



Milton Ulladulla District Camera Club Inc

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Image of the month

Theme



Guest judge, Denis Cale from Shoalhaven Photographic Club, could not go past Dawn Wood's *Pink Brolly* when selecting an Image of the Month for the theme "A Bug's Life – Getting Down Low", feeling that the image not only depicted the fungi from the bug's perspective but that it had been expertly captured.

Open

Jan Bryant took this photograph, titled *A Fresh Start*, in Swan Hill during a recent camping trip along the Murray, impressing the judge with the vibrant colours and sharp focus.



Well done to both photographers!

Club Excursion deferred

The Club excursion to the Shoalhaven Zoo was cancelled due to inclement weather. Given that several members have indicated that they are still interested in pursuing this activity, a new date will be determined and the Excursion Coordinator, Christa Drysdale, will be in touch.



Membership Renewal

Please don't forget to renew your membership as soon as possible. MUDCC's membership renewal for the Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW) Inc also falls due on 1st July, and the cost will depend on member numbers. Later in this newsletter there will be some information on the FCC and the benefits of being affiliated.

Paying by direct deposit is easy. Bank details are as follows:



Bank: IMB Bank

BSB: 641-800

Account Name: Milton Ulladulla District Camera Club

Account Number: 200524566

Reference: Please use your surname(s) as reference

If you have any questions, please contact Anna on

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While it is not a requirement for MUDCC membership, it is hoped that our Club members will also take out membership of Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club. It is only \$5.50 per annum for social membership and they have always been most supportive, not the least in providing our meeting room free of charge.

Awards presentation

Monday, 11th July, will be our Presentation night during which the following awards will be presented:



Competition Awards:

Club Champion: Is the highest competition point scorer overall, based on the combined total of open and theme categories, and taken from either grade. The prize is a perpetual trophy, sponsored by Marilyn and David Townsend from Boots Great Outdoors Ulladulla, and this year further supported with a magnificent prize, a *Black Diamond Storm Headlamp* that

will provide illumination on moonless nights and during torrential thunderstorms creating spectacular images!

A Grade - Open: Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

B Grade - Open: Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

A Grade - Theme: Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

B Grade - Theme: Awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Image of the Year Awards:

All Images of the Month from the Jan-Jun2015 competition and the Jul2015-Jun2016 competition will be eligible. The former six month competition resulted when we changed our competition year from calendar year to financial year and these Images of the Month have not yet been evaluated for an Image of the Year award. There will be an Open and Theme trophy and our Judge is June Andersen

(www.natureofphotography.com.au)

Committee Awards:

Best New Talent

Encouragement Award

Most Improved Award

President's Award:

The Ron Doughton Memorial Trophy is a beautifully printed and framed landscape photograph of Narrawallee Creek taken by the late Ron Doughton. Ron was a valued and enthusiastic member of MUDCC, as well as an accomplished photographer. The recipient of the Ron Doughton Memorial Trophy is chosen by the Club President and recognises outstanding leadership and commitment to Camera Club activities, as well as a passion for, and dedication to, photography.

In addition to those mentioned, prizes will include a range of photography-related books as well as gift vouchers from the following sponsors:

Ulladulla Picture Framing (\$100); Cartridge World (\$50); CompuPort Ulladulla (\$50); Office National Ulladulla (\$50); Harbour Books (\$20); Betta Electrical Ulladulla (100 x 6"x4" digital prints). We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors and trust that you will keep them in mind when you are in need of the services they provide.

The Awards Presentations will take place following the AGM and, at the conclusion of formalities, members are invited to retire to the Club lounge for a social drink.

FCC - What's It All About?



At some stage during your time at MUDCC you will probably have heard reference to the FCC or Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW) Inc. which, as the name implies, is a state body representing over seventy camera clubs and photographic societies, including MUDCC.

For the last few years MUDCC has entered the FCC Interclub Competition which is an external photographic competition in which FCC member clubs compete. You did not hear much about last year's performance because, due to some internal problems, the full results were never released. It appears that, contrary to past practices, the FCC used all professional photographers as judges and, as a result, the overall scoring was very low. Given that the scores were meaningless without the context of the other club scores, the Committee decided not to release the results. Hopefully, the new FCC Committee will not travel the same road, as participation in the Interclub can be a worthwhile experience for our members.

