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Macedon Ranges Photographic Society

July 2022

Newsletter of the

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society

August Comp

Set Subject: Animals

Due 5 July

President's Report

Hi everyone,

Well, I had a great first half of June up north for a significant family birthday (40-y.o sons make you feel particularly old!) followed by a brief stay in Noosa – a bit cool as some days didn't get above 21 degrees, while you suffered an early winter and, from what I hear, an eventful club night with power failures, a Covid-stricken judge and other trials. But, I gather it turned out alright in the end. Thanks Deborah and Donna for making it happen. I know that the judge, Jay Town, put in a lot of work to get his feedback I in to us and I am pleased to advise that Jay will be at our August tech night to talk about his work.

If you missed the tech night, look out on the website for details of the various gadgets that our members talked about.

At our club meeting on Tuesday 5 July, we will have a presentation by Greg Boldiston on his local photos of fungi. With the damp season we have had, our Cluster groups have featured regular posts of this sometimes surprisingly beautiful subject. Greg came to the club a few years ago but he now promises far more as he has upgraded from a phone to a "proper" camera.

Our July tech night, on Monday 11 July, will feature a couple of topics. I'll introduce our upcoming in-house "In the style of…" competition and will also talk about mobile phone photography and how to get the best from these now quite capable devices.

A couple of other thank yous: First, to Sue Steward for volunteering to take over the writing of the Gisborne Gazette articles. Secondly, Ian Law has set up a Wildlife group on Cluster to provide an opportunity to share photos on what is a very popular topic for many of us.

Lastly, a reminder that our August club meeting on Tuesday 2 August will start with our AGM. I am grateful that I have a very active and supportive committee over the last year but new blood is always welcome. So, have a think about putting your hand up to join the committee or get involved in other ways.

James Holgate, President

Reminders for July

General Meeting

Tuesday 5th July

Greg Boldiston presents

Dromkeen 7:00 pm on for 7:30 Start

Tech Night

Monday 11th July
Mobile Phone Photography
"In the Style of" overview

Dromkeen 7:00 pm on for 7:30 Start

July Walkabout

TBC

August Comp

Upload closes and prints due:

5 July

Macedon Ranges Photographic Society - 2022 Program

Date	Event	Topic	Activity	Location
Tuesday 5 July 7:00 for 7:30 pm	General meeting	Fungi in the Macedon Ranges Macro in the forest techniques Overview of October Competition Set Subject – Creative Lighting	Greg Boldiston - Presentation and demo of techniques used on site in the forest Discussion of topic	Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Tuesday 5 July	August Competition entries close	Open and Animals		Website upload and hand in prints
Monday 11 July 7:00 for 7:30 pm	Tech night	"In the style of…"	Presentation and discussion of different styles	Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
		Mobile Phone Photography and Post Production – getting the most from your mobile	Presentation and participation	
Saturday 16 July Time: TBA	Photo Walkabout	TBA		TBA
Tuesday 2 August 7:00 for 7:30 pm	Annual General Meeting followed by General Meeting	Judging of 3rd Competition - Prints & Digital Open and Set Subject - Animals		Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Monday 8 August	Tech night	Sports Photography Quad Comp selection	Presentation by Jay Town Review and ranking of MRPS entries for Quad comp	Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Sunday 14 August Time: TBA	Photo Walkabout	TBA		TBA
Sunday 28 August	'In the style of' images for 6 September upload closes			
Tuesday 6 September 7:00 for 7:30 pm	General meeting	"In the Style of"	Members select a particular photographer and their 'style' Prepares and image of their own in that style and then presents to the group about the photographer and how they did their own image. 10 minutes each	Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Tuesday 6 September	October Competition entries close	Open and Creative Lighting		Website upload and hand in prints
Monday 12 September 7:00 for 7:30 pm	Tech night	Creative Colour	Presentation and practical. Colour harmonies and meanings Using colour to create a bold image or tell a story	Dromkeen 1012 Kilmore Rd Riddells Creek VIC 3431
Saturday 17 September Time: TBA	Photo Walkabout	TBA		TBA

Cluster 2022

There is a new MRPS Members Only Cluster group: Wildlife

This group will be coordinated by Ian Law.

To join please go to: **https://cluster.co/i/GEZXPXTD**

To see all the groups visit the Cluster page on the MRPS website:

https://macedon-ranges-photography.org.au/cluster-groups/

Notice of AGM

The Macedon Ranges Photographic Society AGM is on Tuesday 2 August, 2022. Please consider how you wish to join or just assist the committee to help this fabulous club functioning to such a high

July Club Night: Greg Boldiston

Greg is a Macedon Ranges Local and has a love of all things horticultural with a keen interest in the fungi of the Macedon Ranges. He will present a fascinating display of these many colourful and intriguing plants.

