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President's Message

As many of you would be aware, TopShot 2019 was recently held at St George Leagues club. See my report.

This was a chance to view many wonderful images and to renew old acquaintances. There were many wonderful prizes to be won, not just for the winners, but also for anyone who attended.

Winter is well and truly here, but there are still opportunities for photographic outings and great images to see and be made. Vivid is on at present and presents many wonderful photographic opportunities.

Just recently was the Head on Competition, which has been getting larger each year. This year we saw many wonderful images from international exhibitors, who were not necessarily part of the competition. I must say that I was very impressed with the quality of the work.

Another photographic exhibit well and truly worth a visit is the British Wildlife at the Maritime museum.

For those willing to brave the cold, a trip to Hawkesbury for the Winterfest festival in July, will provide many great images. Hope to see you there.

Kerry Boytell EFAIP/b MAPS

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TOP SHOT 2019 EXHIBITION AND AWARDS REPORT

TopShot 2019 was held at St George Leagues Club on the 26th of June, and the FCC would like to thank the St George Leagues Club for the use of the venue, and the St George photographic Society, for their assistance and the helpers they provided.

The day ran very smoothly with presentations from Olympus, and Maxxum on the Loupe Deck. Both presentations were very interesting, and well received. Many of the sponsors were present with stands, equipment and personnel ready to answer any questions. Luke McCormack from Kayell attended, to answer questions on the Godox flash system, which works with all the major camera brands. This very powerful flash recharges almost instantaneously. All the sponsors present expressed a desire to visit camera clubs and do a presentation.



Hearty congratulations to the winners of the different sections. They are, Monochrome Print – Jeffrey Akers, Colour Print – Kerry Boytell, Nature Print – Carol Barry, Monochrome Digital – Michelle Kennedy, Colour Digital – Michelle Kennedy, Creative Digital – Michelle Kennedy, Nature Digital – Colleen Price, and Australian Landscape – Linda K Y Wei. Special congratulations to Michelle Kennedy who won the Top Shot award with her creative image, 'Books Can Take You Anywhere'.

Again very many thanks to all our sponsors , Epson, Olympus, Maxxum, Kayell, Pixel Perfect, Momento Pro, Camera house, Scenic World, Aperture, Kudos Cameras and Hars. The sponsors were extremely generous, with a total prize pool of over \$9000.

The main Top Shot prize was an Epson SC 800 A2 colour printer. Raffle prizes included a free entry to the Aperture conference worth \$500 and also a prize for a print entrant. Every print entry was given one raffle ticket, so that a competitor who entered three prints in all sections gained 9 tickets.

A special thank you to our judges, Leanne Alessi, Tanya Du Toit, Roy Killen. Arthur Roy, Jenny Davidson, Ivan Finlay and Alan Coker, for without the judges there would be no competition. They all gave very generously of their time, and some travelled a considerable distance.

To see the winning images, go to the FCC web site <https://photonsw.myphotoclub.com.au/> and click on the blue FCC TopShot 2019 button. You can then click on the 'download' button to view the catalogue of all the images that have received an acceptance or better. There is also an alphabetic list, with the name of all entrants who have received one of these placings and the point score they received.



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FCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Report

The FCC Annual General Meeting was held before the Top Shot exhibition with a good attendance of club delegates and other FCC members.

As many of you are aware, David Miller has resigned as FCC president because of ill health. At the AGM it was confirmed that Kerry Boytell will move from the role of Vice President and take on the role of President of the FCC. It was also confirmed that Jeff Akers will move from a general committee position and take on the role of FCC Vice President. We also have three new members who had volunteered to take up positions on the FCC committee. Their positions were confirmed by the delegates at the annual general meeting and welcomed onto the committee. They are Alan Rose who is the president of Ryde Eastwood Leagues Camera Club, Chris Kenyon who is Vice President of Pennant Hills Photography Club, and Cathie Stubbs who is the Secretary of Central Coast Leagues Club Camera Club. This is a great result, as the committee was down to five members.



