

# 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 March: A fungus Odyssey presented by David Godden**

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### **What's on this month**

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Speaker/convenor
Fri 1–Mon 11 March	Enlighten Festival*	Member interest
Fri 8 March	Lights, Canberra, Action*	
Sat 9 March	Queanbeyan Rodeo	Mark Stevenson
Sat 9–Sun 17 March	Canberra Balloon Spectacular*	
Tues 12 March	National sheep dog trials: Hall	Brian Moir
Wed 13 March	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Sat 16 March	Skyfire	Kumar Sukumar
Thurs 21 March	Meeting: A fungus odyssey	David Godden

## Reports

### President's report

There is a 'nip' in the morning air, leaves on some of the deciduous trees are already turning colour, King Parrots are back from their summer in the hills, and photographic opportunities abound!

For our next meeting on Thursday, 21 March, Club member David Godden will be presenting a talk titled: *A Fungus Odyssey*.

David moved to Canberra from Tamworth in late 2022. He came originally from the Riverina, finished school in Tamworth, attended UNE (agricultural economics), lived in Lismore, Sydney, London (post-graduate study), and returned to Tamworth in 2015. He worked for the NSW government, and taught at Sydney University - in all agencies, agricultural and environmental/natural resource economics.

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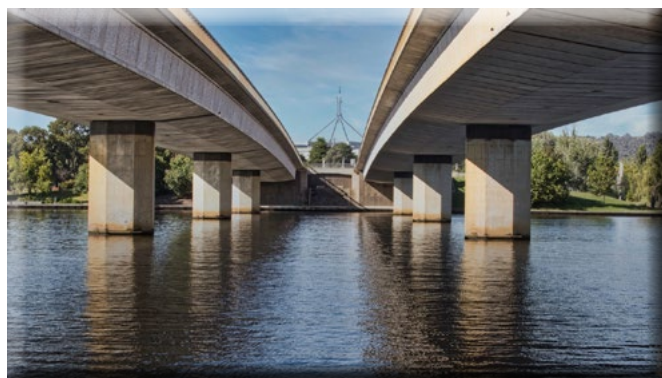
Richard Arculus  
President

### Commonwealth Avenue Bridge report

One of three traffic routes across the waters of the lake (counting Scrivener Dam), the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge is by far the most central and trafficked crossing and has had little modification in its 60 years of service.

The decision to run a light rail structure across the lake in the gap between the north and south spans of the bridge will potentially change the pleasant aesthetics of the existing bridge spans. Consequently, SSCC members were challenged to come along and capture the bridge as it is as a record for future reference.

Eight members accepted the challenge and found their way to the northern base of the bridge early enough while it was agreeably cool and providing good reflections and shadows to emphasise the bridge's structure, detail and its lakeside vista of green lawns and trees.



Having lived in Canberra for 50+ years, I find it hard to get enthusiastic about the scenes Canberra offers and a little guilty seeing other photographers, presumably visitors,

happily snapping selfies against the lake, the bridge and its surroundings. It made me think I need to see Canberra in a different light and photograph it differently, in a more interesting way. However, as the temperature was rising and time was slipping around to eleven, the need for 'socialising' at the Walter Cafe pushed my difference needs to await the 'post camera' mode on this occasion.



Nevertheless, it was indeed very pleasant to be out strolling around using my camera to record the bridge as it is now even if I couldn't think of how to make my photographs of the bridge spring to life with a new and different, interesting look about them. (more photos in the f22 gallery.)

Laurie Westcott

(PS: It does look somewhat different at night, so I've included a photo for a 'difference' effect.)



### Portrait Interest Group report

The first meeting of the Portrait Interest Group for 2024 was held at Rock Valley Homestead in Tidbinbilla, which was occupied by the Green family from 1895 up until 1968, after which it was acquired by the ACT Government. Members should be aware that at present there is no charge to visit the reserve as the Visitor Centre is closed awaiting repair and refurbishment due to water damage.

Photographers were able to make use of both sunny and at times cloudy conditions on the day for a range of indoor and outdoor portraits. Models were posed in a variety of locations around the homestead including the well-kept gardens, in window frames with shots taken from inside and outside the building, on benches around the main verandah and by the kitchen area which is now open to the elements.

Without a nearby coffee shop to call upon, we happily enjoyed some thermos coffee/tea and biscuits while sitting and chatting on the homestead's verandah.

I would like to take the opportunity to advise members of a change of timing for future Portrait Interest Group meetings. Future meetings will now be scheduled for the first Saturday of the month rather than the last as has previously been the case. Therefore, the next meeting of the Portrait Interest

Group will be on Saturday, 6 April 2024 at Lennox Gardens, Yarralumla (behind the Hyatt Hotel).

