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Monthly Newsletter of the Workshop Camera Club in Riverton, Western Australia

See the photographs that were awarded Gold in this month's exhibition, Landscape.

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Paul Dowe **July 25** Landscape photography

Exhibition — Frozen Aug 1

TBA Aug 8

> Lawrence Marshall Photographic Composition





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Five Subject categories for the monthly exhibitions throughout the year have specific definitions and it is worthwhile checking out what is required for each of these. The definition for this month's subject, Landscape, and the others, can be found here:

http://www.workshopcameraclub.org.au/Documents/Exhibition%20Rules.pdf

The Landscape exhibition attracts two trophies: the President's Perpetual Trophy for the best Subject Print image and the Alf White Perpetual Shield for the best Subject Projected image. Read on to see who the winners were this year!

GOLD awards



Congratulations go to Jim Lewis for winning the Alf White Perpetual Shield and to Wendy Jacobs, who won the President's Perpetual Trophy for her print, The Cottesloe Pencil (view on P2). Both winners pictured with judge, Seng Mah below.





I visited Tony Hewitt's Girt by Sea exhibition while I was on a trip to Sydney recently. It consists of 100 images taken by Tony and Denis Glennon as they flew around the entire coastline of Australia over a one month period. Beautiful images which the Canon representative told me came more or less straight out of the camera and which can be viewed at https://www.canon.com.au/explore/girt-by-sea. The exhibition should be coming to Perth later this year.

Much to the WCC committee's relief the July meeting was reasonably brief but very productive. Details of the new novice categories for projected images at our monthly exhibitions were finalised and a decision was taken regarding the venue for our annual club weekend which will be held at Dwellingup in October this year. Further details are available in the Program Director's report.

Planning is underway for the PrintWest Event that WCC will be organising in October 2019. A subcommittee of seven met with WAPF members last weekend to be briefed on organisation of the event. A venue and invited speakers need to be put in place before the end of August when PrintWest 2018 takes place in Beverley. Anyone with ideas regarding these aspects should contact me as soon as possible. Let me also take this opportunity to encourage you to attend the Beverley event. Check the WAPF website for more information.

There are still a few places available for our hands-on Introductory Lightroom course which starts on Tuesday July 17 and continues for the following two Tuesdays. The course will be run by Seng Mah with help from some experienced Lightroom users and will cost members \$120. Please contact me if you wish to attend.



Wendy Jacob's image, The Cottesloe Pencil, won the President's Perpetual Trophy.

Introducing:

The New NOVICE category for exhibitions



In order to encourage our new or less experienced members to enter exhibitions, we are introducing a Novice category to our exhibition evenings.

The way it will work is that the judge will review the Novice images, providing gentler, more encouraging feedback and advice so that a novice photographer will become more comfortable with the process. Gold, silver and bronze awards will be made using the same criteria as for other categories.

On exhibition night, the two Novice categories (Projected Subject and Projected Open) will be reviewed first, before the regular projected galleries.

To enter the Novice category, you must have won less than three awards previously. The web page will know this and you will only see the Novice option if this applies to you.

When you upload your image/s into either the Projected or Open Novice categories, you will have the option to be Anonymous; in other words, your name will not appear on screen during the review. However if you choose this option you will not accumulate points in the Photographer of the Year award. Click on this link for more information.

http://www.workshopcameraclub.org.au/ Exhibition IOTY.php

When you have won three awards, you will be deemed to have graduated from the ranks of Novice. However you can enter images into the normal monthly galleries at any time provided you enter no more than two projected images.



The July exhibition, titled 'Landscape', was judged by Seng Mah, a very accomplished photographer and judge. Seng voiced a number of key actions that could improve our images, such as looking for the 'emotional heart' of your image so as to draw the viewer's eye to the most important elements. Edge elements also came in for comment, with grass, trees and bright areas near the frame providing a distraction. Another tip when photographing in harsh light was to try converting the image to black & white, using tones and contrast to bring out details.

Chris Hawkins leads the medal tally again this month, with three gold awards. His entries were *Baandee Lake*, *Bencubbin Go-kart Track* and *Monument Valley*.

