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Jan Lobato:
Image made at Olinda mid-week outing

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO July 2021 NEWSLETTER:
28th June

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FOR YOUR DIARY....

AGM Club meeting
7.30pm Monday 7 JUNE
Via Zoom. Click on club calendar entry for zoom login details

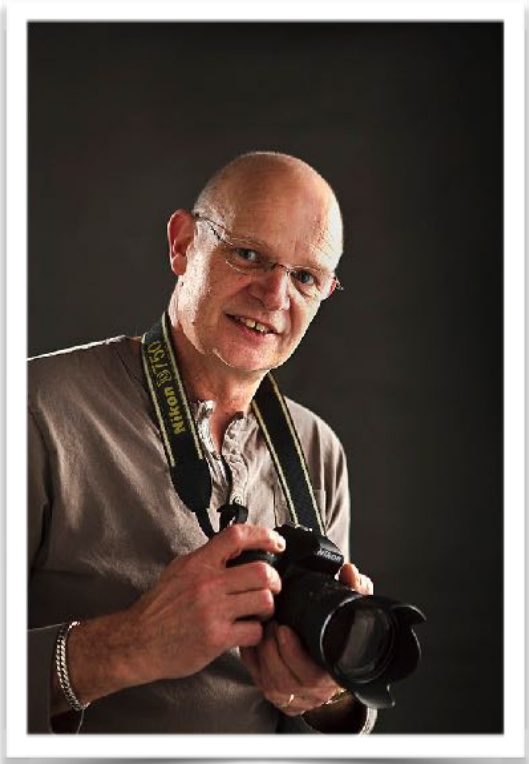
Entries for Club Competition
'Water In Motion'
Monday 7 June 11.30pm

Committee meeting
Thursday10 June at 7.30pm via Zoom

Mid-Week outing
Tuesday 15 June
'A night-walk around Warragul'
Details to follow (club email)
Subject to lockdown restrictions

A wonderful montage of happy, smiling people, enjoying photography. Credit: Robyn Wright & Terrie O'Dwyer

President's Report
AGM June 2021



Well, what an interesting year in the world of the Warragul Camera Club. Dealing with such a difficult time and with many organisations and businesses not surviving through Covid, I'm proud to say that our club has done really well navigating through, what has been a very traumatic year.

This hasn't happened by chance, as the fantastic effort of our committee and club members combined, has ensured that we have remained strong as a club. Especially difficult since our photographic interests are very visual and we all value the close face to face contact of each other. We, as a club, have endured this difficult time and embraced the technology to keep us all connected and the amazing efforts and dedication by our committee is to be applauded.

I would like to mention some events that occurred during the year and how these played a part in keeping us together as a club.

Gippsland Interclub Competition:
This was hosted by the Latrobe Valley Camera Club and was moved to a digital event on Zoom. Unfortunately our club wasn't successful in 2020 but please enter your prints to this years competition at the July meeting so we can have a better chance this year. This year's event is being hosted by the Sale Camera Club. They have secured the Heyfield Wetlands Information Centre for this year's exhibition.

PakWag - Pakenham and Warragul Interclub Competition:
We hosted last year's event and unfortunately we couldn't secure a victory. The standard of entries was very high and hopefully we will have more success this year. Stay tuned when this event is being held in the next half of the year.

2021 National Exhibition:
What a fantastic event this was after the disappointing cancellation of last years event. We have had a record number of visitors to our exhibition this year, that was held at the Fountain Room of The West Gippsland Arts Centre. Thanks must go to the National sub committee members guided by **Jane Woodcock** for the tremendous efforts to make this a successful event once more.

10 Club Portrait Competition:
This was hosted by the Camberwell Camera Club. What a great opportunity to be involved in this unique annual competition with our club being one of only ten clubs selected to compete. Well done to members who received an award. This event is being held again this year and entries are due at the July meeting. This is a digital image only competition so plenty of time to get your submissions included.

Monthly Outings:
Thanks to **Ron Paynter** for organising some great activities throughout the year. This was especially difficult during Covid lockdowns but what a brilliant job he did coming up with many creative activities over this period.

