

Blue Mountains Photography Group Newsletter

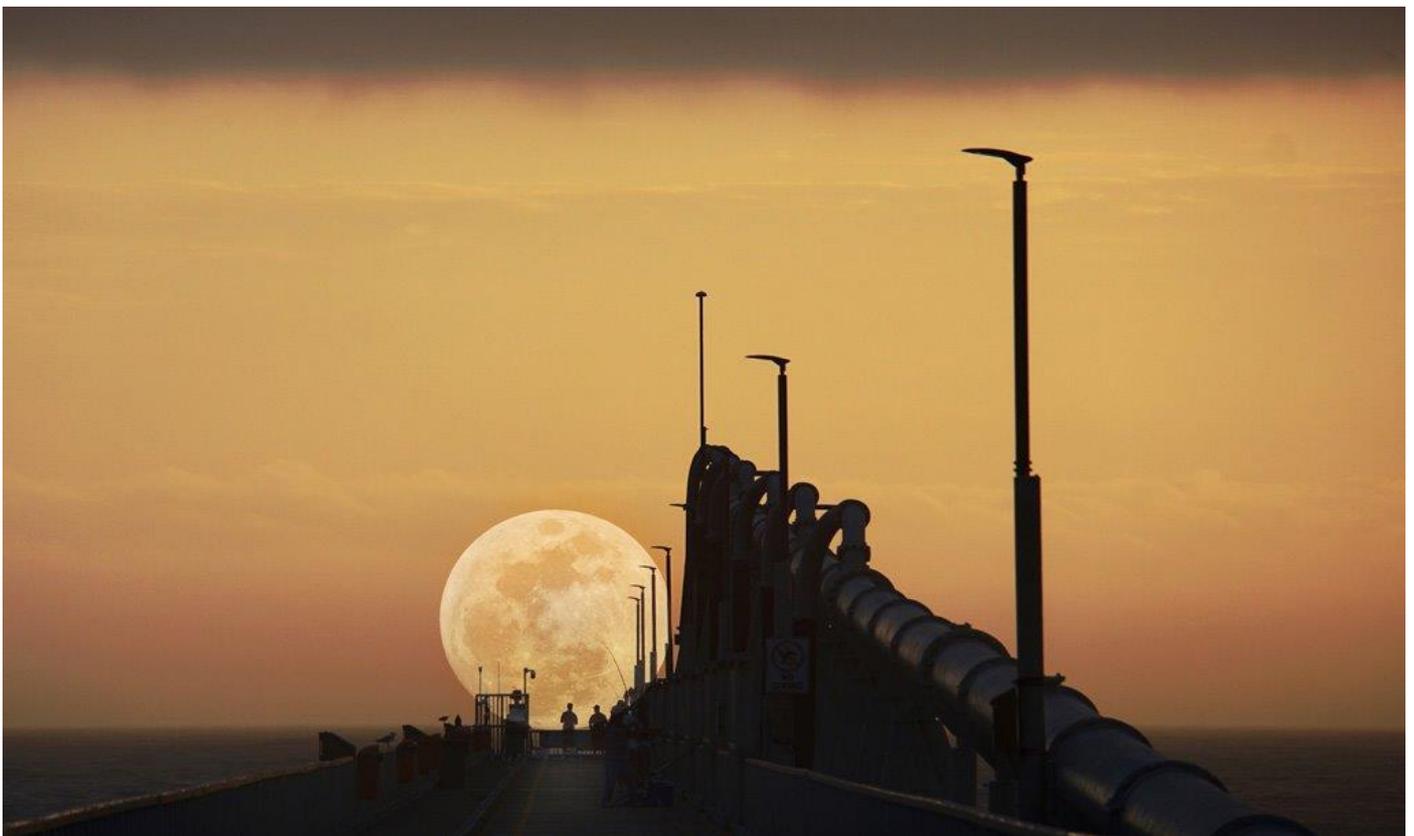
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Compiled by Jodi McConaghy

Welcome to the September Newsletter.

I hope everyone has been having a great month.

Thank goodness the weather is finally warming up. Time to get out and about and start creating some special images.

Members Choice winners for August.
Congratulations Robyn Cook and Karl Proksch



Robyn Cook: Full Moon

Karl's Image was not supplied before the newsletter went to print.