A gold award went to **Kim Stewart** for *Sunset over Canal Rocks* and silver for *Grace and Power*. **Theresa Pitter** received gold for her print titled *Birds of a Feather...* and **Diederik Speijers'** print titled *Five Pennies* also won gold.

Jim Lewis excelled with his image *The High life*, winning a gold award and the Alf White Perpetual Shield for best Subject Projected image.

Frans Hugo won silver for *Misty Launch* and *Pensive*, while **Susan Veamcombe** also picked up silver for *Sunrise Peace* and *Abandonment*. The latter won the Members' Choice for best print. Also picking up two silver awards was **Gary Louth** for *Autumn in Japan* and *Tsuta waterfall*.

A silver award also went to each of these members: Jill Luha (*Up Up and Away*), Rob Lewis (*Redgate Flow*), Nola Sumner (*Boardwalk*), Isobel Pearson (*Matthew*

James), Richard Sak (Luzern), Toni Segers (Cambodian Kids), Anne Kuhl (Tsuta Forrest), Caz Carson (Morning Glory), Greg Hilton (Milky Way over Cervantes sand dunes), Gregory Bell (heaven and earth), Phil Unsworth (Nonchalant) and Virginia Larsen (A Spider In My Garden).

A special mention to **Wendy Jacobs** for receiving the President's Perpetual Trophy for best subject print, with her very first printed image!

6% of entries received gold, followed by 16% for silver and 23% receiving bronze.



Chris Hawkins

Bencubbin Go-kart Track

More GOLD awards





Chris Hawkins

Baandee Lake

July Exhibition Landscape

| Projected Subject | 45 entries | |
|-------------------|--|--------|
| Jim Lewis | The High life | Gold |
| Chris Hawkins | Baandee Lake | Gold |
| Nola Sumner | How the Land Lies | Silver |
| Caz Carson | Morning Glory | Silver |
| Susan Vearncombe | Sunrise Peace | Silver |
| Gary Louth | Autumn in Japan | Silver |
| Greg Hilton | Milky Way over Cervantes sand dunes | Silver |
| Wendy Jacobs | first light | Bronze |
| Juliet Magee | Other Worldly | Bronze |
| Aleisha Sharpe | Majestic Valley | Bronze |
| Richard Sak | Lauterbrunnen Valley III | Bronze |
| Frans Hugo | Mirror | Bronze |
| Jill Luha | Super Pit Sunset | Bronze |
| Tony Luha | Mt. Bakewell | Bronze |
| Theresa Pitter | Solitude | Bronze |
| Toni Segers | Ko Samui | Bronze |
| Rob Lewis | Mists of Dawn | Bronze |

More GOLD awards



Diederik Speijers

Five Pennies

| Projected Open | 42 entries | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Chris Hawkins | Bencubbin Go-kart Track | Gold |
| Toni Segers | Cambodian Kids | Silver |
| Isobel Pearson | Matthew James | Silver |
| Richard Sak | Luzern | Silver |
| Kim Stewart | Grace and Power | Silver |
| Phil Unsworth | Nonchalant | Silver |
| Anne Kuhl | Tsuta Forrest | Silver |
| Virginia Larsen | A Spider In My Garden | Silver |
| Frans Hugo | Misty Launch | Silver |
| Rob Lewis | Stranded Again | Bronze |
| Wendy Jacobs | Waiting for Spring | Bronze |
| Catherine Williams | Mirror image | Bronze |
| Jim Lewis | Young Emu (with attitude) | Bronze |
| Jill Luha | Corellas' Eye View | Bronze |
| Theresa Pitter | Symmetry in nature | Bronze |
| Susan Vearncombe | The history of me | Bronze |
| Michael Barrett | Natural Bridge (Mono Film) | Bronze |
| Glen Moralee | Tooth Girls" Slide Film" | Bronze |
| Gary Browne | Broome Camels (1 of 1) | Bronze |