42ND NORTHERN ZONE CAMERA CLUBS CONVENTION Report

I had the pleasure of attending the 2019 Northern Zone Camera Clubs Convention at the Macksville Ex-Services Club on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of June. The Convention this year was hosted by the Nambucca Heads Camera Club, and the members did a fantastic job to bring the whole event together. The day started on Saturday with a presentation by Sharon Lamb of Scheherazade Photography who specializes in doing 'light painting' in her photography. You can see some her work in her web site at <https://www.scheherezadephotography.com/group> . This was followed by



a presentation by Simon Whittaker from En Vogue wedding Photography, and after a break for morning tea, Derrick Mobbs from Epson talked about the importance of colour management.

The morning's sessions ended with a presentation by Warwick Williams from Fuji on the new Fuji GFX100 medium format digital camera.

After Lunch there was the opportunity to take part in a number of workshops, and I went one which was a walk around the now bypassed, and peaceful Macksville, with Warrick Williams and a number of other attendees. They had an opportunity to try out some of the Fuji equipment, and I was able to try out some of the X series lenses on my own Fuji X-T20 camera.

On Saturday night, the evening began with the presentation of awards for the photographic competition that was run in conjunction with the convention. After dinner the keynote speaker, David Oliver gave an entertaining talk about his experiences and inspirations as a photographer.

Sunday morning started with a presentation by the Tamworth Photographic club who will be hosting the 2020 Northern Zone event in Tamworth. This will be a great event as it will coincide with the Clubs 50th anniversary.

After this David Oliver did a presentation that included the projection of some of his awarded images from various assignments. He also talked about the style he strives for, and photographers who have influenced him.



After morning tea there were presentations by local Photographers, Chris Hewgill and Brendan Ray. Chris is a local surf photographer who spoke about his techniques and equipment he uses for his surf photography work. To see some of his images, visit his web site at <http://www.hewysurf.com/>.

Brendan creates amazing 360 degree images using drone photography. He talked about the equipment he uses and how he creates his images. Unfortunately at present does not have a web site where you can see his images, but hopes to create one soon.

The final, presentation was by Brendan Ray who is a locally based, international commercial photographer. He does work for Fashion labels, magazine and automotive work and is contracted to Volkswagen, Mini (UK), Ford Selby and Chrysler (USA). He showed images of his work for different clients and talked about his use of colour theory in his compositions. I believe that all participants enjoyed the conference and had a great weekend, as I did.

Congratulations to Nambucca Heads Camera Club President Helen Rushton, and her amazing team of club members who organized the convention and also the Macksville Ex-Services club who assisted them by supplying a great venue and excellent catering.

Jeff Akers

<p>Entries Open: 1 July 2019</p> <p>Entries Close: 16 August 2019</p>	<p>INTERCLUB 2019</p>  <p>Hosted by: Central Coast Leagues Camera Club 1 Dane Drive, Gosford NSW 2250</p>	<p>Exhibition & Presentation 13 October 2019</p>
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2019 FCC Interclub Competition

Planning is underway for this year's FCC Interclub competition and details will be posted on the FCC website soon. The exhibition and presentation of awards this year will be held at the Central Coast Leagues Club on the 13th of October. The competition will be open to accept entries from the 1st of July 2019, and will close on the 16th of August 2019. The competition rules will be posted on the FCC web site soon. The Interclub competition is open to all New South Wales Federation of Camera Clubs affiliated clubs. This is a good time for club committees to start planning and considering which of their member's images that they would like to submit in each section. The sections will be Monochrome Prints, Colour Prints, Nature Prints and Monochrome Digital, Colour Digital, Nature Digital, Creative digital and Australian Landscape Digital.