Membership of the FCC brings a number of benefits in addition to the annual Interclub Competition, not least of which is a special group insurance rate for FCC member clubs, an annual Topshot competition for individual members of FCC affiliated camera clubs, a website www.photographyNSW.org.au which, amongst other things, provides exposure for camera clubs around NSW through the Club Finder facility, a regular newsletter and more.

You may be interested in two articles which appeared in Camera magazine in 2013, titled *Why Not Join a Camera Club?* and *What is the FCC and What Does It Do?* I have attached these separately with the accompanying email.

Change is constant:

Please note that the new Competition Year, which commences next month, will see changes in our DPI (digitally projected image) and print competitions.

The sizing of images for our DPI competitions will change to a maximum horizontal length of 1920 pixels, maximum vertical height of 1080 pixels and maximum file size 2MB. While you may not see any noticeable difference in the projected images, our projector can handle this sizing and it may improve the quality of the images as viewed by our remote judges. It is also the most popular sizing combination among the majority of external competitions.

It is no longer necessary to display your competition number on your printed entries but please do ensure that your name, image title and indication of orientation are displayed on the back of the print.

And We're Off!



The new competition year will kick off on 25th July with a print competition, featuring Open and Theme. The theme is “En Masse” which is defined as “an image that depicts a particular subject matter in large numbers, filling the frame and looking like one mass. “En Masse” is defined as “in one group or body; all together, as whole”. Our guest judge will be Ilona Abou-Zolof, former President of St George Leagues Club Photographic Society and an accomplished and highly awarded photographer.

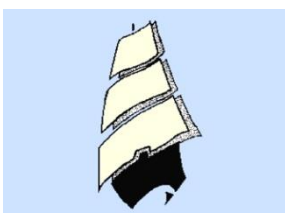
Don't forget, you must be a financial member to enter.

Upcoming Competitions

Two exciting, APS approved photographic competitions are coming up, both of which can provide a great learning experience and may surprise you. Imagine being informed that you have received one or more acceptances in either of these prestigious exhibitions! And several of our members have already done just this!



2016 Sutherland Shire National Exhibition of Photography (SSNEP) is an all digital, national competition with entries to be submitted via upload on the exhibition website. It could not be easier. Sections include Open Monochrome, Open Colour, Creative and Nature. Entries close on Sunday, 14th August. Online Entry forms can be found at <http://www.ssnep.org.au>





Sydney International Exhibition of Photography (SIEP) is due to open early July. Sections include Colour Open, Monochrome Open, Creative, Nature and Nature Wildlife. Full details and entry forms can be found on <http://www.siep.org.au> Entries close on 29th August.

Kurt Drysdale Update

Most of you will recall our fundraising raffle for Kurt Drysdale, Christa's grandson, who was severely injured in a tragic football accident one year ago. Kurt and his family are still facing monumental challenges each and every day, yet Kurt continues to smile and remain positive. His family home has been demolished, ready to be purpose re-built for Kurt's homecoming and, in the meantime, a welcome transfer to Wollongong Hospital will save the southern-based family many hours of travelling time, as nurses are trained for the round-the-clock care that Kurt will need.



If you are interested to learn more about Kurt's inspirational journey, and his progress to date, click on the following link to view a video of his recent appearance on A Current Affair <http://aca.nine.com.au/article/9125602/kurt-drysdale> followed up with <http://aca.nine.com.au/article/9126483/kurt-drysdale-update> and again the following night. An astonishing young man, with a wonderful family!

More Inspiration...

Not photography, but art nonetheless, *ebru* is a traditional Turkish painting art in which colourful patterns are formed by sprinkling and brushing colour pigments on a pan of oily water and then transferring the results to paper. It is also called 'painting on water' or marbling.

Watch Turkish ebru artists, Garip Ay, recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" on dark water. It is unique!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1eS3ChsQAM>



And Creativity...

All it takes is a little imagination and a lot of skill! American photographer, Freddy Fabris (<http://www.fabrisphoto.com>) pays homage to some great master painters by creating his own version of famous Renaissance paintings, photographed in a garage somewhere in the western USA. I thought it was kind of fun. Enjoy! <http://brightside.me/creativity-photography/auto-mechanics-pay-homage-to-the-legendary-artworks-of-renaissance-painters-114455/>