



In Camera

The Newsletter of the Hawkesbury Camera Club Inc.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH - AUGUST 2014

August 6	PRESENTATION Learn how to photograph gardens & flowers Guest Presenter – Jamie Plaza
August 13	WORKSHOP How to improve your portraits.
August 20	COMPETITION – ILLUSTRATE A SONG JUDGE: Shane Cocks

FROM THE PRESIDENT

July is now gone and August is here. We are closer to next Christmas than we are to last Christmas. And we are now rushing towards the end of our 2014 calendar.

Our interclub between Castle Hill, Blacktown and ourselves has been run and won. We again finished third, but were just two points behind Blacktown, while Castle Hill were again easy winners this year. Congratulations to all our members who contributed images for our entries as a club, and thank you to all those who helped select our group of images. Well done to everyone.

Next year, we are the hosting club, so let's start the planning now and thinking about our entries. The event will be written into our 2015 calendar with all details being made known to our members, plus the other clubs before the end of this year.

Speaking of our 2015 calendar, the committee will be meeting in the not too distant future to start preparing next year's calendar, so if you have anything on your wish list to discuss for next year, please send an email to our secretary and the committee will do its best to meet all wishes as long as they are for the benefit of the majority of our members.

Congratulations to all members who entered our two comps this month. The first comp, "Water" was the best and most entered comp so far this year. Our judge on the night Shayne Cocks, stepped in on less than 48 hours' notice, due to the cancellation of our arranged judge and did a great job of getting through so many images at a very good rate. Shayne will be back again this month to judge our "Photograph a Song" comp. Our mystery bag comp on "Texture" was also well patronised and judged by Robyn Williams from the Purple Noon Gallery. It was a pleasant change to have a "non-photographer" judge commenting on our images. Robyn just commented on them from an "image and composition" viewpoint.

August will see us start off the month with a presentation on photographing flowers and gardens. Our second meeting in the month will be led by our own John Hughes

and will be on taking better portraits. Please note that on that evening we will NOT be meeting at the Richmond Club as usual, but instead, we will be meeting at John's studio in Abel St Penrith at our usual starting time of 7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity for those members to see and possibly use a fully functioning professional studio. So bring your cameras & tripods. As we all know Pete Burford has organised an outing from Richmond to Lithgow with some photographic tasks to be completed along the way, so come along and enjoy a great day out.

We will bid August farewell with our second exhibition at Richmond Market Town on the 23rd & 24th at the same location as earlier in the year, at the top of the escalators outside Lowes Menswear. It would be appreciated if members could put their names down to man our exhibition for an hour or two over the weekend.

With all that is happening, don't lose sight of the fact that photography is an activity that we all "enjoy", so keep your cameras busy and keep turning out some great creative images.

Ian Cambourne

INTERCLUB COMPETITION RESULTS - 29TH JULY 2014

Between Hawkesbury, Castle Hill & Blacktown

Colour

Barry Matthews	Sun set Ewanmanddock	12
Paul Hulbert	Mushroom	12
George Romanowski	Red Bus on Vauxhall Bridge-London	11
Marian Paap	Flames	11
Jenny Aqualina	Rainbow House	10
John Hughes	Sovereign Horses	10
Michelle Nichols	Blowing in the wind	10
Peter Burford	Bombo 3	10
John Hughes	Keira	8
Peter Burford	Yarramandi Darter	8

Mono

Ian Cambourne	Perth Skyline	14
Michelle Nichols	Yabtree	14
Michelle Nichols	Bird Cages	13
Peter Burford	Sea Horse	12
Ben Sherratt	Windmill	10
Jonathan Auld	Abstract 1	10
Marian Paap	Agave	10
Ben Sherratt	Bending the light	8
Marianne Hodgkins	Missing Link	8
Peter Burford	Bombo Rocks	8

Digital [projected]

