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January Club Meeting - 7:30pm Thursday 10th at the Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson Street, Weston

December Meeting Notes

There was no presentation for December. Graeme supplied a delectable Black Forest Cake for the Christmas party that was enjoyed by all.

Warren Hicks agreed to take on the role of newsletter editor.

Warren Hicks

Trip Report

No trip report this month.

January Activities

Talk

Underwater photography: *Giles West and Jenny Thompson*

Excursion

Captains Flat Coordinator: *Giles West*

South Side Camera Club Web Site

Warren Cooledge showcased our website to the meeting courtesy of the Irish Club who have kindly allowed us to connect to the net using their wireless network. Last month's newsletter contained details of how to exhibit a selection of your photographs on the site.

Warren Hicks

Industry News

Sony α700 released

Features

12.24 MP Sony Exmor™ CMOS sensor with on-chip noise reduction before and after A/D conversion to create clean, low-noise images even at high sensitivity settings.



*Powerful
Bionz™
image
processor
screens
out
noise
before
RAW
data*

conversion and image processing to achieve rich image detail, contrast, and color – while speeding camera response.

Super SteadyShot® in-camera image stabilization enables hand-held shooting at shutter speeds 2.5 to 4 steps slower than would otherwise be possible – effective with all system lenses.

Zoom Lenses and Vertical Grip

Fast, accurate 11-point center dual cross AF sensor with Eye-Start® autofocus system that begins focusing the

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instant you bring your eye to the camera.



5 frame-per-second continuous shooting at full resolution, so you can capture fast motion.

Creative Style settings for smooth, fast shooting in a wide range of image styles – with advanced D-Range Optimizer to bring out more detail in bright highlights and dark shadows.

Intuitive Quick Navigation interface for simple, comfortable one-handed camera setup and operation.

Sony Anti-Dust Technology combines anti-static coating plus sensor vibration function that shakes off dust each time the camera is turned off

Strong, lightweight magnesium alloy body with rugged construction that resists dust and moisture.

Spectacular viewing: Built-in HDMI™ Output2 terminal for direct connection to HDTV

Large 3.0" XtraFine™ LCD screen with 921k pixels.

http://www.sonystyle.com/wcsstore/SonyStyleStoreFrontAssetStore/showcase/di_silver_bullet/pdf/SONY0507_a700_flyer_pg.pdf

Sigma releases two new telephoto lens 50-150 & 70-200

APO 50-150mm F2.8 II EX DC HSM lens.



This large aperture telephoto zoom lens is designed exclusively for digital SLR cameras with APS-C size sensors and its compact, lightweight body provides freedom of movement and versatility. The minimum focusing distance of 100cm/39.4in. and the high-resolution power layout have improved the strength of the lens

in close-up photography. This lens offers a large aperture of F2.8 and its large depth of field offers greater freedom of creative expression. It has a maximum aperture of F2.8. The lens design incorporates an inner focusing and inner zooming system. As the overall length of the lens does not change during focusing and zooming, convenient handling is ensured. The HSM (Hyper Sonic Motor) system allows quiet and high-speed auto focusing with full time manual focus override by just rotating the focusing ring.

APO 70-200mm F2.8 II EX DG MACRO HSM.

This large aperture zoom lens has improved optical



performance and retains close-up ability with a minimum focusing distance of 100cm/39.4in and maximum magnification ratio of 1:3.5. This lens is suitable for taking all type of subjects such as portraits, landscape, and close-up pictures. This lens incorporates HSM (Hyper Sonic Motor), which ensures a quiet and

high-speed AF as well as full-time manual focusing capability. The lens design incorporates an inner focusing and inner zooming systems. A removable tripod collar (TS-21) is included as a standard component.

<http://www.sigmaphoto.com/news/news.asp>

Tamron builds 'D40-friendly' 18-250



Tamron announced that the company has released the AF18-250mm F/3.5-6.3 Di-II LD Aspherical (IF) Macro, a lightweight, compact and ultra high power zoom lens

designed exclusively for digital SLR cameras with APS-C sized image sensors with a Built-In Motor for Nikon (Model A18N II).

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Nikon ViewNX 1.0.3

Nikon has released version 1.0.3 of ViewNX <http://www.dpreview.com/news/0712/07120501nikonviewnx.asp>.

