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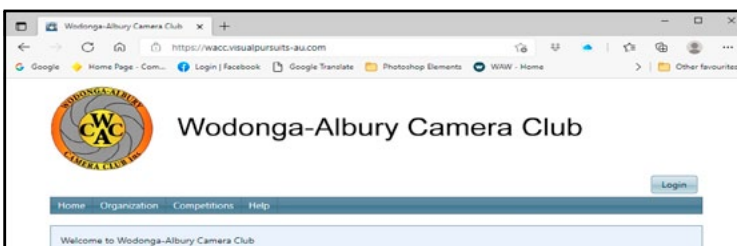


A Virtual Experience

As you look at this image you feel yourself being drawn into the scene through the use of lines, shape and light. It appears to be three dimensional as our eyes play tricks with our brain. This is a sample of the quality of work on display at the current virtual exhibition of the annual Mullins Conceptual Photography Prize. It provides an opportunity for Conceptual photographers to gain recognition within Australia. The prize finalists can be viewed on the Australian Photographic Society website: <https://www.a-p-s.org.au> Given our limited opportunity to visit exhibitions this is the next best thing to offer us some inspiration while at home by this virtual walk through gallery. In addition, there are some APS member galleries and photography groups that may interest you on this website. Image: 'Window to Nowhere' by Charles McKean

Visual Pursuits

Our club is currently running a trial of Visual Pursuits – a system of software for managing camera club competitions and events. At this stage we have approximately 20 members who have been set-up to enter images into our 2021-22 competitions.



We would like to run all competitions for the remainder of 2021 completely through Visual Pursuits so that members can see what it is like at the presentation end of the cycle. Starting with the entries due in October (an open competition) all images will need to be entered using Visual Pursuits. The main challenge with Visual Pursuits is to get started and becoming accustomed to the way that it operates. We have had positive feedback from members who have found it simple to navigate and upload their images.

During September and early October, we will set up more members on Visual Pursuits and work through how everyone can get their images into each competition. We are very keen to ensure that no one misses out on putting entries into competitions if they wish. Please contact the club if you are interested as we look forward to helping you get started.

Diary Dates

Next General Meeting
Monday 13th September

@ 7:30pm

If the upcoming meeting cannot be held at the Boomerang due to Covid restrictions a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to members

Committee Meeting
Monday 27th September

@ 7:30pm

October General Meeting
Monday 11th October

@ 7.30pm

Photographic Weekend
Cactus Country
Strathmerton

Weekend of November
6th - 7th



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What's Coming Up: Due in September [Sept. 13th].....Rule of Odds
 Due in October [Oct. 11th].....Open
 Due in November [Nov.8th].....Simplicity



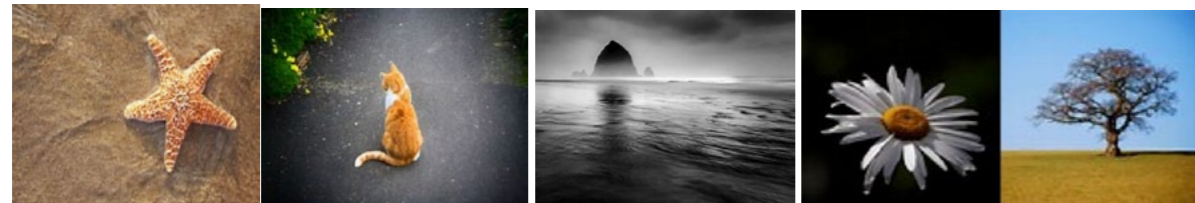
November Due in November for January

SIMPLICITY

When all those elements that a photographer uses (frame, perspective, focus, time) come together and the viewer feels the connection immediately with the image because they understand the meaning.

The vocabulary of the photograph is unambiguous and clear.

Several methods can achieve simplicity in a photograph. The most obvious is to place the subject against a neutral background such as a backdrop or the sky. Backgrounds can be entirely neutral, like a solid backdrop or a cloudless sky; or they can complement the image, like a starfish on the sand.



Members please note that despite the possibility that meetings may need to be via Zoom for a few months, our monthly member competitions will continue as normal.

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Photography Exhibitions & Competitions

Schnelle Partners Photo Exhibition - 'Seasons in the Region' theme - **Postponed**

Fed Photo Prize

Entries due: Thursday 30th September
 Exhibition dates: Friday 15th October - Tuesday 2nd November
 Location: Corowa Memorial Hall
<http://www.fedartprize.com>

APS Photo Walk Day - Theme: Environmental Impact

<https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/component/eventbooking/aps-photo-walk-day>

Online Photo Comps

<https://www.australianphotography.com/competitions>

Ballarat International Foto Biennale <https://ballaratfoto.org/>

The Biennale will commence when restrictions permit and it is safe to do so.



Meetings to Continue

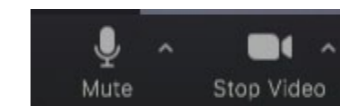
Last month's meeting was held at the Boomerang Hotel, however with Victorian members unable to attend in person, the meeting also went on line using the teleconferencing software program - Zoom. It is likely this may need to be used again in the future, so to ensure all members feel confident to take part, here are some tips that may make it easier.

- **Mute** your microphone to reduce background noise when you are not speaking
- If you would like to make comments or ask questions, type in the **Chat** box
- There is a **Reaction** box where you can raise your hand if you would like the opportunity to speak or show a response
- **Virtual backgrounds** can be used. If you'd like to try this, select the drop down arrow near the video symbol, choose virtual background and select one of your photos (perhaps a scene of your favourite holiday location)
- If you find the screen view of yourself is very dark you could try brightening your computer screen

Once you've used Zoom a few times you'll start to feel more comfortable. Given the current situation it provides us with the opportunity to continue our meetings and have member participation. Please contact the club if you need some assistance.

Note : the meeting link will be emailed to you beforehand.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>



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