He can be found on Facebook: @longinomus.plants or Instagram: @longinomus

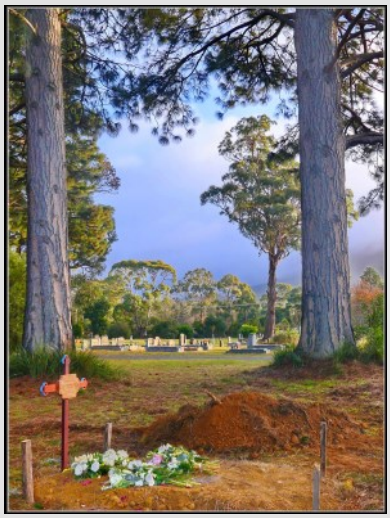
Greg recently featured on the ABC's Gardening Australia program: https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/symphony-in-autumn/13841368

Tech Night Monday 20 June: Gadgets and other stuff

A small group of members enthusiastically brought along a wide range of very useful gadgets. Each person explained what they were best used for, how to use them and some of the pros and cons. And as we all know— there are so many bits and pieces that can add to the kit that can be used to inspire your photography even further. Details of each of the items presented will be gradually added to the website as those who presented send in the details. Or if you have any other useful items please let Deborah, webmaster know the details and she will include to share what you have found beneficial. https://macedon-ranges-photography.org.au/gadgets-and-other-stuff-2/

Walkabout: Macedon Cemetery

26 June 2022



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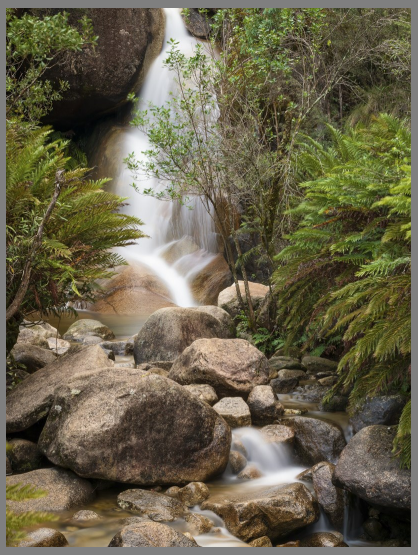

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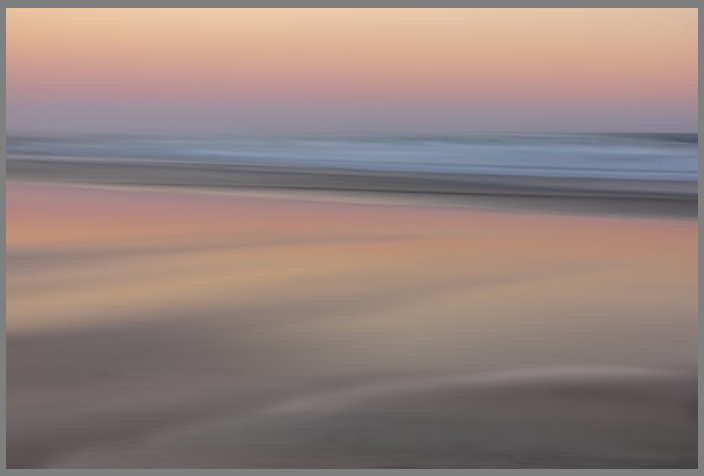

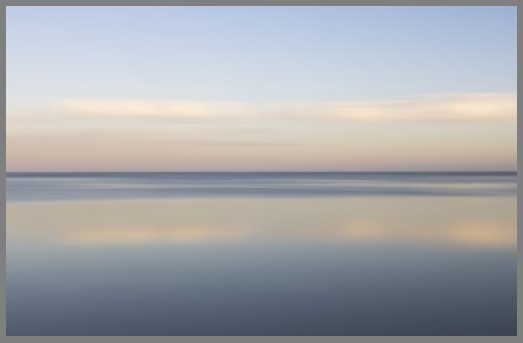

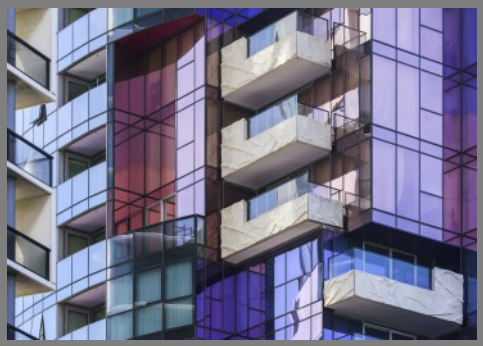

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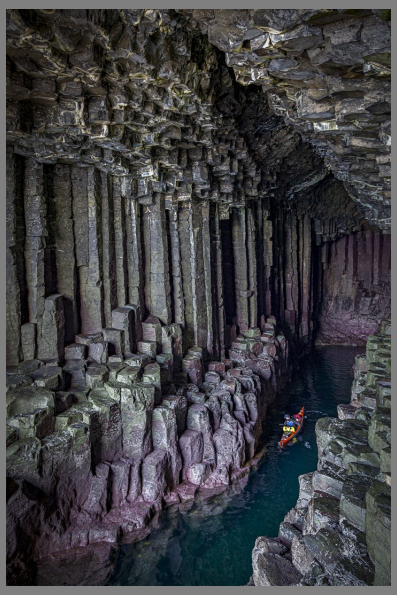
June Competition Print Awarded Entries: Sport and Recreation



