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Belmont 16s Photography Club



Welcome to the May Edition

Welcome to the latest edition of our Photography Club newsletter.

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Can you believe that it is May already?? Where has the time gone? We seem to have made it a year on from the start of the pandemic. We have indeed been fortunate to have survived this year relatively unscathed and the exciting news is that Belmont 16s Photography Club is coming back to in person activities - with a return to competition print nights.

Make sure you check out the details of the Club's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraising event, to be held next Tuesday 18th May at 10:30.

Our first print night was a great success and it was nice to see people's smiling faces. There were however, some issues with people not adhering to the Club's COVID plan for the evening. It is vital that we all follow these procedures as we have a diverse range of people in our Club and many who are also vulnerable in the face of this highly contagious, infectious disease. In order for all of us to participate and enjoy these nights you will need to follow a few simple rules and if you have any questions you will be able to ask our friendly COVID Marshall's who will be very easy to identify on the night. There is an important message from our President regarding this plan in our Newsletter.

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IMPORTANT COVID-19 MESSAGE

From our President, Dennis Archibald

May Competition Night and Covid Safety Plan – Wednesday 19th May

I would like to remind all members attending our May Competition Night at Belmont 16s that we will be continuing to follow the Covid Safety Plan that we advised at our April meeting.

At the time I am preparing this note the authorities are reimposing tighter social distancing requirements for Sydney and Greater Sydney area as they attempt to track down all people who may have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for Covid 19. This is a timely reminder that we “are not out of the woods” yet with Covid 19 and until the vaccination rollout is substantively complete we must follow the steps in the plan if we are to continue to hold face to face meetings.

The Committee’s review of our last meeting concluded that there was insufficient compliance with the social distancing requirements. If you are going to attend the Print Night then you **MUST** comply with these requirements. If we don’t then we may have to suspend these meetings.

My apologies if this message is too blunt but I think it is important to understand what is at stake.

Dennis Archibald
Club President

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Practise physical distancing, and wear a mask if you can’t keep a distance of 1.5m.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



Find the facts

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

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Belmont 16s Photography Club Print Night COVID Safety Plan

1. COVID Registration

Members register with Belmont 16s on entry.

2. Physical distancing and people flow

When visiting Belmont 16s please follow the:

- (a) signage
- (b) floor marking indicators

- ✓ Remain seated while inside and respect the directions of COVID Safe Marshals in the main club areas who are here to help you keep safe and healthy.
- ✓ To assist us reduce mingling, please maintain recommended physical distancing measures of 1 person per 2 square metres.
- ✓ Please remain seated whenever possible during print night.
- ✓ When viewing prints maintain social distancing and view prints from right to left (facing the stage) i.e. move from B Grade to Advanced Grade when viewing the prints and take a seat when socialising.

3. Enhanced hygiene measures

- ✓ The Belmont 16s COVID-safe practices include enhanced hygiene and cleaning regimes, promoting social distancing and providing clear thoroughfares to avoid co-mingling.
- ✓ The Photography Club Committee asks you to maintain distance from others, use the hand sanitisers that the host club provides and most importantly stay at home if you are feeling unwell.
- ✓ The Club supports anyone who wants to wear a mask within the Club, as such the host club provides these free to any member who requests one at the front desk.

4. Eliminating common touch points

- ✓ In order to minimise common touch points between members, Photography Club members will not use club name tags or raffle tickets for the time being.
- ✓ Please pay membership online if possible. If paying directly, please queue maintaining social distance, be patient and use hand sanitiser before and after.

5. Peak Periods

(a) Displaying Prints

During peak times such as displaying and collecting prints and tea break, please be patient and maintain separation.











(b) Viewing prints

Please follow the signage, move in the indicated direction, maintain social distancing and consider others.

(c) Stand Set-up & Removal

This is to be done by nominated Stand Marshals. Please leave these tasks to the Marshals in order to reduce co-mingling and to maintain social distancing.

- ✓ Stand Marshal's need to work in pairs, so they may choose to wear a mask however, masks are not mandatory.
- ✓ Marshals should use hand sanitiser before and after and maintain social distance where possible.
- ✓ Only one Marshal at the storage cupboard at any one time in order to maintain social distance.