OTHER PHOTOPHGRAPHY EVENTS

THE NORTHERN PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION Annual Conference and Competition

The Northern Zone Federation is a federation of photography clubs from Newcastle, the Hunter Valley and the Central Coast, and consists of 10 associated clubs. They will be running their annual convention this year over the weekend of the 13th and 14th of July at Belmont 16ft. Sailing Club. Though the associated competition is only open to member clubs, the convention is open for any photographer who are interested in attending. The details of the program are not available as yet on the federation's web site, but will be posted soon. You can check it out at <https://npf.myphotoclub.com.au/>

Brad Le Brocque, one of the organizers, informs me that the guest speakers during the weekend will include, Tim Bauer <https://timbauerphoto.myportfolio.com/> Hasselblad ambassador, David Oliver. <http://davidoliver.com.au/> Nikon Ambassador, Matt Horspool <https://www.etchdphotography.com/portfolio> Olympus ambassador, Clare Oliver. <https://mynikonlife.com.au/clareoliver/#!> Nikon ambassador, Jo Wallace <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3197280/Humans-Newtown-portraits-taken-streets-one-Australia-s-alternative-suburbs.html> , John Wallace <https://www.johnnyshoots.com.au/> Phase One, Sigma ambassador

Exhibitors will be Canon, Nikon, Olympus, Sony, Sigma, Ilford, Pentax, Hasselblad, Phase One and Momentopro. The agenda is packed with activities for the entire weekend, aside from the talks, there is a full professional studio with models, so you can try out gear from the various manufacturers, and several workshops by industry leaders. Also we are giving away many significant prizes (Equipment and Studio Time)

Entry \$30 for the weekend, \$15 Sunday only

FCC JUDGES COURSE

In last month's F/Stop we announced that the FCC was intending to run judges courses this year as a first step in developing new judges available to clubs.

The initial course will be held in Sydney at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on the 24th and 25th of September. The course is intended for experienced photographers who are considering becoming judges, and are interested in supporting and encourage club members in the development of their photographic skills, as well as support local clubs by doing this. Becoming a judge can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

The course will be run over the 2 days of a weekend. The first day will include presentations on the skills required to evaluate, critique and present while judging images at a club. The second day usually involves some elements about public speaking and exercises in image assessment. A detailed program will be available closer to the dates.

I have received a number of expressions of interest after last month's F/Stop was distributed. If you are interest in attending please send an email to fccstopeditor@gmail.com .

WORLD PRESS PHOTO Exhibition

The Exhibition of the winning entries and placed images from the World Press Photo competition is on display now at the NSW State Library, and is open until the 23rd of June. This year the exhibition is in a newly renovated area of the library. I have visited the exhibition each year since 2000, and it still continues to intrigue, disturb and challenge me, both as a photographer and as an individual. Amazing images by photographers who often put themselves into great danger to record events and issues which are happening in the world that affect society. Well worth seeing, and while you are there take time to check out some of the other displays on at present.

31st Sutherland Shire National Exhibition of Photograph.

The 31st Sutherland shire National Exhibition of Photography is now open for entries, with a closing date of the 26th July 2019. This is a digital only competition, where there are 4 Sections in the exhibition. Entrants can enter up to 4 digital images per section which are Open Colour, Creative, Open Monochrome and Nature

Awards There will be 17 Major awards (Gold or Silver medals) & FCC Most Successful Trophy as well as Highly Commended Ribbons – minimum of 6 ribbons awarded in each section.

Each entrant will receive an audio visual presentation of all accepted images. The Audio Visual presentation will also be shown at the following Photography clubs, October – Mosman Camera Club, October – St George Photographic Society, November Ingleburn Photography Club, February 2020 – The Entrance Camera Club

The exhibitions web site is at www.ssnep.org.au where you will find details on the different sections.

Lake Macquarie National Exhibition of Digital Photography

The Belmont 16s Camera Club is running the 4th Lake Macquarie Exhibition of Digital Photography, which opened for entries at 1st of June. Entries will close on the 4th of August, and judging will take place on the 11th of August.

