



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP OF BUNBURY

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All about the Photography Group of Bunbury

Welcome to the Photography Group of Bunbury Inc. This document provides all sorts of information about the club and we hope you will find useful (or interesting at the least).

We meet regularly on the last Thursday of each month, January to November and we are affiliated with the West Australian Photographic Federation Inc. (WAPF).

Joining our Club is not just about taking photos or fiddling about with a camera, it is also about meeting people with a similar interest and the social life that goes with it. Members range in age and come from all walks of life. We have varying levels of skill in taking photos and in post processing those images.

Participation in Club activities, exhibitions and workshops is strongly encouraged because we believe that it is a good way to learn and improve your photography. Like most things in life, you only get out of it what you put into it and our Club is no different. It won't happen if you sit back and wait patiently.

Keeping your camera safely packed away, only getting it out to take photos of family and friends or when you are on holiday, won't help you become a better photographer. The skill comes from DOING photography, so to gain the most from your membership, we encourage you to become involved.

Collectively our members have a vast amount of experience, knowledge and expertise so getting to know them is one of the best ways to draw on this resource. We hope that you too will share your knowledge, skills and experience with fellow members.

The Club is run entirely by its members on a voluntary basis, so offering your assistance from time to time will help share the workload and introduce new ideas. Participating by being an active member benefits everyone.

We use our website to promote our Club and interact with our members. We use the Forum to share news with our members relating to Club night, outings, workshops and exhibitions. We will provide the information, but you have to remember to look for it yourself to keep up-to-date with what's happening.

Should you need any further information about the Club, or if you have any ideas for improvements, workshops, outings etc. we would like to hear about it. Please feel free to approach one of the members of the Management Committee.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy being a member of the Club.

CLUB HISTORY

The Bunbury Amateur Camera Club was formed in June 1954 by a group of keen amateur photographers wishing to encourage the study and practice of photography and to see their hobby promoted as an art form. The vision of these founding members was for the Club to be an active one, where people could learn to get the most out of their camera work, share their hobby with other enthusiasts and produce pieces of art for all to enjoy.

In 1961 Bunbury Amateur Camera Club became a founding member of the West Australian Photographic Federation (WAPF) and hosted the first Convention for the Federation in 1966.

From its humble beginnings, the Club became an incorporated association in January 2007 and the vision outlined in the previous paragraph was documented to form part of the Objects of Association, in the incorporation document. In October 2012 we changed our name to the Photography Group of Bunbury and adopted a new constitution to better reflect our purpose.

CLUB STRUCTURE

The Club is an incorporated body, governed by a constitution, known as 'Rules of Association'. Incorporation provides a legal identity for the Club, separate from that of its members, which relieves the members of the Club and its Management Committee from legal liability for authorised acts of the Club. This is one of the foremost protection devices available to community-based clubs.

The Rules regulate the overall management of the incorporated association, providing for important matters such as management committee elections, meetings, and financial records, among others.

In order to keep the constitution simple and manageable, the Club has additional rules known as bylaws. By-laws are secondary rules that expand on the rules of association and cover non-administrative matters that do not need to be included in the rules of association,

The Bylaws provide certain flexibilities to assist this and future Committees with the day-to-day management of our Club including such things as our Exhibitions.

The Bylaws can be found in the Member section on the website by double clicking MEMBERS.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Club are organised and administered by a Management Committee elected by the members at the annual general meeting held each October. The Management Committee for 2017 consists of the following:

- Chairperson/President - Leader & spokesperson of the Club, chairs meetings, coordinates Management Committee ([Denise Aitken](#))
- Vice President - Understudy for and assistant to the Chairman, who steps in when the Chairman is away ([Dennis Bear](#))

- Secretary - Organises and takes minutes of meetings, manages correspondence including emails and is first point of contact for club enquiries from the website and assists the Exhibition Coordinator when necessary ([Mike Baker](#))
- Treasurer - Manages Club finances and membership ([Jodie Deeley](#))
- Exhibition Coordinator - Develops the Exhibition Schedule and organises judges. Coordinates the entries of members in regular Club and Interclub exhibitions, keeps records of entries and results from exhibitions for both end of year awards and other statistical purposes ([Alyson Parr](#))
- Committee Members - ([Lisa O'Neill](#), [Tammy Watson](#), [Jill Harrison](#), [Heather Carey](#) and [Trevor Stewart](#))

There are a few other roles that the Club likes to have filled. These positions do not have to be filled by committee members.

- Web Administrator - Manages the website ([Denise Aitken & Chris de Blank](#))
- Meet & Greeter - One of the most important roles within the Club. This is the person/s who welcome our visitors and new members and tells them about our Club. They are the friendly face and person to talk to when others are busy setting up the venue and doing other jobs at the beginning of Club night ([Heather Carey](#))
- Supper Co-ordinator ([Tammy Watson](#))

The Management Committee generally meets monthly. Announcements about decisions made by the Committee are usually made at the next Club meeting and/or published in the forum on the website. Should you have an idea, issue or query concerning the operation of the Club please do not hesitate to raise the matter with one of the Committee members.