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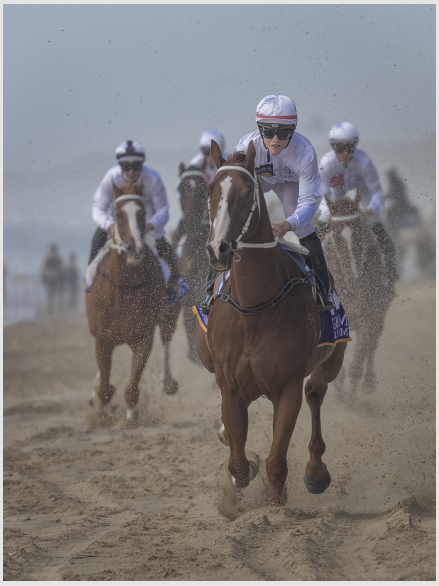

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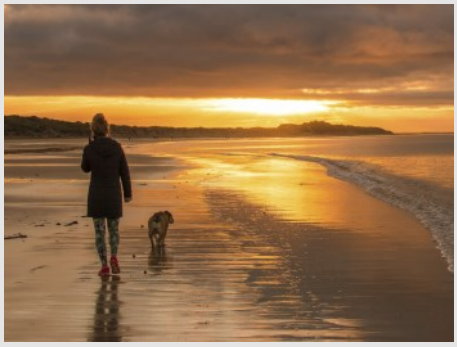

Food for Thought: Metaphors

Want to explore something a little different in your photography? How about using metaphors as your inspiration and then see if you can shoot to the theme /mood.

What is a metaphor? Simply put, a metaphor is a figure of speech containing an implied comparison. With metaphors, words or phrases that are ordinarily applied to one type of item or concept are applied to something that is not ordinarily associated with that terminology.

https://examples.yourdictionary.com/metaphor-examples.html

For example some common metaphors:

https://leverageedu.com/blog/metaphors/

https://blog.reedsy.com/metaphor-examples/

What ideas do these conjure?

• Life is a Jungle • He's just blowing off steam • You are the light of my life • Am I taking to a brick wall? • You are the apple of my eye • Beauty is a fading flower • Time is Money • Heart of Stone • There is a rat amongst us • His heart was made of gold	• Drowning in grief • Words cut deeper than a knife • The world revolves around them • Silent as the grave • ***"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day."*** William Shakespeare • ***"Love is a battlefield."*** – Pat Benatar

What metaphors may these following images have used as inspiration?

Mount Boards for sale

The club has been able to purchase mount boards for your images in a quantity that allows for a very reasonable price per each item. These come with a backing board and self adhesive strips that allow easy image preparation.

Colour White

Outward dimensions: 16in x 20in

Window cutouts to suit:

10in x15in image

12in x 16in image

(Note there is sufficient overlap of the mount to ensure your image edges will not be seen)

MRPS Lighting Equipment Borrowing Information

Only current MRPS Members may borrow and have exclusive use of the lighting equipment. It is not for third party use. You are required to take all due care and responsibility for the use, and safe return of the equipment. Inspection of the equipment will be undertaken upon return.

Equipment may be borrowed for a one-week time slot. A renewal may be possible if there are no further bookings at that time.

Item check list is included with each kit: Please ensure all relevant items are returned fully charged.

Kit One: Pixel K80RGB Pro Twin Lighting Kit: Items in Kit • 2x Pixel Pro LED Light K80RGB • 1x Pixel NP-F Dual Battery Charger HC2 • 4x Pixel NP-F970 Battery 7.2V 8400mah • 1x lighting kit carry case • 2x After the Fact Apprentice 1.95 Air Cushioned Light Stands • (1x Pixel LED Light Remote Controller LC5) Not yet available	**$10**
Lume Kits: Kit Two A: Lume Cube Items in Kit • Lume Cube Body • 5 Diffusers: 2 opaque, 2 coloured, 1 dome • Clamp • Charging Cable Kit Two B: Lume Cube Items in Kit • Lume Cube Body • 5 Diffusers: 2 opaque, 2 coloured, 1 dome • Clamp • Charging Cable	**$5**
Kit Three: Backdrop Kit: • Generic Muslin Backdrop White: 3x6m • Generic Muslin Backdrop Black: 3x6m • Generic Background Support System VS-B808C • 8x Tether tools Rock Solid Pony 2in Spring Clamps	**$5**
Kit Four: Phottix 5in1 Multireflector 56cm:	**Free**
Kit Five: Generic Light tent 80 cm:	**Free**
Kit Six: Optima EH2060 DLP Data Projector and Stand	**$10**

To enquire about booking and collecting the equipment please contact:

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