



# Cudgegong Camera Club

Annual General Meeting

3 February 2015

## Attendance

Amber Hooper, Hans Staub, Heather Rushton, Colin McDonell, Marilyn Maxwell, Tanya McCallum, Julie Gillan, Maree Harries, Simone Kurtz, Sonia Myhill, Julie Watt, Cristie Mortensen, Michele Adams.

## 2014 in Review

Amber provided a short slideshow presentation on the Clubs activities throughout 2014. Attached is a PDF of the presentation.

It was a very busy year starting out with the sad loss of Sandy Smith. Sandy was a founding member, President, mentor and friend to all. Sandy has been sadly missed. Our annual June Photo Competition has been renamed and a new Travel section has been added in Sandy's honour.

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| March     | Members took to the streets to set up on Church Street to shoot car trails (much to the curiosity of passing cars and pedestrians). Some great pics were shot but the distinct lack of traffic made things a little difficult but a great outing all the same.  |
| April     | Workshop on camera basics – Aperture, ISO and Shutter speed   |
| May       | Workshop on introduction to Photoshop   |
| June      | Inaugural Sandy Smith Memorial Photo Competition. Over 350 entries. Judge - David Anderson. Congratulations to Simone for best overall Photo.   |
| July      | Trip to Mudgee observatory. Canon users were able to hook-up to telescope for some great astral photos.   |
| August    | Photoshop workshop on photo restoration.<br>Hosted Western Districts Association of Camera Clubs annual AGM and Exhibition. Judge – Roy Killen. Congratulations to Club winners Print – Lorraine, Simone, Amber and Hans. Digital – Michele. Next year to be held in Parkes.<br>Speakers: David Anderson - a great talk on celebrity photography; power portrait workshop at Peter van Gent. Roy Killen – Nature Photography – new rules and regulations. |
| September | Blossom photography, twilight/night pics in Market & Church Streets.  |
| October   | Workshop on panoramic stitching, HDR & white balance.   |
| November  | Visit to Noel Dawson's studio and gallery Studio 30 to view his exhibition 'To Kakadu and Back' and a studio session.   |

## Treasurers Report

Hans provided details as follows:-

The Club ended the year with the bank account standing to credit in the sum of \$2,292.96.



This balance is largely due to the receipt of \$1,500 from Mid-Western Regional Council following upon payment of the commission for the Club provide Council with photos for their use.

The June Sandy Smith Photography Competition is our only other fund raiser during the year. This year saw the Club make a profit of \$371.78 with much of these funds being raised through donations.

The Club purchased this year a laptop computer and software. This has been utilised to give the presentations at meetings. It has been loaded with Photoshop and is available for loan to members wishing to try out Photoshop.

Hans is seeking suggestions as to how we might spend some of the funds for the benefit of the Club, retaining a minimum buffer amount in the account. Some discussions were had regarding trying to organise for visiting speakers to provide workshops and also the purchase of exhibition display stands. All suggestions welcomed.

Membership is to remain at \$25 per person. This covers FCC insurance for members when out at Club activities. It is a fee paid for the number of registered members. There were 23 registered members last year.

### **Election of Executive and Committee**

Amber thanked all current committee members together with all members for their assistance and support throughout the year. The year presented many different challenges which would not have been the success that they were without members' assistance.

All current committee positions were declared vacant and nominations called to establish the new committee for 2015. The following members were elected:-

President – Amber Hooper

Vice President – Colin McDonell

Treasurer – Hans Staub

Secretary – Michele Adams

Public Officer – Michele Adams

Competition Coordinator – Julie Watt

Committee Members – Heather Rushton, Marilyn Maxwell and Simone Kurtz

Thank you to our volunteers.

### **General Business**

Membership is now due. \$25 per person. Junior members (school students) free. Anyone wishing to pay subs by direct debit please contact by email and we will provide the relevant details.



The Facebook page is regularly updated with details of upcoming meetings and events. Members are encouraged to submit photos for uploading to Amber.

The Blog is still up but directs people to the Facebook page or to email the Club with any questions.

Amber is in the process of designing a Club Website.

Club Shirts can be ordered through Mudgee Embroidery. Cost is \$30 each. A proposed order list was circulated for those interested in purchasing. Amber will attend at Mudgee Embroidery and organise shirts. Michele still has one size XL remaining after the last order which can be purchased for \$30.00 – just ask.

Both Gulgong and Mudgee shows are to be held shortly. The programs for each will be emailed. Assistance will be required to hang entries prior to the Mudgee Show - likely the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the show, more information regarding this will be circulated prior to the event.

Monthly Themes – it was agreed to adopt last year's list. It was thought to be a good idea giving members some direction for show and tell. The list is attached. Photos for presentation at the March meeting will be 'Silhouettes and Shadows'. A limit of 5 digital images per member.

Entries for the Mudgee Arts Council is encouraged. The exhibition is generally held in September with the Photography section receiving very few entries. It was discussed that although there was substantial prize money, the \$10 entry fee per print was restrictive. Amber to discuss this with the Arts Council and suggesting that perhaps by lowering the prize money the entry fee could be re-assessed to encourage more entries.

Heather advising that she would like some assistance with UA3 photography workshops to be held 21 and 28 April for a couple of hours from 2-4pm. This was something that she and Sandy had arranged long ago. Amber is able to assist but more volunteers would be appreciated. The workshops will have around 20-30 attendees at all levels of experience. Please see Heather if you are able to help out.

The production of a flyer for placement around town to encourage membership was discussed as well as welcome pack providing information to new members. Although the Club hasn't in the past considered membership or fundraising drives – perhaps this might be a direction worth further consideration with funds raised being used for the benefit of members and the Club. Possibilities discussed were:-

- new show stands which could be stored at the showground in exchange for the Show Society's use when required – perhaps the Men's shed could be approached to design and build;
- an end of year Club Calendar;
- a stall at the markets selling prints (and handing out Club information).



Amber circulated a Feedback Survey requesting that members complete and indicate their areas of interest in order that the program be tailored to better meet the needs of members. It is requested that everyone fill one out and the Survey is attached for those members not in attendance at the meeting. to complete and They can be anonymous, a name is net essential. You can either hand it in at the next meeting or email it back.

**2015 Program ideas put forward were:-**

Macro – with and without a dedicated macro lens

Underwater photography

Night photography – star trails, observatory (very popular)

Lenses

Flash – this was a big topic discussed with interest in all forms of lighting-Studio, outdoor, use of settings, manual and TTL

Go Pro

Slow mo and time lapse

Shooting video on SLR

Photoshop – basic layers

Nude photography

Animals/farm

Action photography – sport/rodeo

**Trips/Workshops**

Dragonflies

Hill End

Sofala

Ferntree Gully

Dunns Swamp

Farm life

CoolahTops

Overnight camp trip

Production of resource list – websites, blogs, digital publications etc that members use for tips, information and ideas.

Hans advising that he has spoken with Helmut Berndt at Orange Club who has indicated his willingness to provide a workshop on Macro.

Anyone with any other ideas or suggestions – please feel free to let us know.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 7pm**