



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022



Fellowship Through Photography

Appraisal night 2nd Wed every month
@ 6.30pm

Workshop night 4th Wed every 2nd
month @ 6.30pm



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Fellowship through photography... it's what we do at the Mandurah Photography Club!

Here's a quick recap of what the club has been up to in the month of February;

- Camera Walkabout at the Thrombolites (and brunch after!)
- Appraisal night – Monthly topic Coffee
- Education/workshop night – MPC member **Mark Jeffs** on underwater photography
- MPC had a table and members attend the South Perth Photographers Market (it was a little quiet due to Covid... but still worth the visit)
- Digital entries for March topic (Birds) closed
- Regular monthly committee meeting... lots of 50th anniversary planning
- Invitation for MPC to attend and photograph a women's high tea/fashion event in Mandurah
- New member enquiries... etc etc!!

Carrying over the theme from January's newsletter where we refreshed a few points of interest in from our world 50 years ago, the year the club was formed.... here's a few more!

- President Richard Nixon gave the order to develop the **Space Program** in 1972. The program would run for 30 years, with 133 successful missions, before concluding in 2011
- The first episode of **M*A*S*H** went to air... The show ran for 256 episodes, before signing off in 1983
- **Olympus** released the first ever camera to carry the 'OM' branding. It was originally released as the M-1 but after strong objection from Leica, the name was changed to OM-1, a name that is familiar even today – Olympus are releasing (potentially) the final camera to bear the 'OM' branding as a Micro Four Thirds mirrorless, with a 20MP stacked CMOS image sensor and a blazing 120 FPS (frames per second) shooting rate.. Not a typo!





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To assist with fundraising for the club, Harry has taken the initiative to set up an account for can/bottle recycling. If you would like to contribute, please use the code **C10561375** to ensure the money goes to MPC when you return your cans/bottles for the buyback scheme (there were a few teething problems with the code, but it has been activated and tested, it's working as it should!)

Committee Meetings;

- Held monthly, and all members are encouraged to submit anything they feel should be discussed or considered at the meeting... feedback will be offered to any member raising a discussion topic
- Committee meeting agenda items are due in 1 week prior to the meeting so they can be added to the agenda
- The last committee meeting was held on 21st Feb, minutes available from the Secretary if anyone would like a copy

Covid Reminder;

- Masks and proof of vaccination, or a valid waiver will be required when at the Lions Den ... this is subject to amendment if any government directives change. Options are to bring proof of vaccination in hardcopy or digitally to the meets, otherwise feel free to email to treasurer@mandurahphotography.club ahead of time.

Good to Know;

- As Summer closes out and we move into **Autumn**, it's time to start thinking about how you can use the beautiful Autumn colours to your advantage when you're out shooting!
- While everyone has their own concept of what Photography means to them, we strongly encourage everyone to consider entering **at least 1 x print** on the appraisal nights... MPC receives a 15% discount on the headline price for printing at Terrace Art Framers in Mandurah, and we have been well supported by Sharn and the team there for member's printing, mounting and framing needs – If you're in any way unsure about how to approach the print process, or anything about mounts, mats and so on, the more experienced members in the club would be only too happy to help you through it and explain anything you need to know. Alternatively, just call the team at Terrace Art Framers (and mention you're a club member) and they'll provide the same excellent service to you that they provide to the rest of us! Seeing your work printed and displayed is a nice way to reward yourself for the patience and hard work in learning how to get the photograph in the first place 😊



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Monthly Topics;

The monthly topics have been finalized for the remainder of the year, and into early 2023...

April 2022 – Character Driven Portraits

May 2022 – Close-up/Macro

JUN 2022 – Trees

- To create a compelling image where the main subject(s) is/are trees. Whether it be a close up of part of a tree, one or two trees in a scene or an entire forest. Remember that the most important feature of your image is tree(s)

JUL 2022 – Spoons

- Spoons make for fantastic food photography props or perhaps just arrange them into a pattern. Your image is all about spoons so make sure your focus is on the right subject. If using metal spoons avoid hotspots and reflections. Try using diffused light. Think about the position of your spoon(s) and your light source in relation to your camera!

