



# IN FOCUS

## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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#### CLUB MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month  
at 7:30pm

**ALL Public Meetings are**  
***School Hall***

**COVID-19 Restrictions with**  
**COVID Safe Plan in Place**

**Some Meetings May Be Conducted Online**  
**Using Zoom Conferencing/Meeting.**  
Please check the Club's Calendar for any changes

#### Please Note:

With the Government's easing of COVID-19 Restrictions some Club Activities are being held where "Social Distancing" Regulations can and must be adhered to.

#### PHOTO GROUP DIARY

##### February 2021

**PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETINGS**  
**have returned to the School Hall.**

**July Monthly Competition On Line**  
**Entry Closing Date & Time:**  
**(11:45pm)**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

All **Prints** Classifications and the  
**Digital** Classification.

Tues 9<sup>th</sup>

**"Nature Photography"**  
with June Andersen

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>  
*Outing*

Wollongong Illawarra Roller Derby  
(WIRD) training session, Wollongong  
University

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Monthly Competition: "Open"**  
**Judge: Dianne Goodman**

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#### Photography Group Monthly Competition Information:

##### Competition Entry (On Line)

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#### 2021 Membership Fees

**Member: \$75.00**

**Pensioner: \$65.00**

**Family: \$110.00**

**Student: \$45.00**



We welcome the following new members to the Photographic Group:

**Denis Goh, Graham Hamilton, Alletia Hogan, Luke Molloy and Les Schumer.**

Looking forward to meeting at our regular meetings.

### Dates For Your Diary



#### **Notice of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.**

**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm**

***Figtree Heights Primary School, Multi-Purpose Room***

***COVID-19 Restrictions Apply***



The Club's Management Committee will be:

- ☞ Presenting the Financial Statements and other Group Reports; and
- ☞ Election of the 2021 Committee (7 Members)

Committee Nomination and Proxy Voting forms can be obtained from the Club's Website and/or at any General Meeting.

### **Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021: "Camera Club Outing: Wollongong Illawarra Roller Derby"**



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**Where:** Wollongong University Sports Hub (Uni Active) Building 9.  
13 Northfields Ave, Keiraville 2522

**Date:** Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Meeting Place & Time:** 6:30pm ~ 8:30pm.  
Sign in at 6:15pm at the Sports Hub front entrance.

This is a training session only. Action, Sports, Speed, Panning Photography. Challenging lighting and viewpoint conditions.

**Club Contact:** Kaz Childs 0414 377 999

### **Friday ~ Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 14<sup>th</sup> 2021: "Merry Beach, NSW; Weekend Away with Friends"**

**Where:** Merry Beach (South Coast NSW 2539)

**Date:** Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Meeting Place & Time:** Accommodation at [Merry Beach Caravan Park](#). Please arrange your own accommodation. Booking early as cabins, camping and caravan sites book out quickly.

**Skills:** Sunrises, Sunsets, Seascape, Nature, Wild Kangaroos, Birds and more.

**Club Contact:** Kaz Childs 0414 377 999

## Into 2021 With COVID-19 Restrictions

It is just over 1 year since COVID-19 first appeared. Within a very short time this virus became a pandemic affecting every country, more for some than other countries. Here in Australia we were very fortunate our Governments (Federal, State and Territories) alongside being an Island Nation, acted quickly to reduce this pandemic's effects.



One year on and the Camera Club is again meeting with adjustments;

- † Movie Makers Group. Will continue to meet using ZOOM Conferencing;
- † Photography Group will return to the Figtree Heights Primary School Multi-Purpose Hall, but with a difference.

The Photography Group:

† **Returning** to the School Hall: **Tuesday, February 2021;**

† **Meeting** under COVID-19 Restrictions, includes:

- 📌 **Room limit of 36** people including the Presenter or Judge;
- 📌 Temperature Testing upon arrival;
- 📌 Recording of Attendance;
- 📌 Wearing of Masks;
- 📌 Social Distancing;
- 📌 **Fixed seating** position and distancing;
- 📌 No Refreshments (Supper) will be provided. Though members can bring their own and no sharing;
- 📌 Movement during the meeting is very limited.



† **Competition Night Prints:**

- 📌 Physical Prints are back;
- 📌 Member only to place their entry on the appropriate Print Stand and collect at end of the evening; and
- 📌 No touching any other Print/s.

The Club's Management Committee is developing its COVID-19 Safe Venue Plan for 2021. When it is reviewed, it will be posted to all members and also to be found on the Club's website.

This is a brief summary of Brian Harvey's Post to the members regarding the Meeting arrangements for 2021. The full Post can be found on the Club's website.

## Photography Group Competition Rules Update.

During the summer break the PG's Competition Rules have been reviewed with new and amended changes. The new Competition Document (Revision 8.0) has been approved by the Management Committee. It has also been emailed to all members by our Secretary, Ruth Brooks.



On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 this Document will be submitted to the Membership for ratification.

Please take the time to read it as a number of changes may influence your entries.