Ian Cambourne	Wattle	14
Graham Hodgkins	Pebble	13
Rogert Johannsen	Quack	12
Ian Cambourne	Island	11
Marian Paap	Keys & Notes	11
Marianne Hodgkins	Rocks of Fire	11
Michelle Goadsby	Snow 1	11
Graham Hodgkins	Beach Bonsai	10
John Hughes	Yarramundi Ducks	10
Jonathan Auld	Macquaries Heritage	10

Total Interclub Competition Points:

Hawkesbury Camera Club

Colour prints	102
Monochrome Prints	107
Projected Images	113
Total	322

Blacktown City Photography Club

Colour prints	106
Monochrome Prints	106
Projected Images	112
Total	324

Castle Hill RSL Photography Club

Colour prints	119
Monochrome Prints	125
Projected Images	133
Total	377

FROM THE WEBMASTER

Over the last month astute members will have noticed the addition of the **Yearly Points Summary** page available from within the Members administration section of the Hawkesbury Camera Club website.

The Yearly Points Summary page will allow members to view:

- Top point scorers for the current year in both A and B grades
- A list of members who will be eligible for medallions at the end of the year
- Winner of the Geoff Pfister Award this current year
- Top point scorers by grade and competition category for the current year

- Overall summary of points for members – includes a breakdown of how points have been earned for the current year

To access the points summary page, simply log into the admin section of the site

<http://www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au/admin/> and view the **My Points** page which is available from the main Admin homepage. At the top of the **My Points** page, members will find a link to **view the Yearly Points Summary page**.

Jonathan Auld

Members who have achieved the following medallions this year to date...

Aquilina, Jenny - Gold+
Auld, Jonathan - Gold
Cooper, Kathy - Bronze
Cornish, Lyn - Gold+
Hodgkins, Graham - Silver
Hodgkins, Marianne - Bronze
Johannsen, Rogert - Bronze
Matthews, Barry - Bronze
Nichols, Michelle - Gold
Sherratt, Ben - Bronze
Simm, Tina - Bronze

HCC COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS 2014

For members who haven't attended a meeting during 2014, here are the competition requirements of the Club.

Entries & categories

There are 4 categories per A & B grade competition. At present members can submit a maximum of **7 entries per competition** with a maximum of 2 entries per category.

The categories are:

- **Prints – Colour & Monochrome –**
Minimum image size 6" x 4"
- **Digital – Colour & Monochrome - projected**

Resizing Requirements

Digital entries need to be resized to fit the club's projector which can display an image of 1280 x 800 pixels so that all entries are consistent. The maximum pixel width for entries will be 1280 and the maximum pixel height will be 800 pixels. For help on how to resize, check the article on the Club's website under Technical Resources

http://www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au/technical_resources.php

Example 1: Photographs of portrait orientation submitted into one of the two projected categories would be resized to 800 pixels on the longest side (height)

Example 2: A panoramic photograph would get resized to 1280 on the longest side (width)

Example 3: Most photographs of landscape orientation, straight out of the camera with no cropping, will most likely end up being 1200 x 800 pixels when resized

Filename requirements

Images are to be labelled accordingly:

1. Category – Colour or Monochrome (C or M)
2. Entrant's grade (A or B)
3. Two digit year of comp (ie. 14 for 2014)
4. Two digit month of comp (ie. 07 for July)
5. Sequence number of entry in category (1 or 2)
6. Entrant's name

For Example: Member Ian Cambourne has 3 entries he would like to submit in the July 2014 Projected competition, 2 colour and 1 mono. He submits the following 3 images to the Competition Manager on a USB:

CA14071IanC.jpg

CA14072IanC.jpg

MA14071IanC.jpg

USB

Projected Images are to be supplied on a USB memory stick to the Competition Manager between 7pm & 7.30pm on the competition night. All entries to be placed in an easily recognisable folder i.e., **JULY COMPETITION** or **EARTH COMP.**

Entries can be submitted via email to the Competition Manager a minimum 24 hours before a comp competitionmanager@hawkesburycameraclub.com.au Check rules on the website for more info

http://www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au/uploads/pdf/hcc_competition_rules.pdf

UPCOMING OUTING

Camera Club Photo Rally – Sunday, 10th August

A Camera Club Photo Rally is planned for the Sunday, 10th of August 2014, **starting at the Richmond Club car park at 8.30 am.**

The object of the Rally is to observe and record locations and photograph 12 places indicated on a provided info sheet.