Notes from the AGM - Positions

Achievements this Year

I'd like to list a few of the achievements over the past 12 months.

Last year we participated in Interclub where three clubs came together to compete against one another. We had a lovely evening meeting the members from the other clubs and although we did not win, it was wonderful to see some new faces and look at the interesting imagery from the other clubs.

This year started with a welcome dinner at the Springwood Sports Club, where we caught up after a long break and talked about the upcoming year. It would be great to continue this again next year.

We have had some wonderful guests this year for judging and presenting, such as, Linda Warland, Charles Foulsham, Geoff Beatty, Peter Adams, David Glazebrook, Natalie Howe, Len Metcalf, Luke Tscharke. We have still got some interesting people coming to finish of the year: Luke McCormac from Kayell and Charles Foulsham are coming to present a night on printing, Susan Buchanan is coming to judge 'Expressions of Joy and Happiness', Jacqui Dean is presenting a work shop on Macro and Focus stacking, Greg Farmer is judging Black and White, and Graig Daalmeijer Power is Judging Image of the year.

This year we had a very successful exhibition at foundation day. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the event, especially Karen Coleman. Thank you to everyone who exhibited and made it a great event. We had a lot of excellent feedback from the community. Next year, we hope to make our exhibition even bigger and better, and hopefully have work for sale.

We also held our first exhibition at the winter magic festival, in the civic centre. All the work was uniform in size and for sale. Many of our members sold their work, which was fantastic. We hope to enter this event again next year.

We have had a wonderful time at pop this year. A massive thank you to Judy who has run the group and been a brilliant mentor. She has helped us flesh out our ideas and been very encouraging. I cannot wait for you to see what our group has produced. Also, a big thank you to Margaret who coordinated the project of passion this year. You kept everyone informed of what was happening and when.

We had an excellent Weekend away. 9 members ventured to Kangaroo Valley for two nights and as a group, we photographed the sunrise over the Kangaroo Valley Historic Bridge on morning one, it was minus 2 degrees when we set out. Later in the morning we headed up river to a cute little suspension bridge for a shoot and in the afternoon, we drove to a camp ground where 2 dozen wombats were grazing on the lawn. We had dinner at the Thai restaurant on Friday night and the local pub on Saturday night. Plus, we enjoyed several hot beverages at the general store coffee shop.

Three members' individual came up to me to tell me how they enjoyed the weekend, not just because of the photography and beautiful environment, but because they got to know the other members better. Stronger friendships were made, which was lovely to hear.

A big thank you to Andy who organised the weekend away, you did an excellent job. We had a great time.

Plans for Future

Our last two events of the year are interclub, being hosted by the Upper Mountains Camera Club on Saturday the 19th of October at the Blackheath Golf Club.

Also we have our large photography exhibition at the Everglades in November, that will have an official opening and will run for a month. This is an exciting opportunity to exhibit your work professionally.

We have had a few outings this year, not quite as many as I would have liked, but we did go to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Iron Fest, Winter Magic, and Astro photography night. We do have some

upcoming outings which I encourage you to attend: to Mt Annan, The Hassan Walls, Cockatoo Island and Barangaroo.

It is also my hope that we can apply for an exhibit at the Braemar gallery in Springwood, and Gallery 88 at Katoomba next year, or the following year.

THANKYOU

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to current committee and to all our volunteers who make this such a great photography group.

Thank you to our outgoing treasure: Ann Dent, who has worked tirelessly on our accounts and weekly takings for the past three years, we appreciate all you have done for the club.

Thank you to our outgoing secretary Karen Coleman, who has been fantastic at compiling our monthly agenda, taking minutes, coming up with some excellent ideas and for keeping me on my toes by reminding me about things that have slipped my mind.

Thank you to the committee members, Margaret Taylor, Jan Forester, Stephen and Andy Georgiou, Graeme Mell and Tony. I appreciate all your ideas and impute this year. Thank you for supporting and encouraging me.

Thank you to Greg Farmer who has done a fabulous job as web master, constantly updating the web site with all the current information, such as the monthly winners and my ever changing program. He has also forwarded on all incoming emails to the appropriate people.

