



HPG INFOCUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From an image by Warwick Von Bock

Hastings Photography Group Inc
The Fun Camera Club in Port Macquarie



Member of the Federation of
Camera Clubs NSW



Member of MyPhotoClub Group



Member of Northern NSW Zone of
Photographic Societies

Most successful club 2012 2016 2017 2019

Club Activities

Meetings are held at 7.00PM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Venue: Emerald Downs Community Centre, Lighthouse Plaza, Port Macquarie. Entry via the Emerald Drive roundabout into the Shopping Centre. Venue is located at the corner of the Plaza building in the lower carpark area.

Club Night program on the first Tuesday includes print competitions, photographic tutorials, presentations and discussions.

Monthly projected digital image competitions are held on the third Tuesday, and judged by accredited Federation of Camera Club judges.

Our **Hastings MyPhotoClub Website Link** is continually updated to provide information about club activities: monthly competitions, documentation, rules, definitions, tutorials, newsletters, and how to join.

Digital and Print photography competitions are managed via the website and members use it to upload their images and view results and comments.

Group Facebook account enables members to contact each other and share information.

Field Trips, Workshops and Tutorials are held every month.

Newsletter includes club news, feature articles, competition results, details of planned activities/events, and is emailed to members each month and may be downloaded from the website.

Coffee Mornings are held every Wednesday (see Club Calendar and website) at venues all over the local area and provide a great opportunity to socialise, discuss club matters, photography, and just about everything else.

President's 2019 AGM Report

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO REPORT our club has had another successful year and our membership reached 56. I believe we can attribute our success to the welcoming and friendly club environment and by an ethos of continuous development of our photography skills. It is very pleasing to see new members and beginners quickly achieve success in our competitions –which can be attributed to the training and guidance we provide.

The Treasurer's report shows HPG is financially sound.

Competitions

Members adapted well to the new **MyPhotoClub** website and quickly learned how to upload images to HPG competitions.

A larger membership increases the number of images submitted in digital competitions –which is illustrated by the monthly uploads shown opposite.

	2019	Digital	Prints
January		105	–
February		116	–
March		142	–
April		136	–
May		128	45
June		145	–
July		127	–

Entries in print competitions have declined over the last few years and we have reduced these competitions to two a year. Prints are an important aspect of photography and I believe it would be remiss of our club to ignore teaching printing and mounting skills which are important for our members to learn.

Club and Digital Nights – Workshops and Field Trips

Attendance at **club nights** was generally low, and seems to be affected by several factors including weather particularly in the winter months. The committee works hard to find presenters to entertain and educate members. It is difficult to get guest speakers to come to Port Macquarie as travel and accommodation expenses can be costly.

Digital nights were very well attended, and members learned how to improve their images from the judges' comments. Lindie and Frank Kolver hosted several judges and guest speakers at their home, and I thank them for their great hospitality.

The **workshops** have been a great success covering all aspects of photography including photo editing. I thank HPG Tutors, especially Kevin Ho and Colin Bennett, who ran many of the sessions and have greatly improved members' photography skills. However, I would like to see more new members attending these sessions.

Field trips had an inconsistent attendance – it appears for many members the weekend is sacrosanct, and don't like to venture out for these outings, particularly in the cooler months. The committee will continue to make them photographically relevant to attract more members.

PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT CONTINUED

Northern Zone

Hastings Photography Group performed well at the 2019 Northern Zone competition, winning one first place, four second places and one third place.

For the fifth time the HPG won the trophy for the **most successful club** in the competition and all members are to be commended for their images. Even if they did not win an award, their prints and images contributed to the overall score of the HPG.

Social Scene

Members enjoy the social aspects of the club which includes the important tea/coffee breaks at meetings and workshops when they use the opportunity to discuss photography. We get a regular band of members at our Wednesday coffee mornings ready to discuss

photography and straighten out world affairs at the same time – and John Shaw finds interesting cafes and clubs for our weekly caffeine fix.

The end of year lunch was a great success and greatly enjoyed.

Thanks to the Committee

I would like to thank our committee members who plan and organise HPG activities. Our meetings are friendly and productive, and my wife wonders how we achieve anything because of the laughter coming from the meetings. It is with regret that I announce that Kevin Ho, Ian Wilbore and Barry Ihle have not accepted nomination for the 2019/20 Committee. I thank them for their dedication to the HPG over many years.

Harry Bryant HPG President

TREASURERS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2019 AGM

I present the Hastings Photography Group Financial Reports for the year July 2018 – June 2019 and seek a proposer to accept this report for the AGM minutes.

I feel confident the club is in a good position to meet its financial commitments for the coming year.

