
BMPG Newsletter July 2022

President's Report

With winter here and covid still with us we have enjoyed a couple of zoom meetings in the comfort of our homes. It will be so good to be able to have more in person meetings soon. The committee decided we will remain on zoom until our September meetings. We will return to the hall on 12th or 26th September all being well.

In the meantime we had the opportunity to see Hemant Kogekar's creative presentation last meeting.

If anyone is feeling a little stale in their own photography, please sing out. A few of us are around and always happy to have a catch up shoot safely in the fresh air or over zoom or another app.

Our numbers are smaller since the pandemic struck so we are offering a chance for locals to try us out between here and the end of the year for \$25. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass it on.

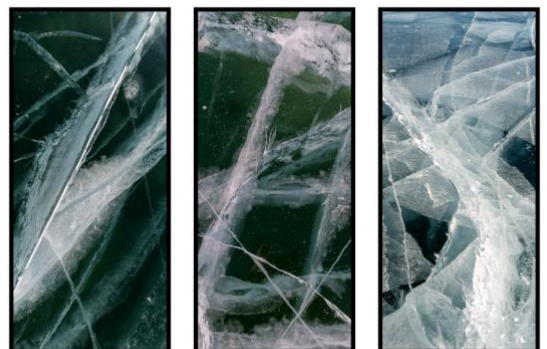
AGM

We had our Annual General Meeting last Monday and we filled all of our positions. This will be a great help. I want to thank all of the old committee for their commitment over the past year. They have all remained with us for another year and we welcome two new members to the committee – Wayne Spedding and Terry McCann. I am so grateful for the work that everyone has been doing, often it is unseen. Thankyou Wayne and Terry for standing for the committee. The new committee is listed later.

Shirley Steel



Graham Cam Members' Choice *Pretty in Pink*
June 2022



Kim Toolin, Members' Choice Ice Cracks June 2022

BMPG 2022 Project of Passion (POP) is Underway

BMPG Project of Passion 2022

The Club has run two zoom sessions now with the aim to discuss and offer suggestions to members as to their end product in November.

The following guidelines have been given to members to help and assist them with their project, and you never know, may inspire you as well.

Why are we doing POP?

- A question worth thinking about – not necessarily how or what you will do initially, but the reason why you want to give it a go.
- You might need to refine your why as you start to develop your project – maybe after writing and sharing your ideas you'll have a better understanding of why you are doing this. Don't be afraid to break the rules by daring to be different!

How will we do this?

Structure

- We have four Zoom sessions which means that we have quite a few months before we present our final "body of work".
- Having a plan is a good idea as it helps to keep us on track.
- Our Zoom meetings will enable us to "show and tell" our progress, voice our frustrations and share what we've learnt so far.
- Keeping a journal can also be a valuable way to record your thoughts and ideas.

Presentation

- Printed images – maximum of 6 A3 images – as we need to display them all without overcrowding. These could be printed and matted, displayed in a book, or multiple images mounted on a larger board the same size as 6 A3's put together!

- Digital images – could be a slide show or a sequence of images set to music to accompany something you have written.
- Digital artworks which incorporate your photography - presented as prints, a slide show or in another format (art exhibitions are an inspiring source of ways to present).
- Setting up your own website – POP would be a great place to start the process.
- A short written piece (A4) about your project – the what, why and how as well as what you have learnt not only about photography but maybe what you have discovered about yourself.

Inspiration

- Photographer **David duChemin** has recently posted on his website a practical article entitled "**Bodies of Work. Your next Step**".
- <https://davidduchemin.com/2022/05/bodies-of-work-your-next-step/>

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New BMPG Website

BMPG has a new more friendlier website and it is in the process of being updated. Our president Shirley Steel and the Web Support person Greg Farmer, together with the input of Committee members have done a great job in getting it up and running. It is simpler to navigate and contains lots of information such as the **Program** for the year, the **By-Laws**, **Helpful Hints**, the **Constitution**, past **Newsletters** as well as great members' photographs in the new **Galleries** section. And there is more to come!

