



# *Shoalhaven Photographic Club Inc*

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## *The Blah Blah Newsletter*

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**The Shoalhaven Photographic Club Inc** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm (arrive 7.20pm to hand in assessments) at the Graduate School of Medicine Building, Shoalhaven Campus, University of Wollongong, George Evans Road, West Nowra

**Everyone is welcome.** The club attracts new and novice photographers as well as seasoned and experienced photographers and we are all more than willing to assist and answer your photographic questions, be a guide and enjoy photography as we learn and share our knowledge, as well as socialise and have fun.

***I am late, I am late, I am late for a very important date .....***

Firstly thank you to Matthew Jones BAppSC for judging our bird competition. We learnt what bird photography should be, and don't forget the tail! Thank you Matthew for your information (and he knew the name (species) of every bird that was photographed).

Also thank you to Colin Talbot for his talk on Creative Mindset. Such great ideas, such wonderful photographs and the music was fab! I loved seeing the "light toys". Certainly beats steel wool in a kitchen whisker, set alight, and spun around ( don't do this at home). A truly memorable evening Colin.

**Now for the merry month of May .....**

**Wednesday 10 May (this week). Assessment Rural/Farm. Digital images**

**USB sticks were to be handed in April 26. Sit back on Wednesday night and let us hear what the judges thought of our images. All images will be shown.**

## Wednesday 24 May. Workshop. Introduction to Adobe Photoshop.

The power and tools of this imaging software will be explained by Matt Kaarma. Bruce Williams will provide his images to take home to be both reworked and used for a later workshop. Bruce thought it would be fun to see how members interpret some flat looking raw (DNG) images differently with regard to the basic editing tools (temperature, exposure, highlights, shadows, contrast... etc). Wow Homework!!!!

Do you wish to donate your photos?????



Wiki Loves Earth: An international photographic contest where you can show case Australia's unique natural environment and potentially win a prize.

## **Wiki Loves Earth 2017 in Australia**

**Wiki Loves Earth 2017 Australia** is a photo contest about protected natural areas, within areas in Australia.

Do you have pictures of National Parks, Bushland forever sites, maybe Marine Parks stored on your computer since your last trip? This is a great opportunity to give them a second life in this Wiki Loves Earth contest. In addition to being seen by everyone, your pictures could be included in Wikipedia and contribute to the knowledge of Australia's natural beauty. Freely licensed photos collected through Wikipedia Loves Earth may also be reused elsewhere than in Wikipedia.

Photos may have been taken at any time. The key criteria to be eligible for the contest are that they are to be uploaded to Wikimedia Commons in May 2017... and that they have been taken by you, of course!

There is no minimum age to participate, and there is no participation fee. Besides WLE being a competition, it is first a fun activity, ideal for families. The competition also allows us to share our unique natural environment, while improving our photographic talents!

The contest was initiated and first held (as pilot) by Wikimedia Ukraine in 2013, and has been growing ever since with Australia joining in for the first time this year. It was ranked as the 2nd coolest project of Wikimedia Chapters at Wikimania 2012

## **Rules**

The full WLE rules can be read at Wiki Loves Earth - rules. In short:

- two megapixel minimum image

- must be self-taken
- must be of a protected area (or its flora or fauna) in Australia
- must be appropriately described and categorised
- must be uploaded during 1–31 May 2017

*Note: please also remember to enable email from other users in your Preferences so that we contact you.*

## Organising team

- User:Gnangarra - President Wikimedia Australia

## Australian section

All entries about Australia will be judged by a panel, with 10 images selected for submission to the International WLE judging in August. The 10 Australian winners will each receive A\$100 and the entry selected as the best will also receive a canvas print of their entry.

### Judging panel

Gnangarra - WMAU President

Roel Loopers - former Newspaper photographer

TBA

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## Natural sites in Australia

All protected or listed areas along with it natural Flora or Fauna in Australia are within the scope of this competition. See the lists by states categories for those areas, if in doubt please upload the image and contact president at [wikimedia.org.au](http://wikimedia.org.au), and include as much information in the image description as possible including co-ordinates.

- Ramsar sites
  - List of Ramsar sites in Australia
- Protected areas
  - Protected areas of Australia

# WORLD PRESS PHOTO 17

• Saturday 27 May 2017 to Sunday 25 June 2017

***This will be showing at the State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, later this month.***

*"We exist to inspire understanding of the world through quality photojournalism."*

World Press Photo is an independent, non-profit organisation committed to supporting and advancing photojournalism and documentary photography worldwide. Among their many activities, World Press Photo organises an annual exhibition featuring the award-winning

photographs from the prestigious World Press Photo Contest for press photography. The 2016 contest had 80,408 images submitted by 5034 press photographers, photojournalists and documentary photographers from 126 countries. World Press Photo, the Library's most popular guest exhibition, receives support from the Dutch Postcode Lottery and is sponsored worldwide by Canon. The exhibition is brought to Sydney by Canon Australia.

***The Head On Photo Festival is on in Sydney again during May ..... information on their website <https://www.headon.com.au/>***



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