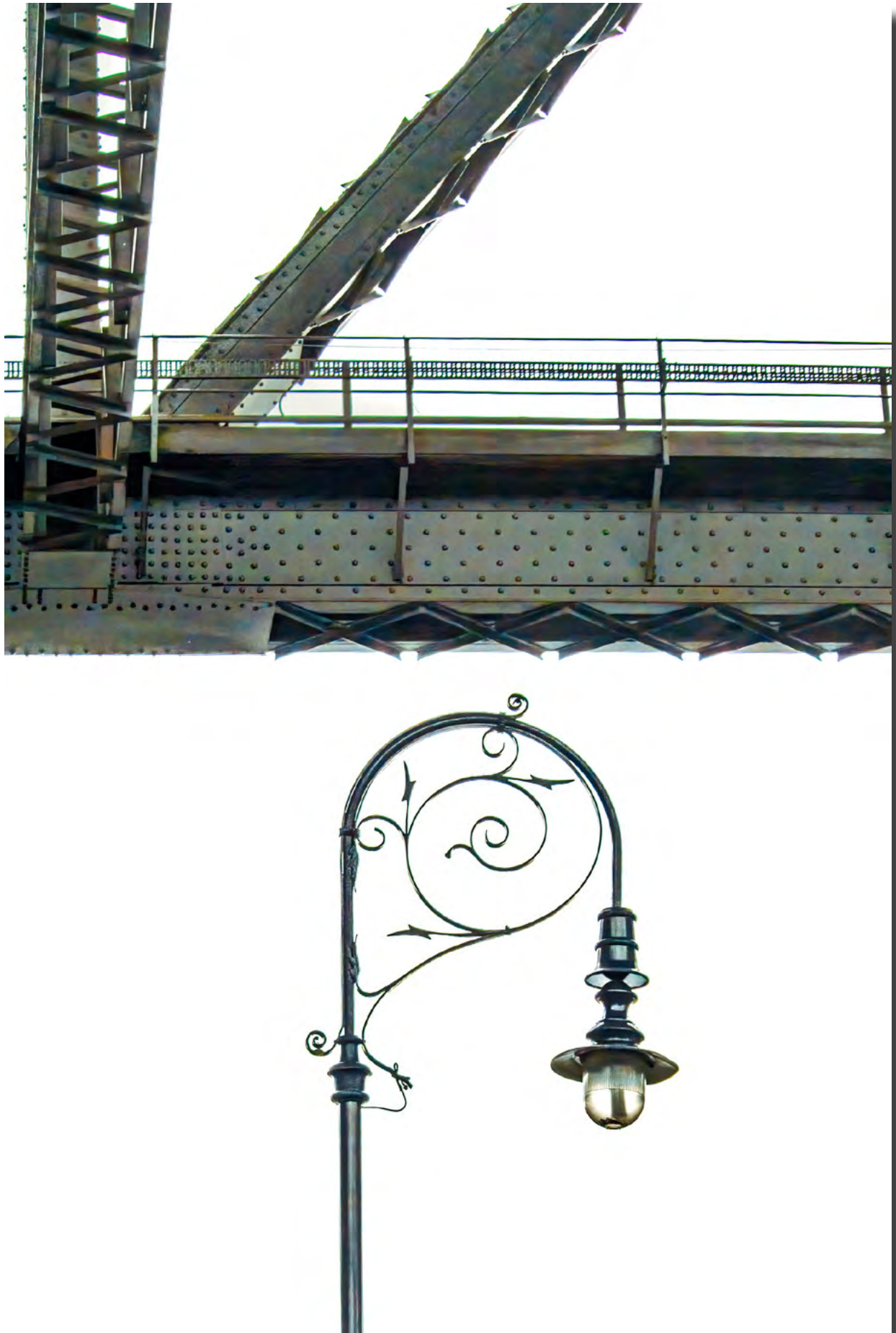
Rainbow Lorikeet
Rod Burgess



Rock pools and dawn clouds
Rod Burgess



Low tide and rock pools
Rod Burgess



*Street lamp below the Sydney Harbour Bridge, The Rocks
