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secretary.wollongongcameraclub@outlook.com

or chat to Sue Curtis at a meeting

Welcome 2023 Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday 21 March to elect the committee for 2023

Our President for the last few years - Jim Ollis decided to stand down from the committee. The President Report has been included in the following pages.

Thank You Jim for your valuable contribution to the club as President, we look forward to seeing you at club meeting in the future.

The 2023 Committee

President	Les Schumer (Also Webmaster)
Vice President	Kaz Childs (Also Marketing and Field Trips)
Treasurer	Sue Martin
Secretary	Kerry Gilmore
Ordinary Member	Tim Porteous (also Photo Competitions)
Ordinary Member	Ian Ruddiman
Ordinary Member	Sue Curtis (sharing Secretary duties)

Other roles within the club

- **Grading Team**
- **Movie Makers** Group contact John Devenish (meet 1st Tuesday of month at Figtree School Hall)
- **Creative Group** will resume soon (meet 3rd Tuesday of month on ZOOM)
- Public Officer (Bruce Shaw)
- and many other members who give their time to keep the club operating

Presidents Report Wollongong Camera Club

March 2023

It is my privilege and honour to present my President's Report for the 2023 AGM. The club has maintained its strong membership numbers throughout 2022, with 57 current financial members. This is the first year since 2019 that the club was able to meet without lockdown restrictions. Normality, we hope, has been re-established, which I am sure the members appreciate.

Clubs survive on the strength of their members, both those in leadership roles and their active members, and this quality was again demonstrated by our members last year. This is a characteristic of the club that I have always found rewarding and encouraging.

While members who take on a role on the club committee do so voluntarily, I would like to thank the committee for its dedication to the club and its passion for photography this year to always work in the members' best interest. Apart from the ongoing running of the club, there have been some matters worthy of mention. A new online system for welcoming new members to the club and registering them has been established. Also established is a system to purchase merchandise online, which members may use when selling their images to the public.

Aligned with the new online member registration is the ongoing development of a mentoring program to ensure that new members become familiar with the mechanics of how the club works and some encouragement. This is still in the developmental stage but is a very worthy initiative that is dependent on more experienced members' support.

Kaz is still organizing club outings for members to visit and socialise at various locations while searching for that Best in Section image. This is an initiative that is offered by few other clubs but has the potential to enrich members' experience. Kaz stepped down from the committee at the end of 2021 but has come back as strong as ever, for which we are grateful.

At the 2022 AGM, a call went out for a volunteer to step into the vacant Secretary's role, however, none was found. After some consultation, Sue Curtis and Kerry Gilmore agreed to work together to share the secretarial duties. This has proved successful and may become a template for future committees where the role of the club Secretary is too daunting for a single person.

Les Schumer, Webmaster, Sue Martin, Treasurer and Tim Porteous, Competition Director, have all worked diligently to improve the experience for club members.

I would also like to thank Simon Bastin for taking on the role to find guest speakers for the first meeting of the month.

Wollongong Camera Club was asked to host the 2022 Federation of Camera Clubs (FCC) Topshot Competition in August last year. While most of the organisation was carried out by the FCC committee, it still brought some prestige to the club. It was very pleasing to see so many members enter prints in the competition and so many receive acceptance.

I would like to thank Colin and Carol Marshman for the opportunity for the club to use the Red Point Artist Association's gallery to exhibit members' prints in May last year. Some prints were purchased by members of the public and at least one visitor to the exhibition, Greg Powell, later joined the club. The exhibition was well promoted by the club, including a mention on i98 Facebook. An Opening held on the first Saturday of the exhibition proved very successful and may be used again for our Court House Exhibition in September this year.

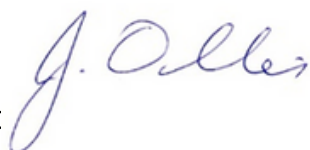
The Creative group still meet on the third Tuesday of the month when the hall is not used by the Movie Makers and at other times they may meet online. This is an enthusiastic group who are pushing its creative boundaries. The group is small in number but is open to anybody in the club. Members are encouraged to contact committee members for more details.