There are 5 sections that photographers can enter images into. They are Monochrome, Colour, Nature (colour or Mono), Photo Travel (Colour or Digital) and a Youth section for entrants under 18.

The Exhibition is approved by the APS and results can be used to apply for APS photographic honours, as per the APS web site.

You can find information on the competition details and conditions by going to the web site at <https://lakemacnat.myphotoclub.com.au/>

National Digital Portrait Exhibition Results

The National Digital Portrait Exhibition was run for the first time this year with the entries being judged by separate panels in each State, and an overall winner being identified by a combination of those results. The images that have achieved placings nationally and in each state are now available for viewing at the web site <https://natportrait.myphotoclub.com.au/> .

It is interesting to see the results of a competition judged in this way, and it enforces the reality that judging is subjective.

TWO FACEBOOK GROUPS TO CONSIDER JOINING

Did you know that the federation of Camera Clubs has a Facebook site that is open to all members of FCC clubs? It is where you can keep up with what is going on, see what special offers our sponsors are offering and post events that your club is holding that you may want others to be informed about. To check out the site and join it, go to <https://www.facebook.com/federationofcameraclubs/> .



Epson Life is a Facebook site, run by Epson for photographers who are passionate about printing their images. It is moderated by Derek Mobbs, Epson's technical guru, where you can get assistance with printing issues, enter competitions that are run occasionally and find out about events that Epson are hosting or are involved in. To join this group go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/epsonlife/?ref=bookmarks>



APETURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

The 2019 APETURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE is drawing near, and will be held in the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour, Sydney, on the 22nd and 23rd of June this year. The conference will be hosted by Ray Martin and will include presentations by 6 top international speakers. There will also be panel discussions and interviews, workshops with professional photographers and trade displays. For those interested, go to <http://apertureaustralia.com.au/> for details of the conference, as well as pricing. You will also find information on the presenters and links to their web sites

There is a special 2 for 1 offer available by following the instructions below when you book.



UPDATE YOUR CLUBS INFORMATION.

Within the next few weeks our treasurer will be sending out a request to associated clubs to supply membership numbers so that we can send invoices for membership fees for the 2019– 2020 year.

It is important that we have the contact details of the current members of your clubs committee so that these requests can go to the right people. If there has been a change in the composition of your clubs executive committee can you email our treasurer, Russell Field at fctreasurer@photographynsw.org.au , or Michelle Kennedy at nswfccsecretary@gmail.com .



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F/Stop News and Article Contribution

The F/Stop newsletter depends on your contributions. If you have any articles that may be of interest to our members, please email them to – fccstopeditor@gmail.com.

Articles could include: Camera hints, Photoshop hints, travel, nature or sport photography and/or local photoshoots. Also information on awards, competitions, exhibitions, or on upcoming events, workshop, event reports, or book reviews etc.

Don't be limited by this list! Anything that might interest photographers is acceptable.

Please send articles in Microsoft word or plain text format with photos attached as separate files. Submitted images should be a jpg file with a maximum size of 50 – 80kb.

In order to ensure your article is included in the next newsletter, please submit it by the 20th of the month.

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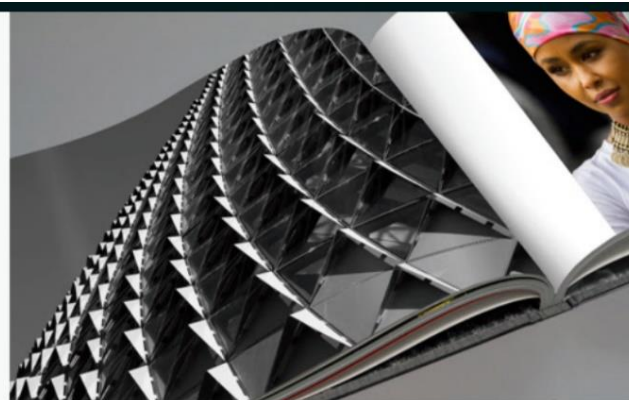


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