Hedda Murray*



*Spiral staircase in 'The Tank', AGNSW
Hedda Murray*



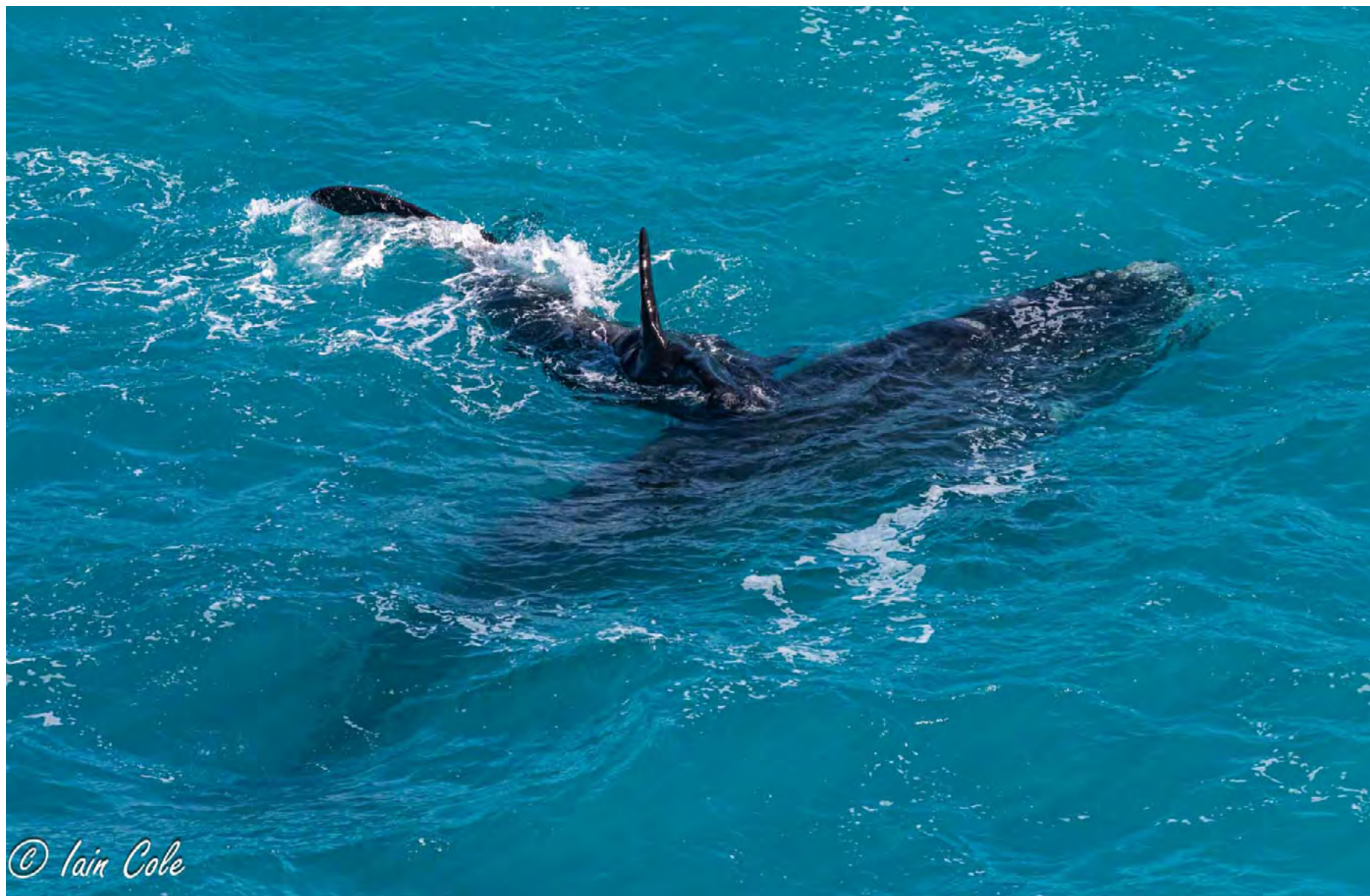
*Lone bridge worker, Sydney Harbour Bridge
Hedda Murray*