	COVID-19	Colds	Flu
 Aches and pain	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Common	Common (usually dry)
 Diarrhoea	Rare	No	Sometimes (children)
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Headache	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Common

Judging and EDI Set Subjects

Next Club Competition - May 2021

With Dennis Archibald

Colour and Nature Print competitions will encompass large prints across all three grades and small prints in two grades (A and B).

Our Print Judge for May will be Dennis Jones. Dennis last judged prints for us in July 2019. Dennis is an accomplished nature photographer and prior to Covid 19 organised photographic safaris to Africa through his company. He has been a camera club member for over 30 years. He was the founding President of Dee Why RSL Camera Club. Dennis has been photographing wildlife since the early eighties in Africa & India. He has been working with various stock libraries since the mid-eighties and currently has his stock library with Getty Images. His photos have been published widely in many magazines, books and used commercially.

Print and EDI entries for Colour, Nature and Set Subject competitions close on Sunday 16th May and will be available for all three grades.

Colour EDI's will be judged by Leanne Alessi (A Grade) and Don Anderson will judge Advanced and B Grade. Jenni Horsnell EFIAP, GMPSA/S will judge Nature EDI's.

This month's set subject is "In the Home" and will be judged by Roy Killen in A Grade, whilst Susan Hansell will judge the Advanced and B Grade competitions.

In the Home - Indoor Photography

An image, taken inside your own home during 2021. There are no restrictions on photographic techniques or lighting techniques. Please avoid subject matter that could be used for the February (Water Droplets or Splashes) or, August (Portraits) topics. Images will be judged on their pictorial qualities, their story-telling and their technical qualities. There are no restrictions on how the images can be edited. Both colour and monochrome images are permitted.

Please make sure you read the definitions for the Set Subjects for the following months. They can be found in the Members area on the club website.

Judges' Comments

The Club website is constantly being updated and improved by Colin Woods. One of the more recent features is an easier interface for judges to add an overall comment when they complete their judging and then for that comment to be shared with entrants when they receive their results.



Dragonfly - Mandy Craig

Zoom Report and Upcoming Presentations

With Greg Carruthers

Next Zoom presentation will be hosted by Roy Killen and will be on Wed 12th May at 7pm. The topic is "How to achieve optimal detail in your images".

Roy's workshops are always very popular so don't miss out on this one. To join in any club Zoom meeting simply select Zoom presentation calendar on the club website and follow the zoom link provided. Often a video copy of the workshop will be available under "Educational Resources" if you would like to catch up.

The Zoom presentation calendar is now updated for 2021 so take a look to see what is coming up for the rest of the year. Note the calendar can change so keep an eye out for any last minute changes. Zoom presentations usually occur 2nd and 4th Wed of the month but can vary depending on presenter.

The Astronomy photoshoot at Swansea Heads was well attended with over 18 members attending and so our April astronomy workshops on planning, editing and shooting the Milky Way seem to have been very successful with lots of positive feedback. Thanks!

Photographic Society of America (PSA)

Interclub Photographic Competitions

With Roy Killen

Just a short note regarding the PSA Interclub competitions.

All the results from Round 3 have not yet been received. The Round 3 results and the cumulative results for the three rounds of the competition will be in the next Skiffy.



Sunrise over Water - Don Anderson

What's on this month?

12/05/2021, 7pm Zoom Presentation With Roy Killen <i>How to achieve optimal detail in your images.</i>	18/05/2021, 10:30am Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Croudace Bay \$5pp
19/05/2021 Monthly Print Competition	31/05/2021 Raw Challenge Entries Close

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

18/05/2021

With only a week to go Katherine James and Barb Hunter are very excited to see you at their event to raise funds for cancer research and to support people impacted by cancer.

It's going to be a great day, with a raffle of something they feel sure you will be proud to own.

Barb Hunter has been busy potting up succulents, and has a beautiful planter for sale, so they are asking you to bring your money with you.

So far through donations we have raised over \$160. Thank you to the members and friends that have donated.

Because we are in a park you do need to bring your own tea or coffee, however, there is a coffee van very close if you'd find that easier.

Don't forget a chair.

Directions..

If coming from Belmont pass the BP servo, turn Left immediately after the Skate park at Croudace Bay.

If coming from Warner's Bay it is a Right turn just before the Skate park, easy to find at the moment as there is a lot of Blue Fencing right near the turn.