AUG 2022 – Golden

- 50th Anniversary Dinner and Separate Competition
- 10th August will be our 50th anniversary celebration event/dinner. This is when we will run our competition night (as distinct from an appraisal night) which we would normally do in December

- To continue with our 50th Anniversary celebrations, this month's topic is based on the theme of 'GOLDEN'. This can be any image of your choice but must be predominantly golden in hue/colouring. Think sunrise, sunset, fields in autumn or perhaps a still life. If you wish to enter into the Mono section, you can still do so by converting your image to black and white and adding a single tone of gold – you may need to think about which image will work best with your chosen tones
- Normal monthly categories of Mono & Colour, both print & digital format, also remain

SEP 2022 – Nightscape

- Capture an image outdoors between dusk and dawn. You can use artificial lighting, long exposures, exposing shots for seconds, minutes or even hours to capture a desirable image OR deliberate camera movement to create an arty piece. It's entirely up to you

OCT 2022 – Social Documentary

- Documentary photography is a style of photography that provides a straightforward and accurate representation of people, places, objects and events and is often used in reporting. Unlike photojournalism, which concentrates on breaking news



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events, social documentary focuses entirely on an interesting moment of normal everyday life. Just go out and observe

NOV 2022 – Mini Beasts (insects)

- Photographing mini beats/insects means predominantly getting close but not necessarily macro! You can use lenses from 50mm anywhere up to 600mm in focal length. Your camera may be hand-held or used with a tripod, but be as quiet as you can to prevent scaring the insect away. ... Use a shallow depth of field to create a completely blurred out background and make the bug stand out more

DEC 2022 – No photo appraisal this month

- End of year celebration and cruise...

JAN 2023 – Motion

- Whether you decide to use a slow shutter speed and tripod or a panning technique or continuous shooting and join them together in post-processing, your image must convey the visual story that tells us that the subject(s) must have been moving when the photo was taken.

FEB 2023 – Chiaroscuro

(Pronounced: kiara-scrooro)

It is an effect of contrast between light and shadow. It is an Italian word meaning light (chiar) and dark (oscuro) and is used to create a strong and

dramatic mood. It is created best by using just one light source in a dark environment and for your subject to appear to be lit from just that one light with dramatic dark shadows.

Other News;

Our very own **John Taylor** who only recently handed over stewardship of the club Presidency to Bill Howard for 2022, is now President of the WAPF (West Australian Photographic Federation)! Having one of our own members contributing to the West Australian Photographic community as President is a wonderful credit to John personally, and the Mandurah Photography Club in a more general sense! We have a great culture of fellowship at our club and we hope John can permeate that into the WAPF in his new role! We extend our congratulations and look forward to being the first to know EVERYTHING that is happening now that we have someone on the inside to get the scoop 😊

Camera Walkabouts;

If anyone has any ideas on good locations for a morning group walk and shoot in the Mandurah and nearby surrounds, please let us know so we can lock it in on the calendar... It's great to have fresh ideas and while the committee help administrate the club processes, the club belongs to EVERYONE and your ideas are just as important as the next persons, so please speak up and have your say!



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Reminders –

- Membership fees due (banking details on top right corner of cover page)
 - \$55 for individuals
 - \$85 for families
 - \$22 for students
- A ceremonial/commemorative tree planting is being worked on in the background, for later in the year as part of the club anniversary – Stay tuned for more info
- Bev Ross seniors fashion parade – Photographers (volunteer) wanted for this event... 11th March in Mandurah, check calendar for details
- Don't forget to stay up to date with email or Facebook for any events or changes to events!
- Put a placeholder in your calendars for the dates nominated for monthly appraisal evenings and any workshops or camera walkabouts... the more people that attend, the merrier.
- If you have ideas for camera walkabout destinations, please email them through!
- A local model has contacted the club and offered herself for portraits, check your email inbox for details. If there's enough interest it might be worth coordinating a few people to do a bit of a workshop together on portraits.