Interest Groups:
- Audio Visual
- Competition
- CREX
- Drone
- Mid Week Outings
- Print
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We introduced our special interest groups last year and these have proved to be very successful. Thanks to those members who have joined these groups and special thanks to those who have taken a leadership role within these groups. Your efforts coordinating these groups are very much appreciated.

This past year has certainly been a challenge for all of us and also for our club. Our wonderful committee have risen to that challenge. We are continuing to work with the technology as we come back to face to face meetings and combining Zoom as restrictions are lifted.

I would like to thank each committee member who has committed so much time and effort this year and others who have willingly assisted in many ways.

Rose Bosse - Newsletter Editor/Coordinator and Membership Coordinator:
Thanks so much to Rose for bringing you all the news and up to date club information and putting together a content packed newsletter each month. Rose has also managed our membership for a good part of the year and I appreciate the efforts and dedication that she has given to the club this year.

Ruth Burleigh - Special Events Coordinator:
Ruth has continued to use her experience and knowledge of our club to bring many new exciting events and competitions to you. As past president over many years, her club knowledge and contacts within the photography fraternity have assisted in this role. Ruth is a dedicated and passionate member of our wonderful camera club. She is my wonderful friend who is always supportive and a great source of advice to me.

Marshall Cock - Treasurer:
Thank you Marshall for handling the club's finances. This vital role is one of the most important and we have continued to be a very secure club due to Marshall's mindful management of the club finances. Thanks again Marshall for also contributing your expertise and assistance with the National Exhibition and assistance in the technical issues that we continue to deal with.

Peter Dwyer/Jan Bennett - Secretary:
Peter has been our club Secretary for over five years and during that time we have welcomed his experience in business and legal matters to ensure the smooth running of this important position. Peter reluctantly stood down from this role in February and we were fortunate to have Jan step into the Secretary's position for the rest of the club year. Thank you to both Peter and Jan for your fantastic contributions to the club.

Russell Monson - Vice-President/Sponsorship Coordinator:
Thank you to Russell who is my valuable assistant in the leadership role of the camera club. He is a great sounding board for me and his expertise in management and organisational skills is a great asset for the club. He brings innovative change and challenges us all to achieve results with efficiency and excellence. Russell is also responsible for the valuable sponsorships we have with the National Exhibition and without his skills and input we would not be able to present this as a

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financially viable event. I'm also proud to have Russell as my partner in presenting our photography courses which has also benefited our club by introducing new members.

Ron Paynter - Outing Coordinator:
Thank you to Ron for providing us with fun filled activities during the difficult time during Covid last year. It was wonderful when freedom returned and we were able to get out and photograph once more. Ron has done an amazing job creating the outings AV's each month and has been the linchpin keeping our club members inspired and active.
Thanks again Ron for your organisational business skills which provide great value to our club and providing some great tutorials during the year.

Mike Moore - Competition Coordinator:
Thanks to Mike's enthusiasm and passion in photography and competitions, we have had a great year with many members contributing to competitions this year. Especially difficult dealing with Covid and coordinating and running the competitions on Zoom. Mike has done a terrific job organising online judges to make sure members receive great judging and feedback on their images. Well done Mike and we look forward to the return of print images this year.

Jake Trotman - Membership Coordinator:
Thank you to Jake for is valuable input to the club handling the important job of memberships. His videographer skills bringing our YouTube meetings to members during Covid to a professional level is very much appreciated and I acknowledge his assistance.

David Woodcock - Webmaster, National Exhibition Advisor/Assistant:
Thanks to the skills and dedication of David, he has improved the club's online National Exhibition entry system to be one of the world's best. He has made us one of the leading clubs throughout Australia, keeping up with the online world and technology. He has also been responsible for the smooth running of our club's website. Thank you again David, for your dedication and commitment to our club.