Jan Wilbore HPG Treasurer

Hastings Photographic Group Inc	
Balance Sheet — June 2019	
July 2018 - June 2019	
Assets	
Current Assets	
Main Account Carried Forward (End June 20	\$1,266.47
Net Income	\$2,772.80
Petty Cash	\$41.00
Total Current Assets	\$4,080.27
Fixed Assets	
No value ascribed	\$0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$4,080.27
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	Nil
Accrued Liabilities	Nil
Total Current Liabilities	Nil
Long Term Liabilities	
	Nil
Total Liabilities	Nil
Total Liabilities & Equity	Nil

Hastings Photographic Group Inc	
Income Statement — 30 June 2019	
July 2018 — June 2019	
Income	
Membership Fees	\$1,909.00
Meeting Fees	\$3,594.80
Visits /Functions	\$4,869.52
Interest Income	\$8.95
Total Income	\$10,382.27
Expenses	
Venue Hire	\$698.25
Meeting Expenses	\$1,803.21
Functions/Visits	\$1,293.00
MyPhotoClub costs	\$265.00
FCC Membership	\$470.00
NSW Fairtrade	\$0.00
Competition Costs	\$2,232.75
Equipment	\$508.26
Office Expenses and Software	\$339.00
Total Expenses	\$7,609.47
Net Income	\$2,772.80
Note:	
1	Income and expenditure for 2018 Xmas Lunch included
2	Income and expenditure for Northern Zone 2018 competition included

PLEASE NOTE: for the sake of brevity at the meeting, the above reports from the President and Treasurer will be taken 'as-read' and not repeated at the AGM. Copies will be available at the meeting.

HPG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Kindly note: \$48.00 annual subscriptions for the 2019/2020 year became due on the 1st of July 2019

Payment by EFT is preferred

The Club's banking details: **Holiday Coast Credit Union**

Account Name: **Hastings Photography Group**

BSB: **802 214** Account Number: **100146215**

Please include your name as the payment reference

A person ceases to be a member if they fail to pay the annual subscription within three months of the due date Constitution clause 4(d) i.e., by 1st October 2019

FCC INTERCLUB COMPETITION — 2019

**INTERCLUB
2019**



Hosted by:
Central Coast Leagues
Camera Club
1 Dane Drive, Gosford
NSW 2250

Exhibition
&
Presentation
13
October
2019

Entries close
16 August 2019

THE **FCC INTERCLUB 2019** is being hosted by **Central Coast Leagues Camera Club** and our committee has decided that this year we would enter HPG in all categories. This is a club competition and not open for individual entries. The 'club' entry fee is \$50.00.

Harry, Trevor and Stewart have formed a sub-committee to select the maximum allowed ten images per category (shown opposite) from our recent print and digital competitions. They will also arrange for labelling and print mounts, where required, at no cost to members.

Sit back and relax there is nothing for you to do — unless called upon to provide image files and prints.

SECTION	FORMAT	CATEGORY
1	Print	Monochrome
2	Print	Colour
3	Print	Nature
4	Digital	Monochrome
5	Digital	Colour
6	Digital	Nature
7	Digital	Creative
8	Digital	Oz Landscape

[Link](#) to competition website

WELCOME NEW MEMBER — SUSAN



HI THERE. I am well past the retirement age but still working a couple of days per week. I find it hard to turn my brain off and when it goes into overload I pick up my camera. Photography makes you use both sides of your brain which means you switch off from the tiny details and worries of everyday life.

I have always wanted to learn the skills of photography rather than my hit and miss method whereby if you take a thousand pictures you are sure to get a couple of good ones.

I look forward to learning more and sharing a common interest with good friends.

Susan

KART RACING PHOTO-SHOOT — 11TH AUGUST

How to get there

Kevin presented an excellent **Fast Moving Subjects** tutorial at a recent workshop. His notes are on the website under Tutorials.

Worth a read before you go.

[Photographing-Moving-Subjects](#) [Download](#)

From Houston Mitchell Drive

Turn right and follow Pacific Highway for 1.8kms then turn left onto Burrawan Forest Drive — and left again after 75m and follow the track for 2kms to the Kart Racing club on your left.

From Port Macquarie via Oxley Highway

Turn left onto Pacific Highway at the 'doughnut'. After 6kms, turn right onto Burrawan Forest Drive — then left after 75m and follow the track for 2kms to the Kart Racing club on your left.



JULY DIGITAL COMPETITION AWARDS

Aggregate Scoring System

Rejected

Score **0**
Does not comply with category definition

Entry

Score **1**
Obvious technical problems

Acceptance

Score **2**
Minor blemishes, lacks pictorial strength

Credit

Score **3** – Certificate
Strong image, needs more impact

Distinction

Score **4** – Certificate
Strong image of national competition standard

OPEN COLOUR



Starry Night
by
Susan Smith

Digital Image of the Month

DISTINCTIONS	CREDITS	
Susan Smith	John Shaw (2)	Gary Gannell (2)
Lindie Kolver	Tony Hounsell	Linda Appleby (2)
Paul Barron	Ray Cooper	Peter Forsyth
Ray Cooper	John Smith	Susan Smith
	Nick Lefebvre (2)	Arthur Minter (2)
	Bill Quaglio	Stewart Cooper
	David Toulson (2)	John Upton
	Liz Gannell	Lindie Kolver
Total entries 36		Acceptances 9

MONOCHROME



Fogged In
by
John Smith

DISTINCTIONS	CREDITS	
John Smith	John Shaw (2)	Frank Kolver (2)
Ray Cooper	Lindie Kolver	Garry Gannell
	Frank Kolver	John Upton (2)
	John Smith	Linda Appleby
	Ray Cooper	Peter Forsyth
	Susan Smith	
	Nick Lefebvre (2)	
Total entries 31		Acceptances 11