Kim Stewart Sunset over Canal Rocks



July Print entries

| Print Subject | 18 entries | |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Chris Hawkins | Monument Valley | Gold |
| Kim Stewart | Sunset over Canal Rocks | Gold |
| Rob Lewis | Redgate Flow | Silver |
| Susan Vearncombe | Abandonment | Silver |
| Gary Louth | Tsuta waterfall | Silver |
| Wendy Jacobs | The Cottesloe Pencil | Bronze |
| Frans Hugo | Sugarloaf Rock | Bronze |
| Jane Speijers | Hidden valleys | Bronze |
| Nola Sumner | Boardwalk | Bronze |

| Print Open | 13 entries | |
|-------------------|---|--------|
| Theresa Pitter | Birds of a Feather | Gold |
| Diederik Speijers | Five Pennies | Gold |
| Frans Hugo | Pensive | Silver |
| Jill Luha | Up Up and Away | Silver |
| Gregory Bell | heaven and earth (silver gelatin print) | Silver |
| Kim Stewart | Willie Wagtail | Bronze |
| Glen Moralee | Sleeping Beauty" Silver Gelatin Print" | Bronze |
| Jane Speijers | Cleaning the monastery | Bronze |

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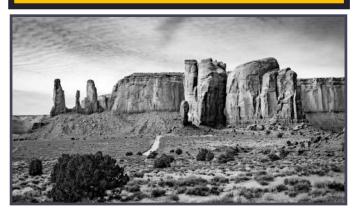
Cynthia Ball Robert Ball Derek Burton Patricia Crosthwaite Greg Hilton Anne Kuhl

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Abstractists

Leaders: Ann Barden and team

Dark room Leaders: Glen Moralee and Greg Bell

More GOLD awards



Monument Valley

Chris Hawkins

Susan Vearncombe won the Member's Choice for best print for her entry entitled Abandonment . Her projected image, Sunrise Peace, was also voted as best projected image for July. Congratulations to Susan.



Susan Vearncombe





The West Australian Photographic Federation Inc (WAPF) is an organisation that represents and supports the interests of member photography and camera clubs across Western Australia. Check out their website http://www.wapf.org.au/index.php



My eyelids are dropping and I'm getting headaches from lack of sleep. Roll on the end of the Soccer World Cup and get things back to normal.

However, one thing that I do need to communicate with you about is our upcoming weekend excursion in mid-October to Dwellingup. The dates are the weekend of October 12 to 14. Jane, Diederik and myself went to reconnoitre the town site and surrounds for accommodation last month. We have settled on the Noble River Estate which has a two storey lodge (4 double bedrooms with ensuites) and 6 chalets which have a mixture of double bedrooms and rooms with a mixture of single beds and double bunks. The lodge has a large living area and deck which can be used as a shared area. There are also sites for caravans and mobile homes. The Estate should be able to accommodate about 30 of us. If we get more members coming we are looking into using the Dwellingup Chalet and Caravan Park. However, we want to check the standard of accommodation here first.

The Noble River Estate is surrounded by forest and there are kangaroos with lots of native birds. A few

kilometres away there is the Lane Pool Reserve which would also be good for photographing nature and land-scapes. The Hotham Valley Steam train will be departing from Dwellingup train station twice on Sunday. Members can take the opportunity to go for a train ride or just photograph the steam locomotive at the station.

The web address for the two accommodation locations are:

Noble River Estate

http://www.dwellingupchalets.com.au/home

https://inkphy.com/location/Noble-River-Estate-Dwellingup/1590988240913695?hl=en

Dwellingup Chalet and Caravan Park

http://dwellingupcaravanpark.com.au/

When looking at the tariffs for the Noble River Estate please note that we are going to modify the tariffs slightly in the interest of fairness. We expect the cost of accommodation per person per night to range from \$50 to \$100 depending on the accommodation option you choose:

Double bed

Single bed in own room (only one available)

Single bed or bunk in shared room

I encourage all members to join us in Dwellingup. If you are planning to come please email me at:

philipunsworth@bigpond.com with:

Bed selection (double or single)

Which nights you would be staying

Please write "Dwellingup" in the subject line.

Photomarket update from Bob Halligan



TOLD YOU SO!

Last month we told you how to have a Grand Day Out. This month we tell you that we did it.