CLUB NIGHT

Ordinary Club meetings are held on the last Thursday evening of the month (excluding December) at 7:00pm. Members begin arriving from 6:45pm to help set up the hall, and the last to leave (after packing things away and putting tables etc. back where they belong) usually depart around 9.45pm. Occasionally (when there are a large number of exhibition entries) we may not finish until later, but you are welcome to leave when you like.

Club Night is a social gathering where we share our photos and have our images critiqued. There may be a guest speaker/judge and sometime a short segment or mini workshop relating to your camera, a skill used when taking a photo or something relating to post processing will be offered throughout the year.

All members are asked to wear their name badge, which you pick up from the Treasurer on your way in.

In addition to the membership fee, we charge an entrance fee of \$4 per member. This fee is used to pay the room hire. You may pay the year's entrance fee upfront which will give you 11 nights for the price of 10.

CLUB NIGHT EXHIBITION

Like most Photographic Clubs, the Photography Group of Bunbury participates in regular photographic exhibitions and competitions.

Participating in photographic exhibitions should not frighten you as club night exhibition serves more than one purpose. They are a great way to learn because the schedule of topics provides motivation and inspiration, it can encourage you to try techniques that you might not otherwise utilise and can provide some tangible reward for your effort.

You will hear critique on your own images and other members' work. You get to see where your technique needs improvement and what you should be aiming for. Whilst having the negative aspects of your work aired in public can at times be a little embarrassing or disappointing, you will also get great joy from the positive comments.

- Judging of Club Exhibitions

Judges used to assess and critique entries in the Club's exhibitions are generally drawn from outside the Club.

We try to engage different judges each month so that a variety of expertise and opinion is brought to the Club. Whilst the comments by judges provide useful advice from which to learn, this doesn't mean that you always have to agree with them, for in photography, like other art forms, beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

- Format of Club Exhibitions

Projected Images and Prints are displayed each month, from January to October. For a detailed list of the topics refer to the Exhibition Schedule. On Club night we may show both projected images and prints.

The rules and instructions for Club night exhibitions can be found by using the "Exhibition Rules" link under the CLUB tab on the website.

Members should strive to submit images that are a creative interpretation of the set subject and not merely a snapshot that happens to broadly fit the criteria. The exhibition topics are set well in advance (usually for the year) so members always have sufficient time in which to capture appropriate images.

There are no winners or losers in Club Night Exhibition, though there is an Award system. Bronze, Silver or Gold may be awarded multiple times. At the end of the year the photographer with the highest collective score is recognised. In addition, all images awarded during the year are presented before a judge in Open Exhibition and awards are made for Photograph of the Year in each of the categories.

Matboards for Prints

Printed images must be mat mounted for exhibitions. Matboard pre-cut to 40x50cm can be purchased from the Treasurer on Club nights at a special member price.

To encourage participation from new members sets of pre-cut mats are also available.

The Club will provide instruction on how to cut mats and members can borrow the Club mat cutter.

If you need to buy matboard outside club night, it can be purchased locally from Jacksons Art Supplies and the various picture framing businesses, such as Southern Picture Framers. Backing boards should ideally be 3mm foamcore.

Organisation of Club Exhibitions

When members begin arriving on Club night, help is required to organise the room. The primary objective is to set up the display boards for the hanging of prints, arrange the chairs and have the projector and screen set up in readiness for presenting the digital images.

You need to have your details written on the bottom left side on the rear of the board. This is very important as it indicates the way your print is to be hung. Various members help hang the prints on the display boards. All prints need to be registered before they are hung.

Digital projected images are generally judged before club night, so there are different rules for Projected Images. Digital images must be uploaded no later than the Friday before Club night (unless otherwise advised by the Exhibition Coordinator). The upload form for "Projected Images for Club Night" is located under the MEMBERS tab on the website.

INTERCLUB and OTHER COMPETITIONS

In addition to our regular monthly Club exhibitions referred to above, as a Club we participate in a number of interclub events.

- Wagin Interclub – set topic print Exhibition. Images are judged and displayed at the Wagin Woolorama (required by the January meeting)
- WAPF interclub (PrintWest) – Open Mono and Colour, initially digital images, then high scoring images are accepted as prints and displayed at the Interclub Event
- Albany Interclub Projected Images Competition is an invitation event extended to country clubs – entries due at June meeting. The topic is usually chosen by the previous years' winning club.
- ClickWest – a unique competition where images are projected on a Cinema Screen. Any member of a WAPF affiliated Club may enter. It has fabulous prizes. For more information go to www.clickwest.com.au

ACTIVITIES, OUTINGS and WORKSHOPS

Our monthly meetings follow, as far as practicable, a regular schedule – we show digital images, prints and typically have a guest speaker/judge.