Photography Know-How –

The three variables that matter the most in photography are simple;

1. **Light**
2. **Subject**
3. **Composition**

While not exhaustive, the following points are a good expansion on the three basic variables noted above;

1. **Impact**
2. **Technical Excellence**
3. **Creativity**
4. **Style**
5. **Composition**
6. **Presentation**
7. **Color Balance**
8. **Center of Interest**
9. **Lighting**
10. **Subject Matter**
11. **Technique**
12. **Story Telling**

We are fortunate to have a wide variety member interests/specializations within the club and one of the best ways to improve your photography is to share *your* knowledge with others and soak up what they have to share with you.

The fellowship and knowledge sharing is a big part of what makes the club great... so get amongst it and share what you know at the next walkabout, appraisal or workshop/education night.



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Member Profile – Bill Howard

Editors note: Bill is the current club President for anyone that isn't familiar

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY?

I decided to buy my first camera in 2012 as I was looking for hobbies when I retired. I started with a Canon 7D with a Sigma 50-500mm lenses. I now use a Canon 1DX with a Canon 500mm lens.

YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY?

My friends would probably describe me as a political junkie and bird tragic. I think this is rather a simplistic view, although I do follow politics closely and have a strong interest in the natural world, I have many other interests.

For much of my life I have had a strong interest in growing fruit and vegetables. I also keep chickens, and apparently wild kangaroos, who ate all of my last sweet corn crop before I could harvest it. The rotten swines.

Before Covid I travelled for about 2 months of the year. One month in Europe and a month traveling around Australia chasing birds to photograph. Now I only travel around Western Australia.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF MPC?

I join MPC around 2012 as a way of learning more about photography.

FAVOURITE GENRE IN PHOTOGRAPHY?

Bird photography is my passion. The following is from my website <https://www.lastbirdstanding.com/>

'I believe a person's photography tells us what is important to them. Photography is a fantastic story-telling medium with endless possibilities to express yourself. My stories tell of the beauty and intelligence of birds. They all have personalities of their own and photography gives me an excuse to spend time close to what I love. As I am always chasing better images than the ones I have, bird photography will be my passion for the rest of my life.'

'As truly wild places and animals continue to diminish, I hope my photography installs a greater appreciation of birds and the natural world as a whole.'

Thanks for your comments Bill, and we can't wait for you to get a Twitter account one day so you can 'tweet' about your birding pursuits for all to follow 😊



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Classifieds;

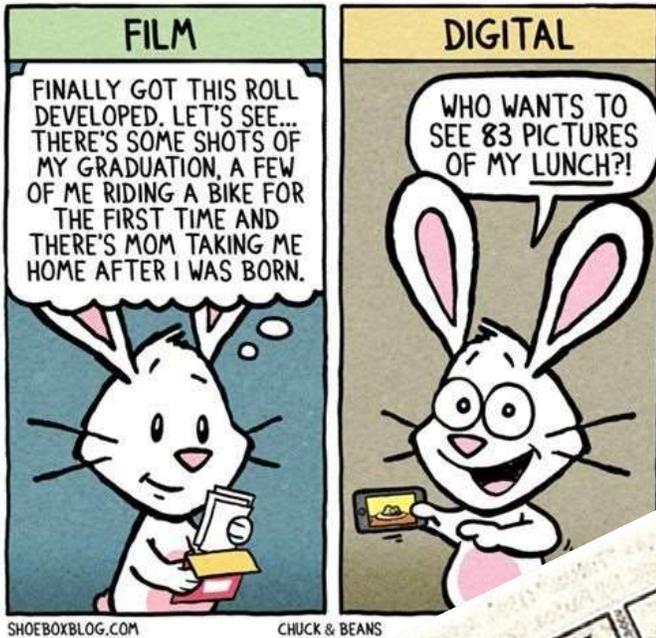
secretary@mandurahphotography.club to enquire, or speak direct with the member for more information!