The Photographic Market at Leederville on June 24 was a great success, we even got perfect weather on the day. There were 43 tables overflowing with used camera gear that were scrounged over by more than 200 bargain hunters, the \$3 café did record business, and all to the great financial benefit of Workshop club and our partners NEPG. The bonus for all, as predicted was lots of smiles, lots of meet, greet and chat. Like the man said, Grand, Gromit!

For those who were not there (and you really need to make the effort and get along to the next one), shoppers had the choice of untold numbers of tripods of every shape, size, make and colour – the young lady selling black and white Go-

rilla pods, fresh from China, was doing a roaring trade. She also had heaps of other clever bits and pieces, close focus gear, focusing slides, even little trolleys for sending your camera down a rabbit hole, great stuff. There were several sets of very sophisticated studio lights, BIG ones, all kinds of flash guns, filters galore, bags, books, lenses, cameras digital and cameras film. Plus the odd – very odd – mystery item, like the superb, one-off, stereo camera expertly constructed from two Mamiya C30 twin lens reflex cameras. Even without lenses it was a weighty and imposing structure, about a foot square and of 'bend the knees' weight. It came without lenses, it would look a bit like a greenhouse when complete. Sadly, too pricey for my pocket, but I covet that thing, if I ever win Lotto I will have it!



Now for the thank you bit. Like every other success, behind the smooth, polished surface there was a team of volunteers who made everything work. Georgina stepped in to keep the financials in order, Nola and Trevor slaved all day to sell a record amount of gear from the Club table and our anonymous tribe — you know who you are — did the set up, tear down, clean up and man the door sales. Thank you everyone, we cannot live without you.

Next Market is on Sunday November 4, so mark your calendar now and be sure to get along to enjoy it.

| WAPF Competitions & Events | Entry dates | Contact details |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Golden Shopping Trolley | TBA | ben@teamdigital.com.au |
| The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Perth National Photographic Competition | July 20 - Closing date | www.perthroyalshow.com.au/competitions/ competition-entries/photography/ |
| Australian Bird Photographer of the Year | August 6 - Closing date | www.birdlifephotoaward.org.au |
| Spring in the Hills | August 7 - Closing date | |
| Beverley PrintWest Event | August 31 - Bookings open | http://www.wapf.org.au/index.php/wapf-annual- event-2018 |
| PrintWest Exhibition - Maritime Museum | September 8 - Opening date | |
| In My View Book Launch & Exhibition - Team Digital | December 7 - Event | www.gemphotocomp.com |
| Subscribe to WAPF News | Anytime | http://www.wapf.org.au/index.php/wapf-news |

For those who came along on Wednesday July 11 to hear **Karl Monaghan**, a professional photographer from Geraldton, you will have seen this photograph. When he shared this, Karl reminded us of the Golden Shopping Trolley competition which Team Digital run each year. Karl not only shared some of his iconic images on Wednesday night, he entertained us with stories to match each and every photograph he shared. If you weren't there you missed a great show.



Check out Karl's website: http://www.karlmonaghanphotography.com/



Kim Stewart Japan, the land of Cherry Blossoms

This year we have been so lucky, cruising to Norway via a land tour of Central Europe, to photograph the Aurora Borealis, and just recently to cruise from Japan to Alaska. This cruise holiday was through Cruise1st. We have used them before and would not hesitate to use them again depending on the itinerary.

Our trip started somewhat shakily with our flight from Melbourne to Narita cancelled. Qantas gave us a night in Melbourne including meals and then we were on our way



(having lost one day). Our Tokyo walking tour was very wet. No Cherry Blossoms here but photo opportunities abound and I got some wonderful images.

In my camera bag was my Nikon D850 (47MP) with my 28 - 300 lens. I also took my 104 micro, and 18 - 35 lenses. I only used my 28 - 300, so lesson learned. This was my first outing with this camera and I was not disappointed with the quality albeit a bit bulky. I also packed my Sony a6300 with the 16 - 50 lens. My go to walk around camera, which I used in Tokyo.

The first Japanese port was Aomori where we visited the Cherry Blossom Festival at Hirosake Park. One of the passengers was Japanese and acted as our unofficial guide allowing us to navigate the local rail system.



Amazing, stunning, breathtaking are three adjectives that come to mind.