Activities between Club nights can range from social get-togethers to take photos at a specific location, or workshops. Some are planned and scheduled well in advance, others are arranged on an 'ad hoc' basis, usually on a weekend. These vary from visits to places of photographic interest (with the opportunity to take photographs), to day trips further afield and weekend events organised by WAPF for all WA Camera Club members).

Being out and about with other Camera Club/Photography Group members is an excellent way to work on improving your skills as there is usually someone on hand that can help you if you have a problem or want to try something out but you're not 100% sure of.

Short introductory sessions, between 2-3 hours may be hosted by Club Members. These workshops are free or may have a minimal charge if we need to pay for a venue or use consumables.

Professional workshops are organised from time to time where we invite or are invited by other Clubs.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP of BUNBURY WEBSITE

The Club website provides information about the Club to both members and the public, together with links to other photography related sites. www.photographygroupofbunbury.com

In order to access all the information on the website, you need to be a Member. After joining, you will be advised of your Username and Password and you can then log on from the FORUM or MEMBER page.

The NEWS and EVENTS FORUM section is used to post information about photography related events such as gallery events/exhibitions, photographic competitions, places you may have found interesting to photograph or articles or websites of interest to fellow members. All members are free to 'post' messages. These are 'moderated' by a number of the Committee members to ensure they are suitable.

The HINTS and TIPS section of the forum can be used if you need help or have come across something you think others may find useful. You may even use this section to post personal "for sale", "wanted to buy" notices or even seek assistance from other members regarding lenses etc.

The GALLERIES section showcases Members' digital and printed images which have been awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze at each months Club night Exhibition. Members are asked to upload their images in digital format using the link "Awarded Images Upload Form" under the MEMBERS tab.

Please be encouraged to visit the website regularly and share information as it keeps our website fresh and interesting.

FLICKR

This is a great way to show us what you are doing. You create your own Flickr account and then join the group. At the moment you can share up to 3 photos per day with the group, but this changes from time to time. If you use Lightroom, it is very easy to set up your account and you can publish your images directly from Lightroom. Please call Denise on 9795 5011 if you need help with the set up.

We will share our previous month's Projected Images in a Flickr album with the judges' comments so that members can revisit them after club night.

There are links to our Flickr Group on the website Home Page and also on the Galleries Page.

FACEBOOK PAGE

We also have a FaceBook page that we try and keep up to date with goings on at the club and also details of competitions, achievements of members etc.

There is a link to our Facebook Page on the website HOME Page.

WEST AUSTRALIAN PHOTOGRAPHY FEDERATION (WAPF) WEBSITE

Our Club is an affiliated member of WAPF. There are a lot of advantages to being a member and we encourage you to visit the website to find out more and to subscribe to the WAPF Event Advisor. WAPF hosts weekend trips, day workshops, interclub and individual competitions.

www.wapf.org.au

Members wishing to be kept informed on WAPF activities, workshops and events can choose to be kept up-to-date with emails by registering for The Event Advisor on their website. Simply go to their website and click on the first line under their banner.

INSURANCE

We have public liability insurance to protect the Club and its members in the event of a member of the public claiming they have suffered harm by the negligent actions of the Club or a member during a Club activity, such as an outing. More information regarding the insurance can be found on the website of the West Australian Photography Federation www.wapf.org.au

CLUB EQUIPMENT

The Club owns a FrameCo Mat Cutting System. All members can borrow the cutter from the Club. If you don't know how to use it, we will happily teach you.

CLUB CLOTHING

Shirts and caps are available on order from "Promote You" in Strickland Street, Bunbury. Approximate cost including the embroidered Club logo is \$33 for shirts and \$15 for caps. The staff will advise the style and colour of the shirts (grey with blue trim). You are free to choose your own cap colour but bear in mind the logo colour is black/blue & white so your colour choice will need to allow for the logo to stand out from the cap colour. You may also like to choose a vest or track top for the cooler months.

CLUB SPONSORS

Please present your Membership Card for discounts at the following businesses in Bunbury:

Bunbury Camera House – offer a 25% discount on all size prints (except 6x4) for Club Exhibitions and also for your personal photos (please note that Tuesday is the only day they print on gloss paper). A Camera House membership card will be issued by the Club to members and must be presented to Camera House when ordering your prints for Club Exhibitions and personal orders in order to receive the discount.

Through our association with WAPF, sponsorship is extended by

- Camera Electronic, 230 Stirling Street, Perth Ph: 9328 4405
- Team Digital, 268 Lord Street, Perth Ph: 9328 3377