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Jane Woodcock - National Coordinator:
Thank you to Jane for her superb leadership to bring together such a successful 2021 National Competition and Exhibition. Her skills and commitment to this event are second to none and wouldn't have been possible without her drive and enthusiasm to bring it all together. As one of only two national exhibitions in Victoria, we are very fortunate to have someone with such passion to make our club's exhibitions the standout event. Thank you Jane for all your continued hard work which is very much appreciated.

A very special thanks to **Kayren Browne** for her fantastic monthly Gazette reports and advertising knowledge. She has also done an amazing job with the advertising and promotional work for the National Exhibition and has provided valuable exposure to this year's event.

2020 has been a very sad year for many, on top of Covid affecting our lives. We lost a dear friend and terrific club member, Roger Keagle. I would like to acknowledge Roger in this annual report. He touched so many people's lives I and thank him for his friendship to myself and other club members and his valuable contribution to our club. Our thoughts and best wishes continue to go out to Linda Keagle. I also acknowledge and wish all members who have lost someone special in their lives during the year, our heartfelt condolences go out to you all on behalf of the camera club. It's been a tough year that's for sure!

Thank you to all our members who assist and support the camera club behind the scenes. A special thanks also to those members who have provided valuable tutorials to our members. Your skill and assistance is always appreciated. What an amazing club we have with enthusiastic members with varied skills and knowledge.
It's been a challenging year and I have been proud to be president of our club and leading it into better times in the future.

BenQ

48th Warragul National AGM Report

The 48th Warragul national was again a success on a number of levels.

This year we were back at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. They assisted us in a difficult covid year and the exhibition venue worked extremely well.

Although the financial reconciliation is unable to be finalised as yet, it is looking as though we have come in on budget. This is a result of having very supportive and generous sponsors and the tiresome work of our Sponsorship member, Russell Monson. There are many significant expenses incurred with running a national which a not for profit club like ours, run by volunteers, could not possibly cover alone. Our Treasurer, Marshall Cock was instrumental in keeping an eye on expenses and ensuring that we adhered to our set procedures.

Our advertising was really ramped up this year with Kayren Browne at the helm. An amazing number of papers/ magazines included articles before and now after the exhibition and this has helped increase attendances by approximately 100 more people across the three days.

Our judges did a remarkable job of selecting the top 30% of images for the exhibition. Ruth Burleigh jumped into a judging chair at late notice to help with the judging. We would not be able to have this level of competition without them.

Our data system has been revamped from last year by our data manager, David Woodcock. This ensured a simplified data base for the entry and judging of images. A range of reports is now readily available, not only for the running of the judging and exhibition but also for reporting at various levels.

Prints were prepared by Marshall Cock, Linda Zwierlein and Robyn Wright and that resulted in a smooth running of the judging day. They were then packed up afterwards and returned to the entrants immediately after the end of the exhibition.

The exhibition prints were curated by Cathy Tisdale and Robyn Rosenboom and the resulting print exhibition showed the images to their best. The digital exhibition for the national and the Gazette Readers and Schools entries were put together by David Woodcock.

Many club members were involved with judging day, bumping in and out of the exhibition and reception duties throughout the 3 exhibition days.

Our club president, Bruce Langdon, had many roles and was a huge support throughout the whole year. Many, many hours have been spent on all aspects of the national.

Positive feedback came from many quarters including, the Australian Photographic Society, the judges and the many people who attended the Exhibition.

My gratitude to all involved. It was an enormous privilege to be able to guide our club to such a successful National.

Jane Woodcock

Chair, Warragul National Sub-committee.

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Warragul National

Again, my sincere thanks to all concerned with the 48th National. I would like to especially note the continuing support of all our sponsors. Even though covid has made life difficult for them over the last year, they have still been there for us. Our platinum sponsors, Baw Baw Shire and Epson and our Gold sponsors Drouin and District community bank Branch Bendigo Bank, BenQ, V/Line and Vanguard/Crumpler and all the others, have continued to support our aim of holding an important community event of which we all should be proud. Please continue to support them.
Thank you to all club members involved in organising the national, especially Bruce, Russell, David, Marshall, Kayren, Linda Z. Cathy T, Robyn's Wright and Rosenboom and many others. Thank you to Ruth who at the last minute stepped in as a replacement judge. Also those who supported our national with your entries.