Bibble Pro Version 4.9.9 Adds Nikon D300, D3, Canon 1Ds Mark 3, G9 and more

Bibble Labs, Inc. announced immediate availability of version 4.9.9 of its "Pro" and "Lite" RAW workflow software. New cameras added in this release include Nikon D300 and D3, Canon 1Ds Mark 3 and G9, Sony Alpha A700, and Olympus E-3. This release also adds tethered shooting support for all Nikon SLR's on Intel Macs (PowerPC Macs and Windows were already supported). This latest update is free for all current Bibble 4 customers, and new customers will also receive a free upgrade to Bibble 5, when available. <http://bibblelabs.com/news/index.html>

Adobe Camera Raw 4.3.1

Adobe released Camera Raw 4.3.1 which now allows compressed NEFs shot with the Nikon D100 to be opened, fixing a bug introduced in 4.3. The release also improves the quality of Olympus E3 conversions. Both Mac OS and Windows versions are available.

Panasonic DMC-L10 firmware v1.1

Panasonic has released version 1.1 firmware for its DMC-L10 DSLR.

Canon EOS-1Ds Mark III Firmware v1.0.6

Canon has released firmware v1.0.6 for the 1Ds Mark III.

Sony α700 firmware v3

Sony's α700 DSLR recently received its second firmware update, version 3.

What's On – Exhibitions

New

BLAZE2007

Tiffany Cole, Erik Krebs-Schade, Kitiya Palaskas, Beatrice Thompson, Justin Clune, Timo Nest, Sarina Noordhuis

Blaze is an annual exhibition consisting of work created by emerging artists participating in the 2007 CCAS residency program.

Where: CCAS Gorman House Gallery Arts Centre
Ainslie Avenue ACT 2612

When: 22 January - 2 February 2008
Tues-Fri 11am–5pm Sat 10am–4pm

Admission: Free

Continuing ...

Local Colour

Where: Australian National Botanic Gardens,
Clunies Ross Street, Acton, ACT

When: 7 November 2007 to 24 February 2008

Admission: Free

Scarred and Strengthened: Australians in the Great Depression

Where: Old Parliament House, King George Terrace, Parkes

When: Until 24 February 2008

Admission: Free, after OPH admission

Up, Up And Away

Where: Visitor Centre, 4th floor, National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Parkes, ACT

When: 17 July 2007 to 13 July 2008

Admission: Free

Removed

Where: Huw Davies Gallery, Manuka Arts Centre,
Corner Manuka Circle and New South Wales Crescent, Griffith, ACT

When: 5 December 2007 to 27 January 2008

Admission: Free

Max Dupain on Assignment

Where: National Archives of Australia, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes ACT

When: 14 December 2007 to 25 May 2008

Admission: Free

National Photographic Portrait Prize

Where: Old Parliament House, King George Terrace, Parkes, ACT

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When: 6 December 2007 until 27 March 2008

Admission: Free, after OPH admission

Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007

Where: Australian Museum, 6 College Street, Sydney, NSW

When: 15 December 2007 to 16 March 2008

Admission: Free, after general museum entry

Hall of Mirrors: Anne Zahalka Portraits 1987-2007

Where: National Portrait Gallery, Commonwealth Place, Parkes ACT

When: 23 November 2007 to 30 March 2008

Admission: Free

What's On – Photographic Opportunities

January

11 to 13 January 2008 - [Thredbo Blues Festival](#)

A 3-day celebration of Blues & Roots music throughout spectacular Thredbo that's organised by community organisation Tourism Thredbo.

13 January (Sunday) 2008 - Duntroon Dairy Open Day

Come and see inside one of Canberra's oldest standing structures (circa 1830's). Bookings are essential phone 6207 2113 or e-mail bronwen.duke@act.gov.au for more information.

25 to 27 January 2008 - Canberra Capital Triathlon Festival

Enjoy your Australia Day weekend in the nation's capital and take part in a celebration of triathlon and multi-sport events. For more information see the [Triathlon ACT](#) website or phone 02 626 044 30 or email admin@triathlonact.com.au

Upcoming

National Multicultural Festival 2008 8-17 February 2008



For ten days in February, Canberra hosts the spectacular

National Multicultural Festival, an annual tribute to cultural diversity.

Dance, laugh, eat and drink with people from all nations as the Capital City celebrates difference, sharing traditions and performances from all parts of the planet.

The 2008 Festival program weaves together all the colourful communities that make up Australia through comedy, performance art, food and wine stalls, street parties, live music, circus-style acts, opera, dance and more.

Highlights include a rip-roaring street party in Dickson to welcome in the year of the Rat at the CFMEU/Tradies Chinese New Year and stunning Australian premiers from International Acts: The Ghana Dance Ensemble, Nour Amal Blind Eye Orchestra from Egypt, Gospel Spectacular featuring the St James AME Mass Choir from New Jersey USA and the breathtaking Shaanxi Song and Dance Troupe from China.

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