The publishing of the Association Incorporation Regulation 2022 led to a revision of the club's constitution to align with the revised regulation. This is necessary to ensure that the club is covered by the Association Incorporation Act 2009, which protects members from any possible litigation. The majority of this revision work was undertaken by the Club's Public Officer, Bruce Shaw. However, it required the committee to review and approve the revision before taking it to the members' final acceptance. Revision 4 of the Constitution, dated February 2023, is now available on the club's website.

Wollongong Camera Club has had a wonderful relationship with Figtree Heights Public School over a number of years or decades. As the club held so few meetings in the hall in 2021, the school offered the hall free of charge for 2022. However, due to our ongoing relationship and the fact that our gear is continually stored in the hall, the committee decided to make a donation of \$1,000 to the school. The usual annual fee is about this amount. We felt it appropriate.

Most of the committee members are willing to stand again for the 2023 committee. However, I will be stepping down after serving for two years as club president. It has been an honour and privilege to take on this role. I want to thank the committee and members for their support over the past two years. I have always tried to put the interest of members first. I am confident that the work of the committee over the past years has left the club in a strong position for the incoming committee.

Jim Ollis
President, Wollongong Camera Club
March 2023



Get involved with our Special Interest Groups

MOVIE MAKERS Special Interest Group

We need extras for filming, please!
This is an unpaid gig.

Extras are needed (no speaking roles), at the school hall on Tuesday 04 April.
7.15pm start.

Wear ordinary ('civilian') clothes AND bring your Club shirt or jacket.
You will need both.

We are shooting part of our entry for the Combined Clubs meeting.

It is a comedy.
The more the merrier.
Please come if you can.

Creative Group

April 18, 2023 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

This is the first meeting of the Creative Group for 2023 and will set the agenda for the year ahead.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Aims of Creative group are:

- To share knowledge, learning and on-going development amongst the members of the group,
- To introduce a range of skills and techniques both in-camera and in post-processing to enable members make creative images,
- To provide a friendly and non-judgemental space where all members can share, and critique images with confidence, and
- To create a space where rules can be broken and guidelines ignored.
- Members are encouraged, though not obliged, to enter their images in regular monthly competitions.

Format of meetings:

Each member shares their image for the topic and explains it. Other members of the group may offer suggestions for improvement.

A presentation/s by a member/s on a topic and/or techniques for the next month.

Field Trips Coming Up.....



BRIGADOON (SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING)

WHEN: April 1, 2023 @ 8:00 am

Field Trip info: [Link to pdf HERE](#)

If you have a ticket from the postponed event in 2022, hang onto it, it's still valid for the new date.

Tickets required

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY, SYDNEY

WHEN: April 23, 2023 @ 8:30 am
Check the website calendar for any changes

[All info click HERE](#)
WCC_Field-Trip_Sydney_Street-
Photography_Apr-23



Photo Group WORKSHOP – Hanging Exhibitions

WHEN: June 13, 2023 @ 7:30 – 9:30pm

WHERE: Red Point Arts
100 Wentworth St Port Kembla
Free for Club Members ONLY.

A two-hour workshop presented by
Kathryn Orton

**RED
POINT
ARTS**

Nellies Glen Field Trip

Budderoo National Park

Early rises Kaz, Nat, Les, Ross, Clara, Tim and Sue C headed to Nellie Glen on Saturday 18 February.

We gathered near the waterfall as the morning rays of light swept across the top of the falls.

Nellie Glen is well known as a picnic area and swimming hole. We had the area to ourselves exploring the mossy undercut, ferns and of course the waterfall from different angles.

A group of young men arrived for a refreshing dip in the cool water and were very happy to pose for us beneath the falling water. After a snack we dispersed to check out the nearby Blue Pool and Carington Falls



Guess who this intrepid photographer is ?





Social Night:

RSVP required | Location TBA

May 30 @ 6:30 pm

Please RSVP by Monday 29 May to Kaz Childs

FCC Judges Course

FCC Judges Course was run recently over two days in February

The organisers prepared an excellent course with guest speakers Bill Bachman and Meg Hewitt. Workshop presentations and judging practice.

Wollongong Club Members Les Schumer, Sue Martin, Ian Ruddiman and Sue Curtis attended the course.

Club Competition Schedule

Date	Topic	Judge
28th Feb	Open	Peter Sherlock
28th March	Nature	Nic Peters
25th April Public Holiday	Open	Linda Fury
23rd May	Australian Landscape	Bob Cook
6th June	Movie Makers Mid Year Comp	
27th June	Open (Digital MONO images only)	Don Munro
25th July	At Work	Jascon Cole

Thank you to Alex for assisting the judge at the February Photo comp, standing in for Wayne who has seriously injured his shoulder.