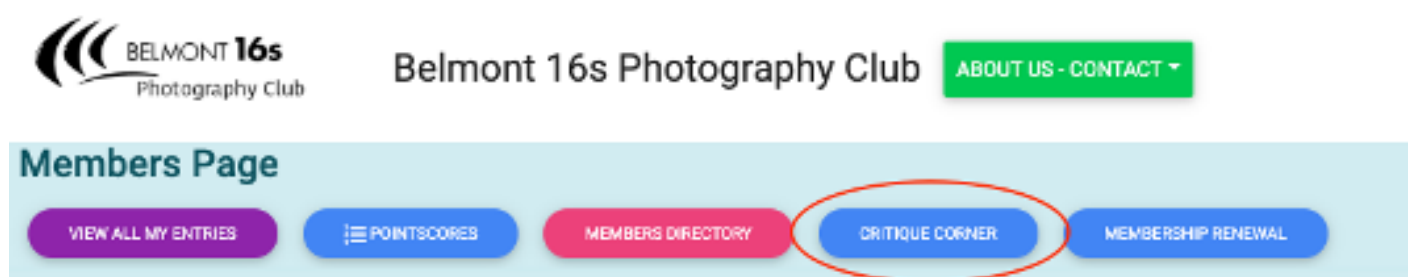
Critique Corner

Critique Corner aims to help members to fine-tune potential entries by gaining feedback from other members before the image is entered into a competition.

All members, regardless of experience are encouraged to upload images and make comments on images. The aim is to help each other to develop both your image capture and processing skills, and to take the judges' point of view when assessing an image. There are no grades within this activity.

Each member can upload one image per category. Once uploaded you can use this image in an upcoming competition. You can remove the image and replace it with another image whenever you choose.

The critique corner is accessible from the Members page as shown below:





Club Equipment

With Greg Carruthers

Please contact Greg if you would like to borrow any of the club's equipment, so if you need to borrow the mat

President	Vice President	Secretary	EDI & Judge Co-ordinator
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Dennis Archibald	Vacant	Susan Slack	Dennis Archibald
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Treasurer	Membership Co-ordinator	Webmaster	Zoom Co-ordinator & Equipment Loans
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Liz Woods	Annette Collins	Colin Woods	Greg Carruthers
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Presentations Co-ordinator	Social Activities	Newsletter Editor	Club Patron
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Currently vacant	Barb Hunter	Julie Brooks	Les Porter 4958 5840 www.Lesporter1.com.au
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Committee Members

Barbara Hunter, Bill Chambers, Bob Todd, Diane Schofield, Greg Carruthers, Julie Brooks, Katherine James, Roy Killen and Thomas Buckwalter

Please feel free to contact any of the Committee members to discuss club matters and to have those matters raised at a Committee meeting.

The Committee meets at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom.

board cutter, Spyder calibration tool and software for both Mac and PC.

Greg's details can be found in the members link on the club website.

Greg will bring some boards along to competition nights for members to purchase at \$2 per board or can be picked up from his home address. If you know you require a large number of boards (e.g. more than 10), please contact Greg before the night via text or email.

Please have the correct money



Belmont 16s Photography Club

The club is currently putting together some lighting equipment (donated and purchased) e.g. soft boxes, stands, backdrops, umbrellas etc and will soon be available to borrow for use with your own lighting.

Committee News

We are still looking for anyone who may be interested in learning the ropes and taking over the following roles of at our 2021 AGM.

These two roles are very important, will not be a huge impost on your time and will be greatly rewarding. These two positions are:

- ✓ Judging Co-ordinator
- ✓ Workshop co-ordinator

These are roles that are fully supported by all members of the Committee, with lots of shared ideas, broad and varied contact networks and a good deal of assistance from our current incumbents. You will not have to do this alone. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more.

Many thanks in advance!

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[Club Website](#)



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Please remember when visiting Belmont 16 Footers to present your membership card when having a meal and/or something to drink as all of these purchases are credited to our overall membership purchase tally and, if we reach the average spend per member, as determined by 16 Footers, Belmont 16s Photography Club becomes eligible for sponsorship to the value of \$1,000 each financial year. This sponsorship allows us to keep membership prices low, gives us funds to purchase Club equipment and to put on events for members.

The Photography Club Committee would encourage all members to consider the 16s when planning a night out and don't forget to present your membership card when making purchases!



Focus - David Hansell