I want to share with you this feedback from the immediate past president of the Australian Photographic Society.
Cheers
Jane

'Dear Jane

On behalf of the Australian Photographic Society I would again extend our congratulations on another very successful Warragul National.

From a judges perspective the judging day was so very well coordinated even with the impact of Covid restrictions, it went very smoothly and it was a pleasure to be involved.

Likewise the print display at the Civic Centre was exceptional and the prints when on display looked really good with the layout spaced nicely on the boards so that they were easy to view and read the makers details.

Please pass on my congratulations and that of the Society to your committee and club for an outstanding contribution to photography and the Nationals in Australia.

I hope that you can take some time now to recover and rest up ready for the 2022 National next year.

We all look forward to the Warragul National in 2022.

Kindest regards

Peter Kewley'

Australia Photographic Society
Immediate Past President

A selection of images from the 48th National Photographic Competition & Exhibition held at the West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul, 14th to 16th May, 2021.

The competition/exhibition organisers and members of the Warragul Camera Club would like to thank all of the sponsors and judges who gave their support to this annual event.

Special thanks go to Drouin Community Bank and the Baw Baw Shire Council for their tremendous support.

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Major Events Report

Portrait Competition: We will need your two entries to this competition at the **July** general meeting. These will then be submitted to our selection panel. (There are full details on page 7 of the March 2021 newsletter).

E-book workshop by Ewen Bell: you will have read about this in previous emails and, Bruce has been promoting this workshop as well. This is a **four week course** commencing in July and there will be quite a bit of homework. We are limited to 10 members, this is a terrific opportunity to learn how to curate and prepare an ebook. If this is something you are interested in please contact me so I can put your name down on the list.

Gippsland Interclub: - Entries will be required at the **July** general meeting night. Two prints per member. All entries will then be presented to our selection committee to make the selection that will represent our club. The subject is '**open**' but the image must have been taken in Gippsland.

Presentation: Sue Tainan will be providing us with a tutorial via zoom, as she lives in Tasmania, on Monday 12th July. It will be on landscape photography. Sue is a vastly travelled international photographer.

Best wishes
Ruth

May Tutorial: Portraits

Last months tutorial evening was presented by club member Paul Robinson, who spoke to and demonstrated the art of portrait photography. Attendees were very attentive and appreciative, no doubt with the Camberwell Camera Club's 10 Club Portrait Competition coming up soon (see President's and Major Events reports). Our thanks to Paul for sharing his time and expertise.

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Club Interest Groups

Did you know that as a member of Warragul Camera Club you are able to join an Interest Group organised by like-minded members? Each group co-ordinates its own activities and discussions, encouraging and facilitating involvement by all. Why not join a group of fellow enthusiasts and participate in the learning and sharing that Interest Group membership offers?

Simply contact the convenor of the group for details of meetings and activities.

Interest Group	Convenor / Contact
Audio Visual	Ruth Burleigh
CREX	Geoff Croucher
Competitions	Robyn Wright
Drone	Kayren Browne
Midweek Outings	Robyn Rosenboom
Print	Russell Monson

Audio Visual Interest Group Report

The group have finalised the AV and it is now ready for the official opening night. We look forward to presenting it to you in the very near future.

I am hoping we can start on another project very soon.

Ruth
Audio-Visual Interest Group Co-ordinator

Club Calibrator for Hire

Colours and brightness of computer screens and monitors change over time. In order to see images correctly screens and monitors need to be regularly calibrated.