Mark Stevenson  
Portrait Interest Group Convenor

## Future events and meetings

Subject to change. Forward queries/suggestions to [outings@southsidecameraclub.org](mailto:outings@southsidecameraclub.org)

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

[outings@southsidecameraclub.org](mailto:outings@southsidecameraclub.org)

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Convenor/speaker
Thurs 4 April	Virtual outing: Flash (5 photos)	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Fri 5-7 April (TBA)	Car rally (Action)	Rob Wignell
Sat 6 April	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Wed 10 April	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 18 April	Macro/flowers ANBG	Malcolm Watson
Thurs 18 April	Meeting:	
Thurs 2 May	Virtual meeting: Favourite place	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Sat 4 May	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Wed 8 May	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
TBA	Lighting techniques	Rob Wignell/Mark Stevenson
Thurs 16 May	Meeting:	
Sun 19 May	Day car trip	Laurie Westcott
Sat 1 June	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 6 June	Virtual outing: Portrait	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Wed 12 June	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
TBA	Weekday outing: Shooting wide	Rob Wignell
Thurs 20 June	Meeting	
Thurs 4 July	Virtual outing: Shooting wide	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Sat 6 July	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
TBA	Weekday outing: National Museum, patterns in B&W	Outings Group?
Wed 10 July	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 18 July	Meeting:	
TBA July	Weekend outing	
Thurs 1 Aug	Virtual outing: Patterns in B&W (5 photos)	Zoom Laurie Westcott
Sat 3 Aug	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
TBA	Weekday outing	
Wed 7 Aug	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 15 Aug	Meeting	
TBA	Weekend outing	
Thurs 5 Sept	Virtual outing: Movement (5 photos)	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Sat 7 Sept	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
TBA	Weekday outing: Mt Annan Botanical Gardens	
Wed 11 Sept	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Wed 18 Sept	Super moon	Geoff Morrison
TBA	Weekend outing	
Thurs 19 Sept	Meeting:	
Thurs 3 Oct	Virtual outing: Art in architecture (5 photos)	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Sat 5 Oct	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Wed 9 Oct	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
TBA	Weekday outing:	
Sat 12-Sun 13 Oct	Guthega	Rob Wignell
Thurs 17 Oct	Meeting:	

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Convenor/speaker
Sat 2 Nov	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 7 Nov	Virtual outing: Silhouettes (5 photos)	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
TBA	Weekday outing: Mt Coree (4 wheel drive)	Mark Stevenson
Wed 13 Nov	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 21 Nov	Meeting:	
TBA	Weekend outing	
Sun 8 Dec	Christmas gathering: Australian National Museum	
Thurs 19 Dec	Meeting: Year-end Show & Tell	

## Contributions from Shane Baker

### Color grading tool

Colin Smith explains [colour grading](#) and shows how to colour grade several different types of photos in Lightroom Classic.

### Photoshop for beginners

Terry Vander Heiden is producing a series of videos on [Photoshop for Beginners](#). For those wanting to learn Photoshop or brush up their skills, it's well worth a look.

## Turn a photography weakness into your greatest asset

Alex Kilbee has done a video on portraiture called [Turn a photography weakness into your greatest asset](#), but the video is as much about a great photographer who is new to me, than just portraiture. Jane Bown was an unassuming portrait photographer who over 60 years created some iconic photos of the world's most famous faces.

The Guardian's obituary said: "Her first commission for the Observer was a portrait of philosopher Bertrand Russell in 1949. From then, Bown photographed the great and the good, the rich and the poor, the ordinary and extraordinary with a compassionate and gentle eye."

This video is highly recommended for anyone interested in making portraits without the currently fashionable glitz and glitter.

## Equipment list

Item	Custodian	Contact email
Elinchrome studio lighting equipment	Julie Taylor & Mark Stevenson	<a href="mailto:shinboner266@gmail.com">shinboner266@gmail.com</a>
Colour Munki screen and printer calibrator	Mohamed Rageeb	<a href="mailto:mohrageeb@gmail.com">mohrageeb@gmail.com</a>
Fixed lighting kit: stands, light sources, extras	Mark Stevenson	<a href="mailto:shinboner266@gmail.com">shinboner266@gmail.com</a>

## Office bearers

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## 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/](http://www.southsidecameraclub.org/)

Please send material for the web site to [webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org](mailto:webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org)