- Roy Bolton -
 - High-end Macbook Pro 16", New July 2020
 - Paid \$8,449.00 and would like to get close to **\$4,800.00**
 - I would take re payments over a couple of months from club members.
 - The machine is in excellent condition and has not been out of my home.
 - It has a high-end graphics card
 - 2.4GHz 8-core ninth generation Intel Core i9 processor with Turbo Boost up to 5.0GHz
 - 64GB of 2666MHz DDR4 memory
 - AMD Radeon Pro 5600M with 8GB of HBM2 memory
 - 4TB of SSD storage
 - 16-inch Retina display with True Tone
 - Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
 - Touch Bar and Touch ID
 - Backlit Magic Keyboard — US English
 - A\$ 8,449.00

- Ian Mills -
 - ~~Fuji x S10 Mirrorless with 16-80 F4 Lens~~ **SOLD**
- Vi Blenkinsip
 - Body OMD-1 Mark III only 18 months old (paid \$2650 new) **\$1,500.00**
 - Including a Glass Screen Protector and an extra battery (paid \$125)
 - Flash (paid \$99) **\$50.00**
 - Lens 75-300 F4.8-6.7 (paid \$580) **\$350.00**

If any members have anything they would like to sell, please let us know at secretary@mandurahphotography.club and we'll be sure to get it out to the members via the newsletter and Facebook!

TAKING PICTURES: FILM VS DIGITAL



WHEN YOU HAVE A PhD IN PHOTOGRAPHY 😂😂😂😂





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Updated 4th Mar 2022		2022 Events Calendar			
DATE	EVENT	DETAILS	TIME	WHERE	FEE
Sunday, 6 March 2022	Camera Walkabout	Marina Park, Mandurah	7am	Keith Holmes Car Park, Mandurah (opposite Keith Holmes Reserve)	Free
Wednesday, 9 March 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting	March Topic - Birds	6.30pm		\$ 5.00
Friday, 11 March 2022	International Womens Day High Tea and Fashion Styles	Opportunity for volunteers to take some images of the event and fashion parade taking place at the Mandurah Seniors Centre, Bev Ross is the contact	12pm - 2pm	41 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah WA 6210	
Friday, 25 March 2022	Government House Visit	Take a walk around to explore Government House and it's surrounds, and don't forget your camera!	11am	13 St Georges Terrace, Perth	Free
Sunday, 3 April 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 3 April 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting - Digital Entries Due	April Topic - Character-Driven Portraits	6pm	Email entries to digital@mandurahphotography.club	
Wednesday, 13 April 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting	April Topic - Character-Driven Portraits	6.30pm		\$ 5.00
Sunday, 1 May 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 1 May 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting - Digital Entries Due	May Topic - Close up / Macro	6pm	Email entries to digital@mandurahphotography.club	
Wednesday, 11 May 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting	May Topic - Close up / Macro	6.30pm		\$ 5.00
Sunday, 5 June 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 5 June 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting - Digital Entries Due	June Topic - Trees	6pm	Email entries to digital@mandurahphotography.club	
Wednesday, 8 June 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting	June Topic - Trees	6.30pm		\$ 5.00
Sunday, 3 July 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 3 July 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting - Digital Entries Due	July Topic - Spoons	6pm	Email entries to digital@mandurahphotography.club	
Wednesday, 13 July 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting	July Topic - Spoons	6.30pm		\$ 5.00
Sunday, 31 July 2022	Monthly Appraisal Meeting - Digital Entries Due	TBA	6pm	Email entries to digital@mandurahphotography.club	
Sunday, 7 August 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 4 September 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Friday, 16 September 2022	JURIEN BAY WAPF PRINTWEST	Friday 16 September thru Sunday 18 September			
Sunday, 2 October 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Wednesday, 9 November 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Sunday, 4 December 2022	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Wednesday, 14 December 2022	AWARDS NIGHT	Anniversary Cruise	TBA	Mandurah Cruises	TBA
Sunday, 1 January 2023	Camera Walkabout	TBA			
Wednesday, 11 January 2023	MPC AGM	TBA			



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Note-Taking Space