All photos will be required to be printed in 6x4 format and mounted as a collage on a suitable A2 size cardboard sheet. These will be judged at a later date.

The Rally course will proceed west along Bells line of Road to Bell then onto Hartley Vale, Historic Hartley Village and finishing at Lithgow for lunch at the Workers Club.

The last photo will be at a location nearby to be advised during lunch.

Prizes will be awarded for best photo collage, the most accurate observations and for the distance travelled.

Previous Rally's have been a lot of fun so join in and test your observation and photography skills. Please notify Pete Burford if you intend to participate via E-mail pete43burf@gmail.com or see him at the Club.

For those interested in the Rally, there will be a \$5.00 'Entry Fee' per car to go towards Photography related prizes.

RECENT OUTING

An Outing to Bombo Rocks, a former Granite Quarry, near Kiama saw 4 members head South recently hoping for some wild surf shots. Unfortunately as the tide was out and the swell was low, our photographers practised slow shutter speed mode to attempt to capture wave action. The weather was perfect and lunch at Kiama went down well. Future trips can be organised, see Pete at the Club for more info.



Photo by Pete Burford

Anonymous quote:

"I stood gazing at the blazing sunset over the sea with the love of my life by my side and thought... f8 @ 250 sec should do it!! "

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This one is a conversation between two people:

"What are you watching?"

"The Mega-Pixel Race."

"Who's winning?" "The manufacturers' wallets."

W.T. Duck

By Paul Hulbert

INSPIRATION

To obtain inspiration about a certain topic most people will undertake some type of research. In relation to photography we only need to open our eyes and look out at the world. Sometimes we have some of the most interesting subjects in our immediate surrounds.

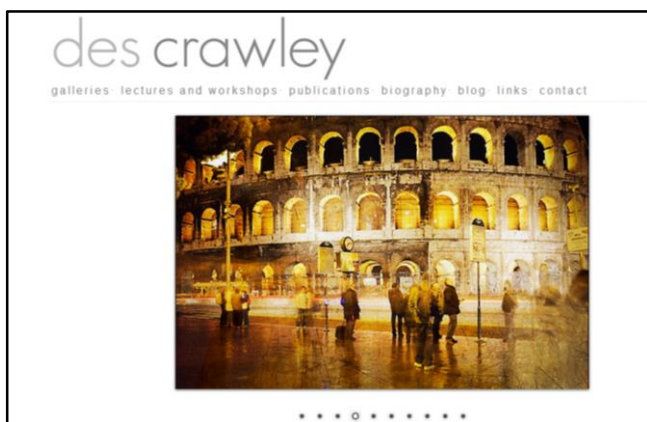
However there are times when we need motivation. We can get ideas by visiting galleries, reading books and magazines and obviously attending our camera club meetings. Some galleries have an online presence, try:

- Australian Centre for Photography
<http://www.acp.org.au/>
- Photo Net
<http://photo.net/gallery/>
- The Photographers Gallery, London
<http://www.thephotographersgallery.org.uk/>

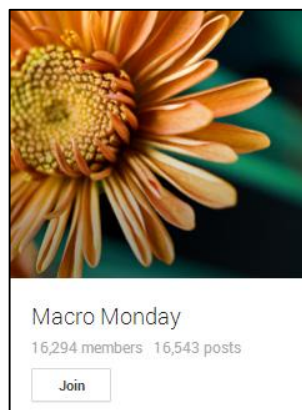
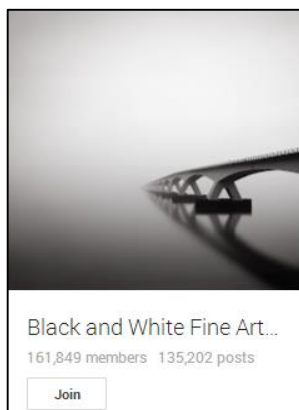
- Meyer Gallery
<http://www.meyergallery.com.au/>
- Getty Images Gallery
<http://www.gettyimagesgallery.com/>