Then on the Hakodate where we hired a "goodwill guide". Cost about \$35AUD for the day and we had the experience of travelling by local bus and tram. We ate Japanese food from the supermarket for lunch. I had rice and pickled plum wrapped in seaweed (which is better than it sounds). Cherry blossoms here were about 80%, better than Hi-



rosake and simply stunning. In Japan, locals flock to the parks when the Cherry Blossoms are out, hire tarpaulins and cookers and the family have picnics under the Cherry Blossom trees.

The third port in Japan was Muroran. A disappointing port as it was a public holiday, no shops open and nothing much there.

Then on to Petropavlosk in Russia. Just a walk round town. Interesting fact – each year on average 11 people are killed by bears in town.

Seven sea days gave me a chance to read up on my new camera. I always take my camera books on my iPad for light reading.

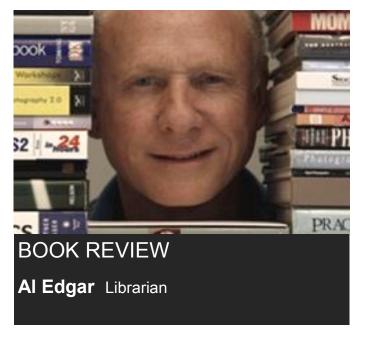
The next port was Vancouver. We were lucky enough to go through the Inside Passage to get to Vancouver.



This was the end of the first cruise and with Alaska to follow, we were really eager to see what Alaska would bring.

Japan during Cherry Blossom time is amazing. I had seen photos but I don't think anything could prepare me for what we saw.

Doing the cruising thing is a good way to travel, you only have to unpack once and each day you are in another port. Very civilised.



Expressive Nature Photography

Brenda Tharp

Monacelli Press 2017

Workshop Camera Club Book 1184

"Design, Composition, and Colour in Outdoor Imagery"

How much do <u>you</u> pay attention to the elements of photographic design when composing your photographs? Elements of design, such as line, shape and pattern abound in nature and add visual strength to your composition.

"Photography is a marriage of vision and craft" says Brenda Tharp, the author of this brilliant book which captures the exquisite beauty of the natural world.

From the first page she explores the landscape, both grand and intimate, and shows us how to find the story and capture the moment. Much of the book is devoted to creating a compelling image through design rather than serendipity, which is often the lot of the amateur photographer.

Learning to see the world around us is as important as nurturing our creativity. To this end the author shows us how to refine our vision as well as explaining what to do when our image output grinds to a halt and our creative juices go flat.

When this happens her advice is to put the camera down and take a hike or a walk; see how many patterns you can spot; notice the light; does it smell like rain?

An annoying fact is that when you don't have your camera with you, you'll start noticing photographic opportunities everywhere. True creativity doesn't wane; it just needs a break now and then to recharge.

As an aerial photographer I often stay indoors on cloudy days complaining that I need sunlight and shadows to bring out the best in my photography.

Brenda Tharp however says that "any light is good light" and in a chapter devoted to the subject she goes on to prove her point.

There are some inspirational images of autumn scenery taken in very dull light, images of stormy lakes taken under cloudy skies and photographs of magic moments when the sun breaks though a leaden sky.

"Become a weather watcher" says Brenda, because knowing about your environment and how the weather conditions form goes a long way to predicting the potential for your photography.

Finding the story in a landscape can be a real challenge although many landscape photographs simply celebrate the passive beauty of the world around us.

To enhance the narrative Brenda suggests that we should look for movement such as blurred water in a stream or dark clouds swirling overhead or a splash of water on a rock – implied gestures which bring our stories to life.

Creating visual flow in your image will also enhance the narrative by creating impact and engaging the viewer by drawing their attention to the main elements of the photograph.

Pre-visualisation is a valuable tool in preparing the composition in your mind's eye. With practice you will see the lines, shapes and colours and how they work together rather than just the main subject matter in the frame.

I really enjoyed reading this book, not only for the very useful collection of ideas presented, but also for the many wonderful images exemplifying the author's explanations.

This book is highly recommended for photographers who need a 'pick me up' to jolt the photography back to award winning success!

