



## SHOALHAVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

### AN INFORMATION GUIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

#### WELCOME TO THE SHOALHAVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the photographic club was held approximately 30 years ago. From a small initial group, our membership has grown significantly.

The club caters for the enthusiastic photographer. Members range from beginners to keen amateurs and professionals. Everyone is more than willing to share experience and insight. Regular workshops and assessments encourage and develop knowledge and expertise in the different areas of photography. The committee, who are always interested in members' ideas, prepares our program of events, including workshops, assessment nights and field trips. Additional workshops and/or field trips may also be held at other times, including weekends.

Assessment nights are an opportunity for all members to showcase their talents. This can be a daunting experience for newer members but they are encouraged to have their photos assessed by experienced judges (and professionals). We all learn a great deal from their comments.

The Shoalhaven Photographic Club is a member of the Federation of Camera Clubs, NSW.

Visitors are especially welcome!

Meetings are held at the Graduate School of Medicine building, Shoalhaven Campus of the University of Wollongong, George Evans Road, West Nowra. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 7.30 pm. There are no meetings in January and only one meeting in December.

#### ASSESSMENTS

These are held on the 2nd Wednesday each month. Original photographs taken by the members are assessed by accredited judges who will provide constructive feedback on the prints. Assessment night usually includes entries in both Open and Set subjects. Set Subject details are in the Program.

A maximum of four prints in total can be entered on each assessment night with no more than two entries in any one category. Photos must be mounted. There are no size restrictions, however prints are typically sized A4 to A3, plus mount.

There are 4 categories

**SET SUBJECT** – Colour and Monochrome

**OPEN SUBJECT** – Colour and Monochrome

N.B. *Creative or 'altered reality'* images can be entered in any of the 4 categories.

For visitors and new members within their first year an optional Mini-Print section exists for the same four categories as above. Entries in this section should be either 6"x 4" or 5"x 7" and need not be mounted. If a new member or visitor enters a mini-print, they may not enter another image in the same category on the night.

Photos for assessment receive the following points:

Set Subject:

Merit Award - 6 points

Credit Award - 5 points

2 points are awarded for every set subject entry not earning a Merit or Credit award.

Open Subject:

Merit Award - 4 points

Credit Award – 3 points

Photograph of the Month: 10 points

Points are accumulated for each member's yearly total starting from the AGM in October. Annual prizes are awarded for members achieving highest point scores in Colour, Monochrome and Creative sections.

On print assessment nights a **People's Choice** winner is selected by the attending members. This is selected from the Set Subject only. Numbered pegs are attached to each photograph. Members vote for the peg number on their selected image. No additional points are acquired but the winner receives a small prize.

### **WORKSHOPS and PRESENTATIONS**

These are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month and guest speakers are invited to share their expertise in a range of photographic subjects. All members are also invited to participate in the occasional weekend workshops and field trips held throughout the year.

### **ANNUAL DINNER, PRINT EXHIBITION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

All entries awarded a Merit or Credit throughout the year are eligible for the Annual Print of the Year Award. Each member may enter a maximum of four entries with no more than two in each category. The Annual Award Night and Dinner is held in October each year.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS**

Many members are interested in entering competitions such as local Annual Agricultural Shows and are encouraged to share competition details and their results. The club often receives information on regional and national photographic competitions which is conveyed to members at meetings.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Visitors are always welcome at club meetings, and are encouraged to apply for membership. Application forms are available from the Treasurer or can be downloaded and printed from the club website. There are special entitlements for members including eligibility for assessment awards and representation of works at the Annual Presentation Night. Membership fees are due in July each year. Full membership: \$25/year, \$15/half year (if joining midway through the club financial year) An additional \$4 is payable by members and visitors at each meeting to cover the cost of room rental, judges allowance, refreshments and raffle.

### **THE COMMITTEE**

Committee members are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in October. All members are entitled to stand for office and nomination forms are available prior to the AGM. All members are invited to submit ideas for the committee's agenda. These can be given to committee members at meetings or emailed to the committee at: [admin@shoalphoto.org](mailto:admin@shoalphoto.org) The committee is active in promoting the club and participating in many Shoalhaven regional events. Offers of assistance are most welcome!

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Website: <http://www.shoalphoto.org>

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