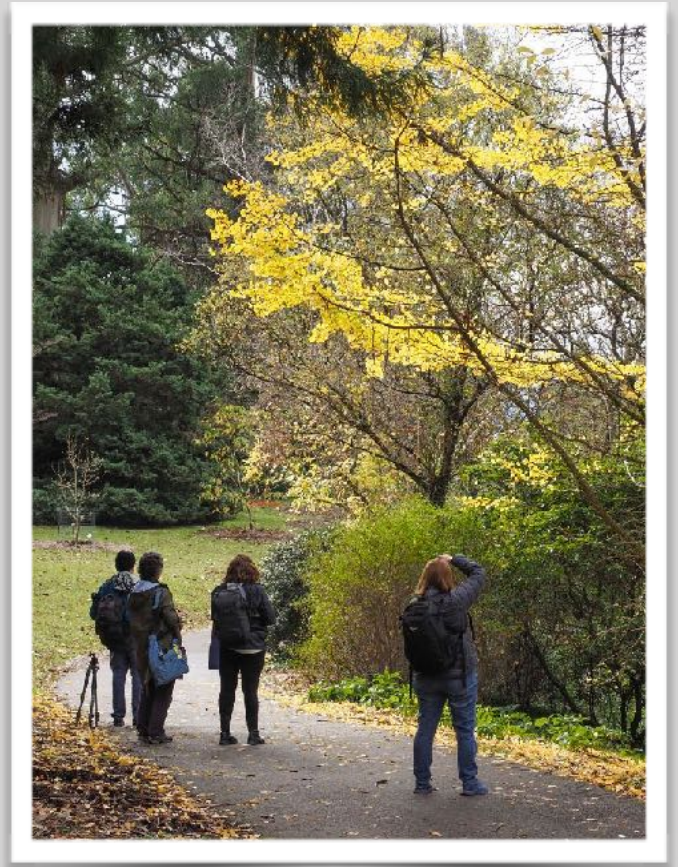
To save club members the expense of purchasing a calibrator (in excess of $600) you can hire the club X-rite i1Studio calibrator for $15 per week. If you are unfamiliar with its usage, a helpful tutorial is available on YouTube. Details of this tutorial have been document and will be in the calibrator case.

Contact Bruce Langdon for bookings.
0418 595 080

Midweek Outing Interest Group

"The WCC midweek outing was held on Thursday 20th May and an intrepid group of snappers headed to Olinda Botanical Gardens. The morning was fine and overcast skies allowed for great photo opportunities. Some members had a go at macro photography and particularly Ron's pursuit of mushrooms was well rewarded. The trees and plants were a mix of autumn finery and winter bare so many different elements could be incorporated into our photography. As the weather started to close in we retreated to a cosy cafe for a bite to eat (one member was spied with a rather large plate of pancakes!), coffee and a chat about the day. A warm welcome to Jan Lobato, a new member who joined us for her first outing.
Subject to the current lockdown restrictions, our next outing will be a night walk around Warragul on Tuesday15th *June, details to follow."*

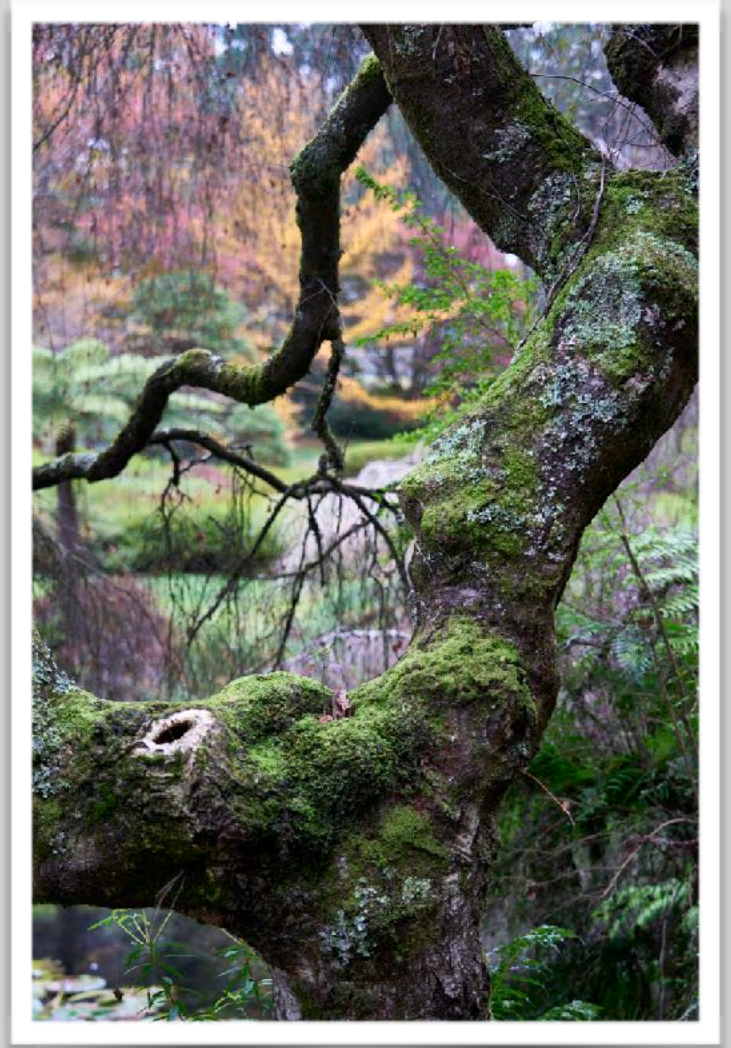
Cheers
Robyn Rosenboom
Group Co-ordinator