## Facebook

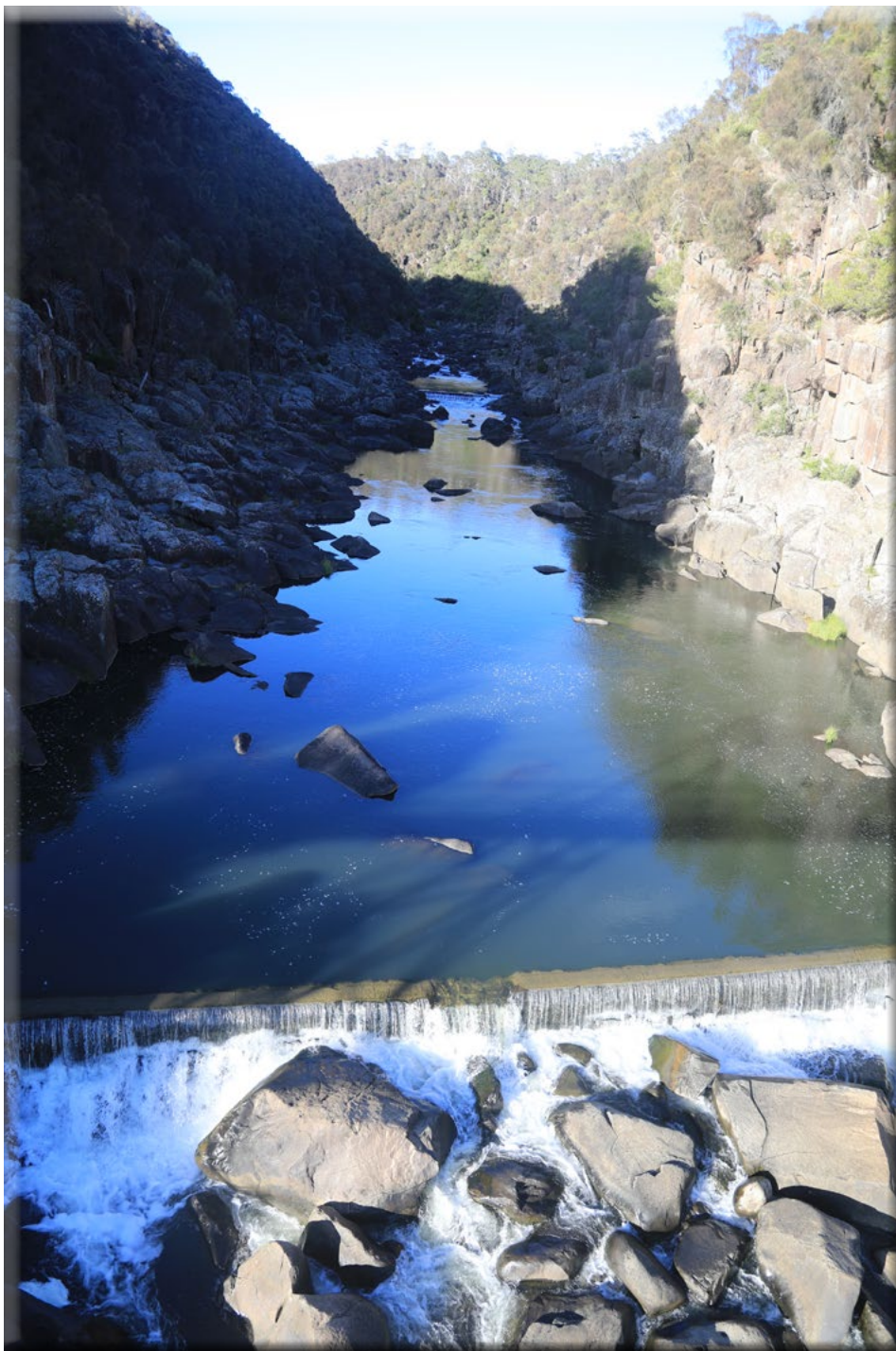
### flickr

[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](mailto:president@southsidecameraclub.org)





