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President's Message:

Annually, at our June meeting, we recognise and award those members who have achieved top marks in our various club competitions over the past twelve months.

Congratulations to all these members.

Let us not overlook other members who are also winners. Winners in the fact that they have worked on forming the basic photographic structures and then endeavoured to form their own personal styles.

Whilst some members enjoy working on being competitive at club competitions, others prefer to work on their own expression in their images. (photographs for themselves and not for the judge).

Diary Dates

Monday 17th June 2019 @ Boomerang Hotel 7:30pm "Year End Awards"

Comp Results – Year End Open Comp Entries – Open

Thursday 20th June Committee Meeting, O'Keefe residence, 211 Drumwood Road, Jindera

Monday 8th July 2019 @ Boomerang Hotel 7:30pm Comp Results - Distortion Comp Entries – "Along the Murray"

July 2019 Schnelle Partners Competition / Exhibition. Open from 1st July for at least 2 weeks.

Photography Weekend 7th & 8th September

Tumbarumba / Tumut / Adelong areas Itinerary and Accommodation TBA

July Newsletter Deadline to submit stories of interest, Tips/Tricks or items for Sale or Wanted is **Monday 1 July.**

Hopefully, our club can cater for and encourage members regardless of what they personally want to achieve.

Brian



Member of the Month Michelle Roberts







Canon 700D

Tamron 18-400

What was your profession?

My field was Education and Training, with a focus on improving outcomes for disadvantaged people in our community. Over the years I held positions, some on a national or state level, in teaching, human resources, policy and planning and research. My last full-time position before retirement was Chief Executive Officer of the North East Local Learning and Employment Network.

What was it that encouraged you to join the WACC?

I really wanted to join the Club in order to learn and improve my photography. I also wanted to share in the friendship and camaraderie of being with others who love photography. I was encouraged to join by Phil Bell, and I'm really grateful to him for that.

What is it about photography that you love?

Gosh. Everything! I fell passionately in love with photography at age 8 when I was given a Box Brownie camera for Christmas. After that, there are very few photos of me growing up, as I became the unofficial family photographer. Later, as a teenager and at Uni, I drove everyone batty with my little Kodak "Starlet" (anyone else remember them?). Result being that I have plenty of photos to share at school and Uni reunions, which document our time and record friendships and events. I've always had a camera of some kind in my hands, but it's only very recently, since about 2015, that I decided to take it up as a more "serious" pastime" — and, I suppose, as an art form and creative outlet. At that time, I enrolled in Phil Bell's U3A Photography group, and several of Dirk Wallace's MAMA Photography classes. The rest is history.

What camera do you use?

I am using a Canon EOS 700D with an 18 – 400mm Tamron lens. I'm also interested in learning how to more effectively use my iPhone camera. I'm realising it has many more features than I have been aware of, and let's face it, it's always with me. It will be a long time before it replaces the digital SLR, however!

What do you like to shoot?

I'm keen to improve my skills in every area, but find my time is really limited at present, due to being President of the Murray Conservatorium Choir – pretty much a full-time occupation! I love documenting family events and taking portraits of the children and grandchildren – and my cat! I've also loved getting out with Phil's group doing night shoots and light painting – a new and exciting area for me. I'd really like to do more of that. I did a couple of Astrophotography sessions with Dirk and at the Bright Festival of Photography, which was amazing. Again, I find this a fascinating area and would like to do more. At the moment, I'm really enjoying setting myself some Still Life projects. I enjoy the challenge of getting the light and the composition just right for an image that creates a mood or tells a story. I can lose myself in that for hours or even weekends at a time (when I have the time!).



WACC's Buddy System

New or potential members will be contacted by a Buddy System Representative to have a chat about your expectations and contribution to the Club You will be offered to be teamed up with a member who has the same photographic interests and uses the same brand of camera. For more information contact Phil Bell. 0400 846 539

Up and coming Art Shows and Competitions:

- Schnelle Partners Annual Photo Competition Open from 1 July 2019 for at least 2 weeks.
- Yarrawonga takes place in June.
- The WACC Annual Exhibition will now be held at Pfeiffer Wines at Wahgunyah, this coming October. We have decided to relocate from GIGS Art Gallery.
- Bright Festival of Photography 2019
 - o 1st July. Tickets will go live for BFOP 2019
 - Workshop bookings will start at the end of August and will be open for three (3) weeks.
 - Cash bookings for additional workshops will be open mid-September
 - Festival takes place on 20th to 22nd September 2019
 - Go to their website to ensure that you are on their email list: http://bfopaustralia.com
- Albury Show Photography Competition 1st & 2nd November 2019



Join WACC on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/WACC.Photography/

If you wish to have your photos uploaded to Facebook could you please send them to Phil Bell (tinker1947@bigpond.com).

Stipulations:

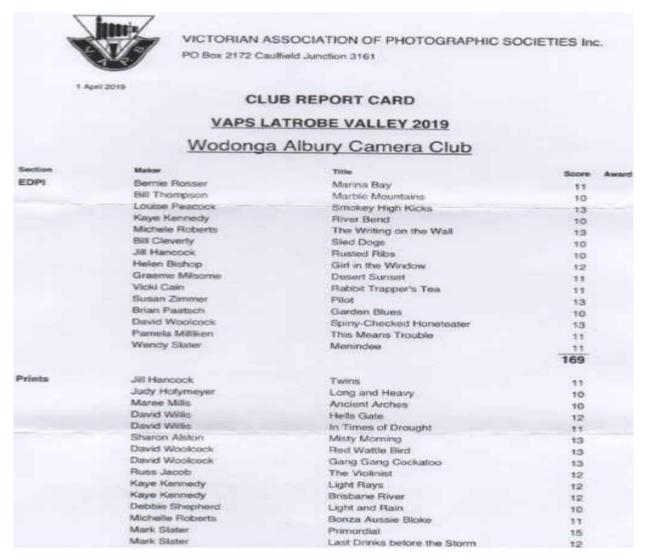
- The photos must be of interest to the WACC Community not just random holiday snaps.
- A short story about the photo (where, when and what was your intention of taking the photo) would also be appreciated.

Photography Tips and Tricks

Keep your camera on the subject with your finger half way down on the shutter to lock the focus. When ready, take the **photo**, remembering to follow the subject as they move. Use a tripod or monopod, if possible, to avoid camera shake and get clear movement lines.



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