We wish Wayne a speedy recovery and hope to see him and his humour back soon at the club meetings.

February photo competition results can be viewed on our club website and Facebook

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



Other competitions

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL AV FESTIVAL
15 SEPTEMBER 2022 - 07 APRIL 2023 11:55 PM
\$20 AUD ENTRY FEE
APS APPROVAL 2023/03

49TH APS NATIONAL EXHIBITION
24 JANUARY 2023 - 30 MARCH 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE
\$10 APS MEMBERS OR \$30 NON-APS MEMBERS
APS APPROVAL # 2023/11

VIGEX 4TH INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SALON 2023
17 FEBRUARY 2023 - 02 JULY 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE
VARIABLE
APS APPROVAL # 2023/10

MULLINS CONCEPTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE (MCP)
20 FEBRUARY 2023 - 18 MAY 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE

SOUTHERN CROSS NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2023
01 MARCH 2023 - 11 JUNE 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE
APS APPROVAL # 2023/05

10TH QUEENSLAND INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL CIRCUIT
01 APRIL 2023 - 19 JUNE 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE

NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL CIRCUIT
01 MAY 2023 - 02 JULY 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE

35TH SUTHERLAND SHIRE NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY
12 JUNE 2023 - 23 JULY 2023 11:55 PM
ONLINE
VARIABLE
APS APPROVAL # 2023/13

**Berwick Viewfinders Camera Club will be hosting our
2nd National Photography competition in 2023.**

This year we have 6 sections:

Open Colour

Open Monochrome

Scapes (Land, Sea, City)

People/Portraits

Drone/Aerial

Photojournalism/ Social Documentary

The competition is now open for entries

Our website is: <https://southerncross.myphotoclub.com.au/>

50th Warragul National Photographic Competition 2023

The Warragul Camera Club invites you to enter the 50th Warragul National Photographic Competition. This national competition is open to all Australian residents. It is one of only two annual National Competitions held in Victoria held under the auspices of the Australian Photographic Society (APS). Entries close on 15 March 2023. For more details see

<https://www.warragulnational.org/>.



Guest Speaker Presentations

- Photo Group Guest Speaker: SYLVIA LIBER
- Apr 11 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

- Movie Makers: Documentary Film Making | Special Guest Essi Haukkamaa @ Figtree Heights Public School hall
- May 2 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

- Photo Group Guest Speaker: Paul Spinelli
- May 9 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

- Movie Makers: Musical – tell history or interpret music with images @ Figtree Heights Public School hall
- Jul 4 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

- Photo Group Guest Speaker: Naomi Sherman :: the Ugly/Beautiful challenge @ Zoom
- Jul 11 @ 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm



Recently my vintage camera collection has seen the light of day after been finally unloaded into a display shelf



This is a Kodak Baby Brownie
molded bakelit body wth leather case
cira July 1934 to 1941 USA a 1952 UK
Original price \$1.00 (equivalent)
Film size 127

Do you have a story or fun act about an old camera you have or discovered hidden in the family archives?.

Wollongong Camera Club Uniforms

We have a range of clothing with the Wollongong Camera Club embroidered logo.

This is a great way to promote our club when we attend club functions and field trips. It also helps identify us and adds that professional look.

Choose from

Ladies' Short Sleeve Polo Shirt - \$35.00

Men's Short Sleeve Polo Shirt - \$35.00

Ladies' Softshell Jacket - \$65.00

Men's Softshell Jacket - \$65.00

Unisex Baseball Cap \$25.00



Order through MyPhotoClub

Quick Link menu on the right tabs

Select WCC Clothing Order Form.

Choose item, size (check measurements)

Online payment, option to sip or no cost pick up from Club meeting.

LINK: [WCC Merchandise Order Form](#)
(google.com)

CLICK TO ORDER

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- **Malcolm Fackender** - Fantastic photo tours

<http://malcolmfackender.com/>

- **Camera House** – was in Macarthur Square, now at Narellan

<https://www.camerahouse.com.au/store/narellan>

- **Photomart** - Photo prints and more at Barrack Height

<https://photomart.com.au/>

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