Check out the new website at

www.bmpg.org.au

List of Photography Exhibitions July 2022

NOTE: Many galleries in Sydney and regional NSW are open but check for any COVID restrictions. Also many galleries (both Australian & overseas) have online exhibitions or even virtual tours of some of their exhibitions and collections.

EXHIBITION REVIEWED

Wilderness, Fires, Waterfalls – Photographic Exhibition. Exhibition by Blue Mountains photographer Peter Hickey of the bushfire and heavy rain events in the Blue Mountains that were experienced after 2020. This small but beautiful exhibition of mostly landscape colour photographs (there are two B&W images) of Blue Mountains' scenes. Peter has captured brilliantly the many moods of the Mountains in the colourful sunrises, misty mornings, secluded waterfalls and the after affects of devastating busfires. Definitely worth seeing. *National Parks & Wildlife Service, Blue Mountains Heritage Centre, Gallery, End of Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath NSW. Daily 9am-4.30pm. Until 31 Jul 2022. Free.*

SHOWING ...

Dyarubbin. This is the name given to the Hawkesbury River by the Aboriginal Darug peoples. This exhibition is part of a collaborative project and research on the Dyarubbin by historian Grace Karskens (recently published in her book *People of the River*) and local Darug knowledge-holders, artists and educators. The small exhibition contains artwork, videos and some beautiful photographs (by Joy Lai who is the SLNSW photographer). *State Library of NSW, Exhibition Galleries, Macquarie Street, Sydney. www.slsw.gov.au Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Thu 9am-8pm; weekends 10am-5pm. Until 28 Aug 2022. Free.*

Yvette Hamilton: Space, Time, Light. A photographic installation drawing on astronomy and photography with both spanning time, space and light, and is based on her research at Woodford Academy of the Transit of Venus observations in 1874 in the Blue Mountains. *Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, 30 Parke Street Katoomba. www.bluemountainculturalcentre.com.au Mon-Fri 10am-4pm; Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. From 13 Aug to 02 Oct 2022. Entry fee applies.*

Developing Sydney: Capturing Change 1900 to 1920. Historic photos documenting major changes occurring in Sydney in the early 20th century. Available as a virtual tour. *Customs House Library, 31 Alfred Street Sydney. www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/landmarks/customs-house Exhibition hours Mon-Fri 10am-6pm; Sat-Sun 10am-4pm. Until 02 Oct 2022. Free.*

OUT OF TOWN

National Photographic Portrait Prize 2022. This annual potrait prize has 50 finalists exhibited from national afield of aspiring and professional photographers. *National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT. www.portrait.gov.au Daily 10am-5pm. Until 09 Oct 2022. Entry fee applies.*

GOING, GOING, GOING ...

Pacific Views. Historical photos of the federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Tonga from its large collection of historic photographs of the Pacific region, and connecting with contemporary Pacific Island culture. *Chau Chak Wing Museum, The University of Sydney, Photography Gallery, Level 1, University Place, Camperdown. www.sydney.edu.au/museum Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat-Sun 12-4pm. Until 24 Jul 2022. Free.*

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BMPG 2022 Program & Coming Events

Monday 8/08/22	EXHIBITION	Judge – Steve Mullarkey	Open & Theme Competition Theme: The Fragility of Nature ZOOM 7.30 pm start
Monday 15/08/22	POP	Meeting at Judy's	
Monday 22/08/22	PRESENTATION	Photo Book Making & Designing	ZOOM 7.30 pm start
Saturday 3/09/22	Springwood Foundation Day		

COVID Update

Until further notice, all of our BMPG meetings in the hall will require members and visitors to wear a mask. Chairs will be separated and will ensure appropriate space between. We are not able to serve supper or hot drinks until further notice.

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