Thank you to Anne Baker for being a brilliant exhibition night scorer. You do a lot of work behind the scenes which no one sees. Collecting and collation scores, chasing people for paper work and images and tallying points for the awards.

A big thank you to Jeanie McInnes who technically runs the show, literally. She is our tech genius, setting up the computer and slide projector and making them talk to one another successfully. Each meeting, for many years, she has uploaded all our digital files, fixed any boo boos we have made, and makes the slide show run smoothly. Also thank you for your support too John.

Thank you to our Librarian Judy Thistlon-Martin, we appreciate you sorting, storing and lugging the books to each meeting.

Thank you to Craig Hubbard who always comes in early to set up the tea, coffee and bikkies. Thank you for also having the bright idea to buy hot chocolate. Thank you for cleaning up afterwards too. Muchly appreciated.

Thank you to Ted Szafrasniec for writing the fabulous reviews in our newsletter and for being our public officer.

Thank you to all the members who come early and stay late, who bring up the things we need from the storage room, who set up and pull down the very awkward stands.

Thank you to everyone who brings along their images to share with the group. It can be daunting and scary to show your work. I certainly enjoy seeing the images you bring in.

Filled Positions

Official

President – Jodi McConaghy

Vice President – Hans Holleis

Secretary- Jan Forester

Treasurer – Currently Vacant

Public Officer- Ted Szafrasniec

General Members- Karl Proksch, Andy Georgiou, Margaret Taylor, Craig Hubbard, ?

Other non-official Positions

Web Liaison - Greg Farmer and David Thomas

Web Master – Greg Farmer

Newsletter Editor- Jodi McConaghy, Helper: Jan Forester

Scorer – Anne Baker

Safety Officer – Karl Proksch

Data Projector – Jeannie McInnes

Supply officer- (Supper, Kitchen Duties) Craig Hubbard

Matts Buyer and Organiser – Hans Holleis

Micro phone and stand organiser – John Stevenson

Library – Judy Thistleton-Martin

Subcommittees

1. Inter Club Competition – Karen Coleman, Ann Dent, Judy Thistleton-Martin, Robyn Cook
2. Everglades Exhibition- Jodi McConaghy, Anne Baker, Greg Farmer
3. Springwood Foundation Day –Karen Coleman, Ted, Judy Thistleton-Martin, Robyn Cook, Hans Holleis, David Thomas
4. Outings Organisers and Leaders – Craig Hubbard, Hans Holleis
5. Winter Magic Exhibition- Jodi McConaghy, Ann Wharton, Margaret Taylor
6. Breamar Gallery Submission and Exhibition- Margaret, Judy Thistleton-Martin, Robyn Cook
7. Gallery 88 Submission and Exhibition - Margaret, Judy Thistleton-Martin, Robyn Cook
8. Project of Passion Organiser- Margaret Taylor
9. Big BI ANNUAL Fundraiser with guest speakers – 202, Jodi McConaghy, Shirley
10. Fundraiser Committee- At any of our events- e.g. Raffles a foundation day- Jodi McConaghy
11. Welcome Back Dinner- Ros Brown
12. IOTY Coordinators- Graham Mell, Jodi McConaghy, Anne Baker
13. Local Events Information Gatherer. E.G. Springwood at Show Applications - Stephen Georgiou

Treasure Needed. Please contact Jodi on: 0405386136

Everglades Exhibition:

If you are entering the exhibition, please put your name down on the 'Everglades Exhibition Form' at Club tonight, or send me an email to let me know you are participating.

I will add your name to the invite which I will be designing early next week.

Dates to Remember:

Monday 9th September Let me know if you are entering by this date.

Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 10-3 Hanging

Thursday 31st October at 10pm All works must be delivered by you to the gallery for Jodi to curate. You are expected to hang your own images. Give yourself a few hours to do this.

Wednesday 30th of October. If you cannot deliver your works to the gallery yourself, please deliver them to Jodi's house: 61 Alexander Ave, Hazelbrook. Jodi, Anne and Greg will hang them for you.

Saturday 2nd November: 2pm- Opening

Exhibition Dates. Each person must man the gallery for 1-2 days depending on how many people exhibit.

Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th
Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd	Saturday 23th	Sunday 24th

Gallery open from 10am - 3:30pm

Interclub

Our interclub organisers are:

Karen Coleman, Ann Dent, Judy Thistleton-Martin and Robyn Cook

Please bring you Interclub images in tonight

A Message from Alan Daniel: President of the Upper Blue Mountains Camera Club (UBMCC)

"The date is Saturday 19th October- 10am.

Venue is the Blackheath Golf Club. There is a full kitchen and bar so lunch will be available to attendees.

So far, the Blue Mountains Group (Springwood Club) has confirmed that they will be involved. I'd ask that the other two clubs, Hawkesbury and Blacktown get back to me as soon as possible with either a yes or no. We need to have some idea of which clubs are in to finalise the numbering system. As soon as we know how many clubs are in, we can send the numbers out to each club.

It really should be a fun day of mingling and sharing with the other clubs in your region, so I really would be pleased to see all four clubs enter. Keep in mind that, even though this is called a competition, we can make it more of a social gathering if we wish. It's up to us.

I personally feel we can gain a lot by sharing our problems and successes as camera clubs and hope this will be an opportunity to do just that. And hey, it's always fun to rub shoulders with like-minded camera nuts."

EXHIBITION REVIEW

Resilience in Times of Adversity: Contemporary Response to WW2 in the Blue Mountains 1939-1950. This year is the 80th anniversary of the beginning of WWII and this small contemporary exhibition by 5 local artists explores the impact of the war on the Blue Mountains community. A photographic component by Vivienne Dadour who is also the curator of the exhibition looks at snapshots of life in the Blue Mountains through various private and institutional photographic archives. It also features a cabinet display of "Snapshots & Stories" within the context of the war and its immediate aftermath through photographs related told stories and reminiscences. Certainly provides a time to reflect especially in the current climate of economic downturn, political posturing and military escalations. *The Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, 30 Parke Street Katoomba. Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat & Sun 10am-2pm. Until 29 Sep 2019. Entry fee.*

SHOWING

Collective Possibilities. An exhibition by Blue Mountains photographic group 'The Collective' most of whom are members of the BMPG. Launch is on Saturday 07 September 2019, 2-4pm and all are welcome. *Braemar Gallery, 104 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. Thu-Sun 10am-4pm. 05-29 Sep 2019. Free.*

Light Matter. Exhibition involving contemporary lens-based and camera-less photography by Ellen Dahl, Lucas Davidson, Yvette Hamilton, Elena Papanikolakis, Ioulia Terizis, Garry Trinh and Amanda Williams. *Australian Centre for Photography, ACP Project Space Gallery, 21 Foley St Darlinghurst. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 11am-4pm. Until 26 Oct 2019. Free.*

OUT OF TOWN

Ballarat International Foto Biennale. This biennial festival is now on with numerous exhibitions, workshops, lectures, educational programs and forums dealing with photography in and around Ballarat Victoria. See website www.ballaratfoto.org for more details. *Various indoor and outdoor venues & times in and around Ballarat, Victoria. Until 20 Oct 2019. Paid and free entries to events & exhibitions.*

Precious Landscapes. Landscapes by Stuart Clook using alternative photo techniques featuring handmade platinum, cyanotypes and gum bichromate prints. *gold street studios Gallery, 700 James Lane, Trentham East, Victoria. Open by appointment only; www.goldstreetstudios.com.au; T: (03) 5424 1835. Until 27 Oct 2019. Free but contact for a visit.*

The light fades but the gods remain. A major exhibiton of Bill Hension work involving two series of his work exploring where he grew up in Glen Waverly Victoria. *Monash Gallery of Art (MGA), 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheeler's Hill Victoria. Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat-Sun 12-5pm. Until 27 Sep 2019. Free.*

GOING

Sightseeing. Work by Rowan Conroy whose interdisciplinary practice involves field archaeology and photography used as memory aid, historical resource and art practice from visits to Cyprus, Turkey, Syria and Lake George in NSW Australia. *Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, 184 Bourke St, Goulburn. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 12pm-4pm. Until 07 Sep 2019. Free.*

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Rookwood Sculpture Walk

For anyone interested, Rookwood Cemetery has a sculpture exhibition on right now. Click on the links below for more details.

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