*Kangaroos at Orroral Homestead
Laurie Westcott*



*Spy hopping. Southern Right Whale Calf looking at the world at Bunda Cliffs on the Nullarbor Plain
Iain Cole*



© Iain Cole

*Love you mum. Mother and child Southern Right Whales at Bunda Cliffs on the Nullarbor Plain
Iain Cole*



*Swimming with mum. Mother and child Southern Right Whales at Bunda Cliffs on the Nullarbor Plain
Iain Cole*



*Catching the wave. Sea Lions surfing at the Head of the Bight, Nullarbor Plain
Iain Cole*



- Surfs up. Sea Lions surfing at the Head of the Bight, Nullarbor Plain
Iain Cole



*Out in the backblocks. A short walk around Coolgardie
Iain Cole*



*Where the monsters hide. Wind shaped bush at Bunda Cliffs
Iain Cole*



- Fight or Flight? Wind shaped bush on Lake Cowan, Western Australia
Iain Cole



*Reflections at Creel Bay, Jindabyne, Colour
Gabe Bloxham*



Reflections at Creel Bay, Jindabyne, black and white
Gabe Bloxham



*Little Corellas (with Murchison red dust), Mt Augustus, WA., Nikon Z9 with Nikkor 100 - 400 at 400mm. 1/1000sec at f/5.6
Shane Baker,*



*White-plumed Honeyeater, Cattle Pool near Mt Augustus, WA., Nikon Z9 with Nikkor 100 - 400 at 400mm. 1/1000sec at f/5.6
Shane Baker*



*Sacred Kingfisher, Cattle Pool near Mt Augustus, WA., Nikon Z9 with Nikkor 100 - 400 at 400mm. 1/1000sec at f/5.6
Shane Baker,*



*Whistling Kites, Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, Western Australia, Nikon Z9 with Nikkor 100 - 400 at 400mm. 1/500sec at f/6.3
Shane Baker*



*Mount Augustus, Western Australia
Pano shot with a Mavic 2 drone
Shane Baker*



*Orroral Shed panorama
John Mitchell*



*Scarlet Robin
John Mitchell*



Archery
Bob McHugh



Beauchamp Falls
Bob McHugh



Windswept
Bob McHugh



*A House in Kennybrook USA
Kumar Sukumar*



*Broodway
Kumar Sukumar*



*Marie Reine Du Monde, Montreal
Kumar Sukumar*



*Parliament House Quebec
Kumar Sukumar*



*Rocky Mountain
Kumar Sukumar*



*Street singer, Boston
Kumar Sukumar*



Itchy and scratchy
Mark Stevenson



Mob on the move
Mark Stevenson



Seen better days
Mark Stevenson



Solitude
Mark Stevenson



Warren Hicks



*Royal and Yellow-billed Spoonbills, Cuttaburra Crossing Eyre Creek
Warren Hicks*



