

Blue Mountains Photography Group

Newsletter

October 2018

Hello Members,

Welcome to my first club newsletter as President.

I would like to thank Ann Wharton very much for the artfully produced newsletters during her time in the chair.

This newsletter is largely pictorial, including some of the best recent photographs by club members.

I also include some photography exhibitions that you might like to see.

And we start a series of excellent tips from Greg Farmer, which he outlined at a recent club meeting, on how to look after your photographic gear.

It is often the case that we spend a lot of money on gear but don't spend enough time maintaining it.

Our next meeting is Exhibition Night on Monday 12th November
Critique & Feedback will be by Ben Halcomb
Theme – "Kids."

Here are the winners of Member's Choice from the 8th of October 2018.



'Dance' by Graeme Mell-Digital



'Shoes Here' by Graeme Mell-Digital



'New York Ground Zero" by Greg Farmer-Print



'Burning Off' by Judy Thistleton-Martin

Current and upcoming exhibitions in Sydney you might want to check out. Click on links for details.

Australian Geography Nature Photographer of the Year 2018



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/australian-geographic-nature-photographer-of-the-year-2018>

Void



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/void>

A Migration Story: Photography exhibition



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/a-migration-story-photography-exhibition>

Nikon Road Show



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/nikon-z-series-roadshow>

Sydney Open 2018



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/sydney-open-2018>

Animal Photography Class



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/animalbirdreptile-portrait-class>

Creative Capture Christmas Lights with Chris



<https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/creatively-capture-christmas-lights-with-chris>

Sculpture by the Sea



<https://www.timeout.com/sydney/art/sculpture-by-the-sea>

David Goldblatt: Photographs 1948-2018



<https://www.timeout.com/sydney/art/david-goldblatt-photographs-19482018>

In a World of Wounds



<https://www.timeout.com/sydney/art/in-a-world-of-wounds>

EXHIBITION REVIEWED

Night Sky. A delightful small exhibition from some local newcomers to photography. As part of 2018 NAIDOC celebrations recently at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre the exhibition features images from a number of young Aboriginal artists who participated in night sky astrophotography course run by Gary P Hayes as part of the celebrations. In addition Ben Pearse documented the NAIDOC events and some images are also on display together with the documentary video 'Star Stories of the Dreaming (2016)'. *The Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, 30 Parke Street Katoomba. Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat & Sun 10am-2pm. Until 25 Nov 2018. Paid entry.*

SHOWING

Memories on Glass: The Macpherson Family Collection. Images (including glass-plate negatives) from the late 19th and early 20th century Sydney captured the Macpherson family from a photonegative collection recently acquired. *State Library of NSW, New Exhibition Galleries, first floor, Mitchell Building, Macquarie Street Sydney. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Thu 9am-8pm; weekends 10am-5pm. Until 05 May 2019. Free.*

Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year 2018. One of Australia's premier nature photography competitions. Touring from the South Australian Museum. *Australian Museum, College Street Sydney. Until 27 Jan 2019. Paid entry.*

#NewSelfWales. An interactive exhibition showing the face of NSW in 2018. You can share your portrait on instagram. A photographic portrait exhibition with a difference where your portrait will feature alongside portraits from the Libraries Collection. *State Library of NSW, Galleries Level 1, Mitchell Building, Macquarie Street Sydney. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Thu 9am-8pm; Weekends 10am-5pm. Until 10 Feb 2019. Free.*

David Goldblatt: Photographs 1948-2018 Part of the 2018-19 Sydney International Art Series, a major retrospective exhibition of the late South African photographer David Goldblatt. *Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, 140 George Street The Rocks Sydney. Daily 10am-5pm; Wed 10am-9pm. Until 03 Mar 2019. Paid entry.*

OUT OF TOWN

William & Winifred Bowness Photography Prize. An annual prize run by the MGA Foundation of contemporary Australian photography across all photographic media for work produced within the last year. *Monash Gallery of Art (MGA), 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheeler's Hill Victoria. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat-Sun 12-5pm. Until 18 Nov 2018. Free.*

GOING

Geography of Space, Archeology of Time. Izabela Pluta (Sydney) and Utako Shindo (Tokyo) are this years offering from the Australian Centre for Photography's dialogue fostering engagement and global connections between an Australian and an International artist. **ACP Project Space Gallery, 72 Oxford Street Darlinghurst. Tue-Fri 10 am-5 pm; Sat 11am-4pm. Until 01 December 2018, Free.**

Compiled by TS

Thank you Ted for your great information

Looking After Camera Gear

You buy the camera gear - body, lens, filters, tripod, batteries: they cost a lot.

How you look after the camera, or not, can affect the body, lens, filters - and therefore your photography.

Greg Farmer recently reinforced these points at a club meeting.

I urge you to take a look at his excellent overview on our website – and refer to it regularly.:

http://www.bmpg.org.au/downloads/documents/Basic_Maintenance_120316.pdf

Here is an overview:

We do this to keep the camera away from the repair centre and to ensure our images are not damaged by the state of the camera. Basic Maintenance: – Blow dirt off the camera– “Non Contact is best” – particularly around the lens mount and any buttons. Dirt around the lens mount will find it’s way into the body when you change lens’ so consider doing this as part of your lens change procedure. – Wipe them down with a dry cloth. – Use a lens cloth to clean the display. – Consider getting a screen protector on your display – only put it on when you are calm and focused. – Check and replace any small batteries routinely – once per year. **READ THE MANUAL!**

We will feature Greg’s tips over the coming months.

Jan Forrester

Thank you Jan for this great summary.

Well that is a wrap.

Regards

Jodi McConaghy
BMPG President