Yet we can also obtain inspiration and new ideas by viewing the creativity of others, thanks to the internet. Here are some photographers that have been suggested by members to view. Most have galleries as well as blogs.

- Karen Hutton
<http://www.karenhuttonphotography.com/>
- John Paul Caponigro
<http://www.johnpaulcaponigro.com/>
- Alex Koloskov
<http://www.koloskov.com/>
- Des Crawley
<http://descrawley.com.au/>



Another suggestion is to join a Google+ community, there are 1000s of photography communities to join or view.



View blogs. These can be helpful or as well as informative. Try *Lens*, the photography blog of *The New York Times* <http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/> and 10000words photoblogs http://www.mediabistro.com/10000words/11-must-follow-news-photoblogs_b898 or *The Guardian* <http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/photography>

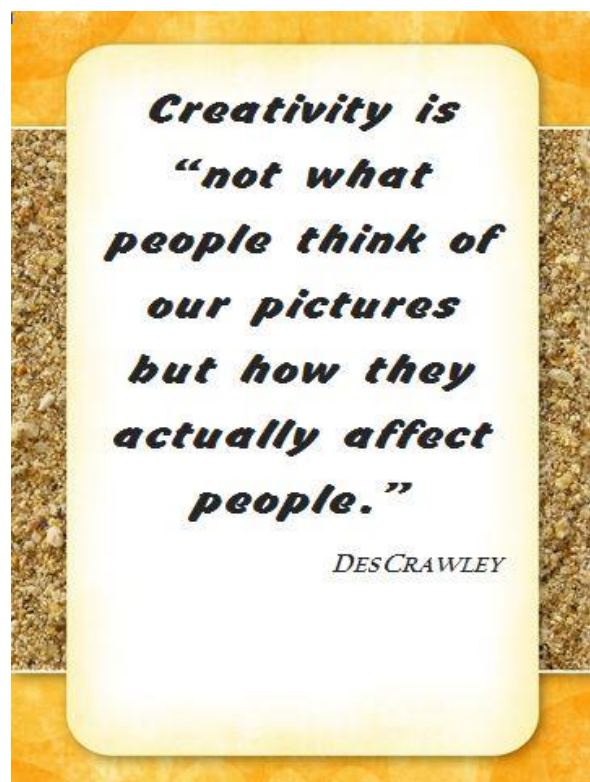
And don't forget to follow the Hawkesbury Camera Club on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/HawkesburyCameraClub>

Many Camera clubs have websites as well as Facebook pages and handy hints, websites, competitions and events are promoted.



By Michelle Nichols



Newsletter Contributions

To the Newsletter Editor-Marian Paap – newslettereditor@hawkesburycameraclub.com.au

<http://www.hawkesburycameraclub.com.au/>
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/hawkesburyimages/>

Know your camera settings CHEAT SHEET

EXPOSURE

CANON

-2 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... +2

-2 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... +2

-2 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... +2

EVENLY EXPOSED
no exposure compensation

OVER EXPOSED
positive exposure compensation

UNDER EXPOSED
negative exposure compensation

NIKON

+1 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... -1

+1 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... -1

+1 ... 1 ... 0 ... 1 ... -1

APERTURE



f/1.4



f/2



f/2.8



f/4



f/5.6



f/8



f/11



f/16



SHUTTER

B 30" 15" 8" 4" 2" 1" 1/2 1/4 1/8 1/15 1/30 1/60 1/125 1/250 1/500 1/1000



ISO