*All your ducks lined-up Yellow Waters
Warren Hicks*



*Black Kite Eastern Simpson Desert
Warren Hicks*



*Jacana, Yellow Waters
Warren Hicks*



*Little black Cormorant, Cuttaburra Crossing Eyre Creek
Warren Hicks*



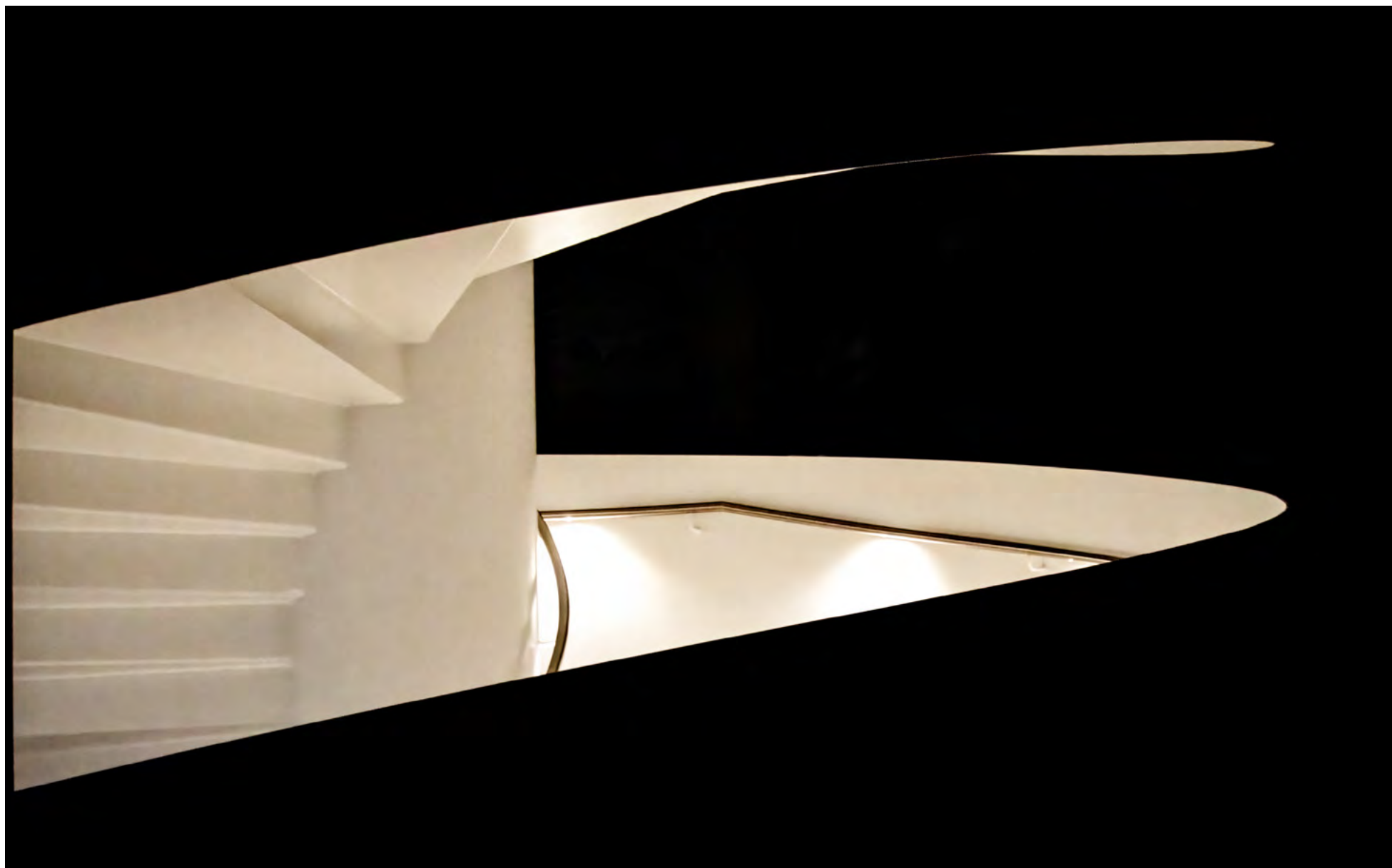
Galahs getting friendly in the warmer weather
Rod Burgess



*Making a splash at South Durras
Rod Burgess*



*Taking in the view. Bridge worker, Sydney Harbour Bridge
Hedda Murray*



Spiral staircase in 'The Tank' - detail - AGNSW
Hedda Murray



*Orroral Homestead excursion
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*Abandoned Hut on the Kinabatangan River-
Bob Crawshaw*



*Macua Monkey, Kinabatangan River-
Bob Crawshaw*



*Kinabatangan River (Sabah)-
Bob Crawshaw*



*Sunset, Noosa, Queensland
Alison Milton*



*Sunset, Noosa, Queensland
Alison Milton*



*Sunrise over Cairns marina
Alison Milton*



*The best view you'll get from a boat: taken from the LARC at Seventeen Seventy
Alison Milton*