



# Shoalhaven Photographic Club Inc.

## Blah Blah Newsletter

### Your 2023-2024

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## Peer Assessment Night 11th December: Open Print

The last meeting for the year has come and gone. Definitely a fun evening centred around good fellowship, good photography and, of course, Christmas nibbles. There was even a surprise visit from a very inflated Santa who, when his suit came off, turned out to be David Wastie with a bag of Christmas chocolates.

Sorry to say there were a few apologies beforehand, Robin and Barbara both unwell and the Kangaroo Valley contingent hemmed in by the ongoing roadworks. Nevertheless we had an excellent turnout for the evening.

The only hiccup was the lift being unavailable, having been locked up by Uni staff for their Christmas semester break. Even the Security Guard was unable to open it for us and so we were forced to resort to plan B, laying out all the images across the seats in the auditorium - a bit of a nuisance because they kept falling off the seats.

Despite that, all the images looked amazing and Matt remarked to me how the photographic standard of everyone in the club has noticeably improved over the past couple of years. I totally agree.

Judging was up to everyone present. In the first round, we placed green tickets on those images we thought worthy of a Commended award and pink tickets on those worthy of a



Highly Commended, whereupon we all retired to the foyer for cakes, bikkies, chocolate coated strawberries and lots of other delicacies. When it was time to return for round two of the judging, we were left with only those images already awarded a highly commended.

## Photograph of the Month (or rather People's Choice):

Lloyd Anderson once again scooped the pool with a very eye-catching photograph of a couple of bulls (or should that be buffalos). Lloyd's treatment of the image, taken in broad daylight, was very effective in eliminating the distracting background, allowing the subjects to really pop.



In commenting on the photo, Lloyd paid tribute to Denis' excellent photo treks saying that it was on one of these treks that he got the shot.

## Next Year's Programme:

See below for the program as it stands. Expect a change or two. The July workshop is currently planned as a zoom meeting, however, we hope to replace that with a repeat of the Scribbly Gums Studios photo prize, sponsored by Randall and Vanessa Sinnamon and priced by a social visit to their studio tucked away in the bush at Woollamia. A really fun day you should try not to miss. Fear not, we

will have some more detailed descriptions of what the subjects entail. A short newsletter is a good newsletter? Until next time...

### Set Subjects/Workshops 2024-5

<b>Feb</b>	Ass	Holidays	Print
	WkSp	Flash	How to use your flash properly and get the most out of it.
<b>Mar</b>	Ass	Musical Instruments	Print
	WkSp	Printing your images properly	Setting things up in Lightroom, Photoshop or other software to get consistent result
<b>Apr</b>	Ass	Table top photography	Digital
	WkSp	Intentional camera Movement	In time for the June abstract assessment. Bad ICM looks awful but great ICM can look sublime. Discover how to do it properly
<b>May</b>	Ass	Industrial	Print
	WkSp	Zoom only	A social event so we can get together to discuss anything and everything photographic without having to leave home in the cold, dark and often wet winter months.
<b>Jun</b>	Ass	Abstract	Digital
	WkSp	Night walk	A fun gathering which should enable members to get some images for subsequent assessment subjects
<b>Jul</b>	Ass	Landscape/Seascape	Print
	WkSp	Zoom	A social event so we can get together to discuss anything and everything photographic without having to leave home in the cold, dark and often wet winter months.
<b>Aug</b>	Ass	Street Photography	Digital
	WkSp	Light Painting	Matt will bring along a series of different light sources to play with and photograph.
<b>Sep</b>	Ass	Winter	Print
	WkSp	Zoom	A social event so we can get together to discuss anything and everything photographic without having to leave home in the cold, dark and often wet winter months.
<b>Oct</b>	Ass	Portrait	Print
	Dinner		Print
	WkSp	Member's request	Let us know what you want to have for a workshop.
<b>Nov</b>	Ass	Nature	Print
	WkSp	Guest Speaker	Matt will find someone interesting to talk to us. May be via Zoom. May also be swapped with a different date on this programme depending on the speaker's availability.
<b>Dec</b>	Ass	Open	Print