## News Update

Following the conclusion of the Club's 2020 Year news was received that one of our members had been recognised for their contribution to their school life.

It is with great pleasure that you are advised Alex Dawson was awarded the Figtree High School's 2020 Citizen of the Year Award supported by the local Rotary branch. This recognised Alex's contribution to the School's life through his photography in creating iMovies during an usual and difficult COVID year.

Congratulations Alex.

## Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 Club Outing

2021 Club Programme kicked off with a long overdue outing to Port Kembla's Inner Harbour. This outing was scheduled way back in October 2019 however due to an electrical storm in the area the photo-shoot was cancelled with some members arriving back at the Club's normal venue for an impromptu discussion time.

So would January 2021 be any different? After all it is mid-summer, extended daylight resulting from the State's daylight saving time. What could go wrong? Would luck be on our side for the members to photography BlueScope Steel's Sinter Plant and the Discharge Berths? Across the Inner Harbour's channel are the Export Coal Loader and Grain Terminals. As we gathered, the ominous dark clouds rolled in, the wind increased and members could feel the slightest rain. Our final omen must have been a couple of members going to the wrong location, but with a little mobile coaching, they arrived in time for the Class Group photo.



2021-01 Port Kembla Inner Harbour Twilight Outing.

The final count for the evening was 18 members including a recently joined person. After the welcome and a brief safety talk by Bruce Shaw, a huddle developed to allow Ruth Brooks, to capture a record of the group, by controlling her camera with her mobile phone app.

With the formalities over, the members dispersed along the waterfront where they could select a great viewpoint for their images.

Within minutes, this slightest rain feeling caused most members to hurry back to their cars for shelter from the heavier downpour. This weather soon cleared and the members came out to play again, looking for new angles, viewpoints to photograph the Steelwork's and Harbour structures along with the coming evening. Lighting from the buildings, shipping, the harbour front began to glow resulting in dancing light reflections in the water.



BSL's Sinter Plant Area. (Ruth Brooks)



Discharge and Ore Berths (Bruce Shaw)

Later in the evening another change in the weather occurred, rain and wind. Some members decided to turn in for the night with a few hardy photographers continuing to look for photographic opportunities.

## **2021 Competition Details: February 2021**

Competition:            Subject            “Open”

### **Monthly Competition On Line Entry Registration Closing Dates:**

<u>Section</u>	<u>Closing Date &amp; Time/Comments</u>
<b>Digital:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Competition Month. Closing Time: 11:45pm</b>
<b>Prints;</b> <i>On Line Registration Entry:</i>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Competition Month. Closing Time: 11:45pm</b>

All 2021 Monthly Competition Entry/Entries, Digital and all Print Classifications, are by the “On Line” Registration and Entry Form found at the Club’s website;

## **2021 Competition Details:**

There are 5 Set Subject for the 2021 Monthly Competitions:

<b><i>March:</i></b>	<b>Nature</b>
<b><i>May:</i></b>	<b>Minimalism</b>
<b><i>July:</i></b>	<b>Australian Landscape</b>
<b><i>September:</i></b>	<b>The Odd One Out</b>
<b><i>November:</i></b>	<b>Our Town</b>

All Other Monthly Competitions are Open’s

Members are encouraged to regularly:

- † Visit the Club’s Calendar to check for any changes to the 2021 Programme; and
- † To familiarise yourself with the guidelines or definitions associated with any “Set Subject” Competition.

### **Competition Subject Guidelines.**

All members are encouraged to view the Club’s website (<https://wollongong.myphotoclub.com.au/>) and click on the “Calendar” to view the recent change/s to competition guidelines.

## **2021 Editorial Year**

This year the editor is seeking your help in making the Photography Group’s Monthly Newsletter different. How? You asked. It could come in the form of some item you have read, a project you are working on (like focus stacking, macro lighting, etc). Maybe it’s a tutorial video. Ideas come from a variety of places, in a nutshell, a member contribution section.

Just need to do a couple of things; a short written article (about half A4 page maximum), referencing such items as videos or photographic articles, etc (so others can view them). Of course the best idea would be how the Best In Section image was conceived through to the final image, the entrant’s thoughts.

You can send your article to the Editor by emailing [editor@wollongongcameraclub.com](mailto:editor@wollongongcameraclub.com)

Can you help? Looking forward to receiving your contributions.



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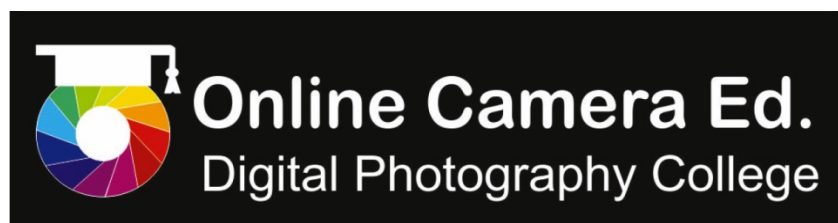
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