*Don't Leave Me This Way, Urambi Hills*  
Bob McHugh



*Himalayan Cedars, Canberra*  
*Bob McHugh*



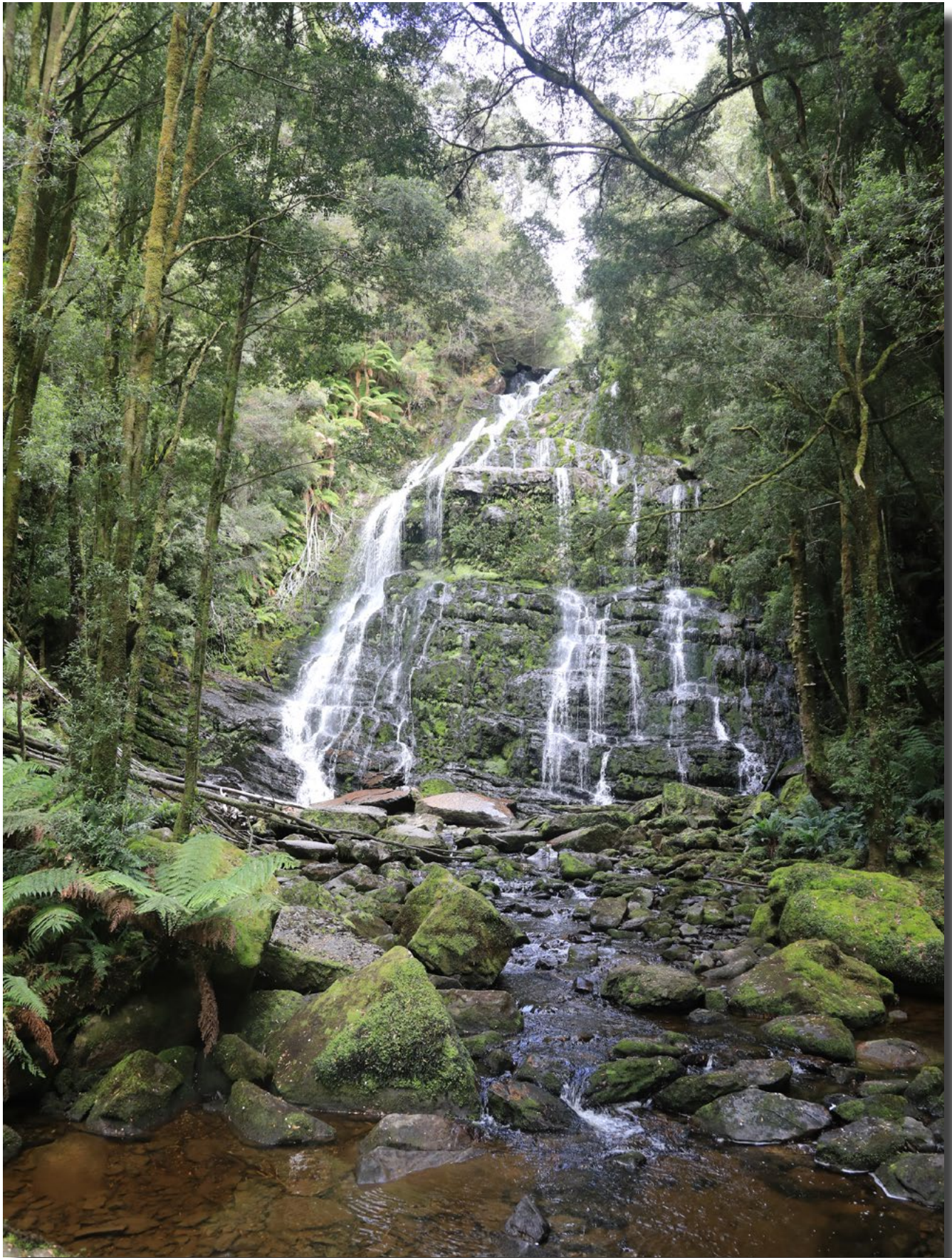
*Walking in Sunshine, Urambi Hills*  
Bob McHugh



*Rock Valley Homestead  
Mark Stevenson*



*Rock Valley Homestead  
Mark Stevenson*



*Nelson Falls, Tasmania  
Alison Milton*



*Laurie's excursion to the bridge reminded me of some photos I'd taken some years ago (2016).  
Alison Milton*



*Commonwealth Avenue Bridge 2012  
Alison Milton*



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Alison Milton*



*Commonwealth Avenue Bridge 2012  
Alison Milton*



*The one that didn't get away  
Bill Blair*



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Bill Blair*



*Molonglo morning*  
*Bob McHugh*



*Commonwealth Avenue Bridge before the light rail  
Helen Dawes*



*View from the Commonwealth Avenue Bridge before the light rail  
Helen Dawes*



*Commonwealth Avenue Bridge before the light rail  
Helen Dawes*



*Eastern Yellow Robin*  
*Kumar Sukumar*



*Gippsland Water Dragon  
Kumar Sukumar*



*Grand Central Station  
Kumar Sukumar*



*Waterfall, Australian National Botanic Gardens  
Kumar Sukumar*



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Laurie Westcott



*Arboretum Visitor Centre  
Mark Stevenson*



*Duncan Chapman Memorial, Maryborough, Qld  
Mark Stevenson*



*Canberra Balloon Festival March 2023  
Mark Stevenson*



*Pre-dawn shoot at Orroral  
Rose Schmedding*



*Cruiser under the Milky Way*  
Tony Clark



*Gate Milky Way Rising*  
Tony Clark



*Silo back Milky Way rising  
Tony Clark*



*Silo side, Milky Way Rising  
Tony Clark*



*Silo panorama, Milky Way arch*  
Tony Clark



*Windmill under the Milky Way Rising*  
Tony Clark



*Cape Grim, North West Tasmania  
Alison Milton*



*The Edge of the World, Arthur River, Tasmania*  
Alison Milton