NATURE



Gotta Finish this House
by
Nick Lefebvre

DISTINCTIONS	CREDITS	
Nick Lefebvre (2)	Lindie Kolver (2)	Susan Smith (2)
Frank Kolver	Paul Barron (2)	John Shaw
John Upton	Liz Gannell	Stewart Cooper (2)
Arthur Minter	Bill Quaglio	Linda Appleby (2)
	Garry Gannell	
	Arthur Minter	
Total entries 28		Acceptances 8

SET SUBJECT ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS



Aerial Restaurant
by
Warwick Von Bock

DISTINCTIONS	CREDITS	
–	Warwick Von Bock (2)	Nick Lefebvre
	John Upton	Garry Gannell
	John Shaw	Arthur Minter
	John Smith	Lindie Kolver (2)
	Ray Cooper (2)	
	Liz Gannell (2)	
Total entries 32		Acceptances 18

To enlarge images use 'Ctrl' key and mouse 'Scrollwheel'

AUGUST

Aug 3 Sat 8.45AM	Workshop – Photo Editing Course – Session 1 Setting up preferences, tools, transferring images from camera to computer and basic editing Convenor: Colin Venue: HPG Club Room Cost: \$5:00	Aimed at absolute beginners and as a refresher for more experienced Photoshop users Bring your laptop with Photoshop, Lightroom and Bridge installed and up-to-date
Aug 6 Tue 6:45PM	Annual General Meeting Lucky door prize: \$48 Annual Subscription for 2019/2020 Guest speakers: Ken and Cheryl of Canvas Momentz Developments in printer technology →	AGM Reports from President and Treasurer Election of 2019–2020 Committee Image file preparation, cropping, re-sizing Home versus professional printing, Q&A
Aug 11 Sun - all day	Field Trip – Kart Racing Photo-shoot Six-hour Enduro race with three drivers in each team Kart track at 275 Burrawan Forest Drive, See page 3	Follow-up to the ‘Capturing Fast Objects’ Workshop on 20th July. Take some ‘fast-speed/blur’ shots for the September Set Subject
Aug 17 8.45am	Workshop – Photo Editing Course – Session 2 Introduction to Adobe Camera RAW Convenor: Colin Venue: HPG Club Room Cost: \$5:00	Bring your laptop with Photoshop, Lightroom and Bridge installed and up-to-date
Aug 20 Tue 6:45PM	August Digital Competition Results and Awards For entries already uploaded to website by 17 th July Projected Images – Judging – Awards	Upload September digital competition images by 5:00PM 21st August Open Colour – Open Mono – Nature Set Subject: Fast speed motion blur Link
Aug 23	1:30pm Committee Meeting: please contact any member of the committee if you wish to raise any items for consideration	
Aug 31 Sat 8.45AM	Workshop – Photo Editing Course – Session 3 Adobe Camera RAW continued – more advanced features Convenor: Colin Venue: HPG Club Room Cost: \$5:00	Bring your laptop with Photoshop, Lightroom and Bridge installed and up-to-date

SEPTEMBER

Sept 3 Tue 6:45PM	Club Night – Future Directions Discussion Mirrorless Cameras —latest developments Pro and Cons – what should you buy – Q&A	Speakers will discuss and demonstrate the features of their mirrorless cameras. If you already have one, please bring it to the meeting
Sept 17 Tue 6:45PM	Sept Digital Competition Results and Awards For entries already uploaded to website by 21 st August Projected Images – Judging – Awards	Upload October digital competition images by 5:00PM 18th September Open Colour – Open Mono – Nature Set Subject: Country houses, shed, barns
Sept Sat 8:45AM	Workshops – Photo Editing Course → continued	More information will be advised in the September issue following progress made in the first three sessions

Wednesday Coffee Mornings – 10:00AM <i>A great way to meet and socialise with members and friends</i>	7 Aug	Port City Bowling Club	28 Aug	Westport Bowling Club
	14 Aug	Seasalt Café Port Marina	4 Sep	Rainforest Café Sea Acres
	21 Aug	Rivermark Café	11 Sep	Café 8 Port Home Zone

Famous quotes on photography

“There’s something deeply nostalgic about black and white photos, the absence of colour a visual rendering of the deepening funnel of time”

Kate Morton b.1976 – Australian best selling international (and my personal No.1) author – Ed. [Link](#) [Link](#)
Quotation taken from her book ‘The Distant Hours’

2018/19 COMMITTEE

- Harry Bryant:** President/Web Admin
- Colin Bennett:** Vice President/Training
- Ian Wilbore:** Secretary/Treasurer/Membership
- Lindie Kolver:** Competition Steward/Web Admin
- Barry Ihle:** Competition Steward/Web Admin
- Trevor Dearle:** Print Steward/Web Admin
- Kevin Ho:** Training Coordinator
- John Shaw:** Newsletter/Events/Web Admin

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<https://hastings.myphoto.club.com.au/> [Link](#)



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