Ron Paynter:
A group of keen WCC photographers at the Olinda Botanical Gardens May 2021

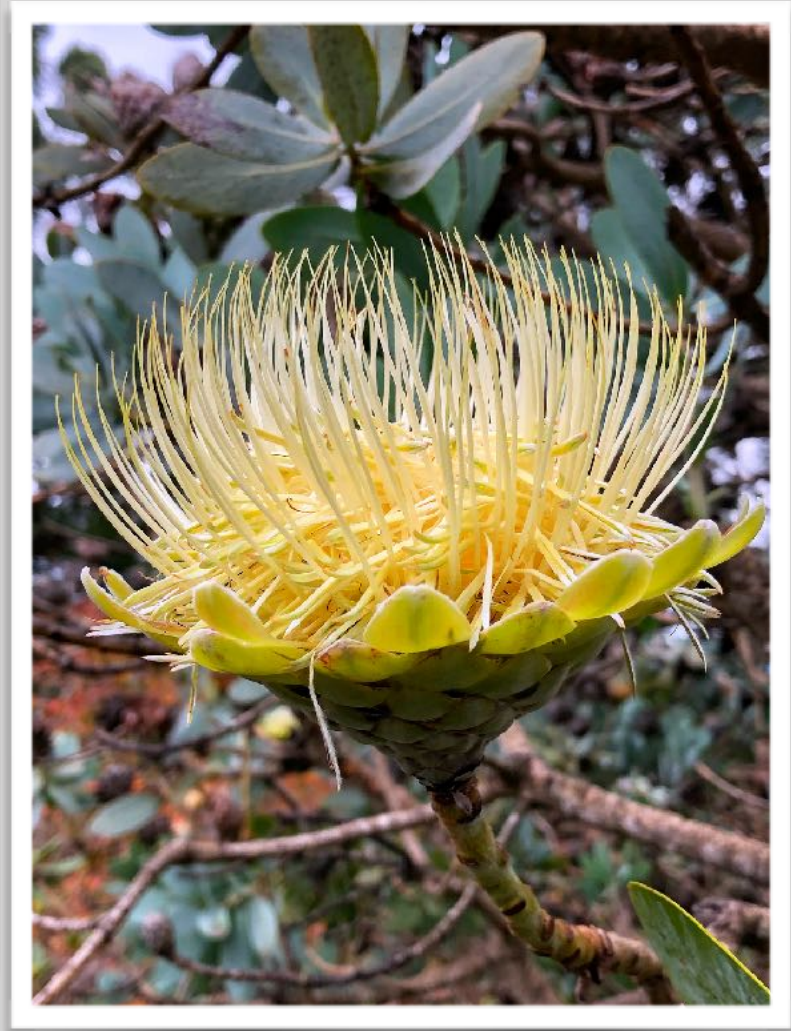
Cathie Langdon

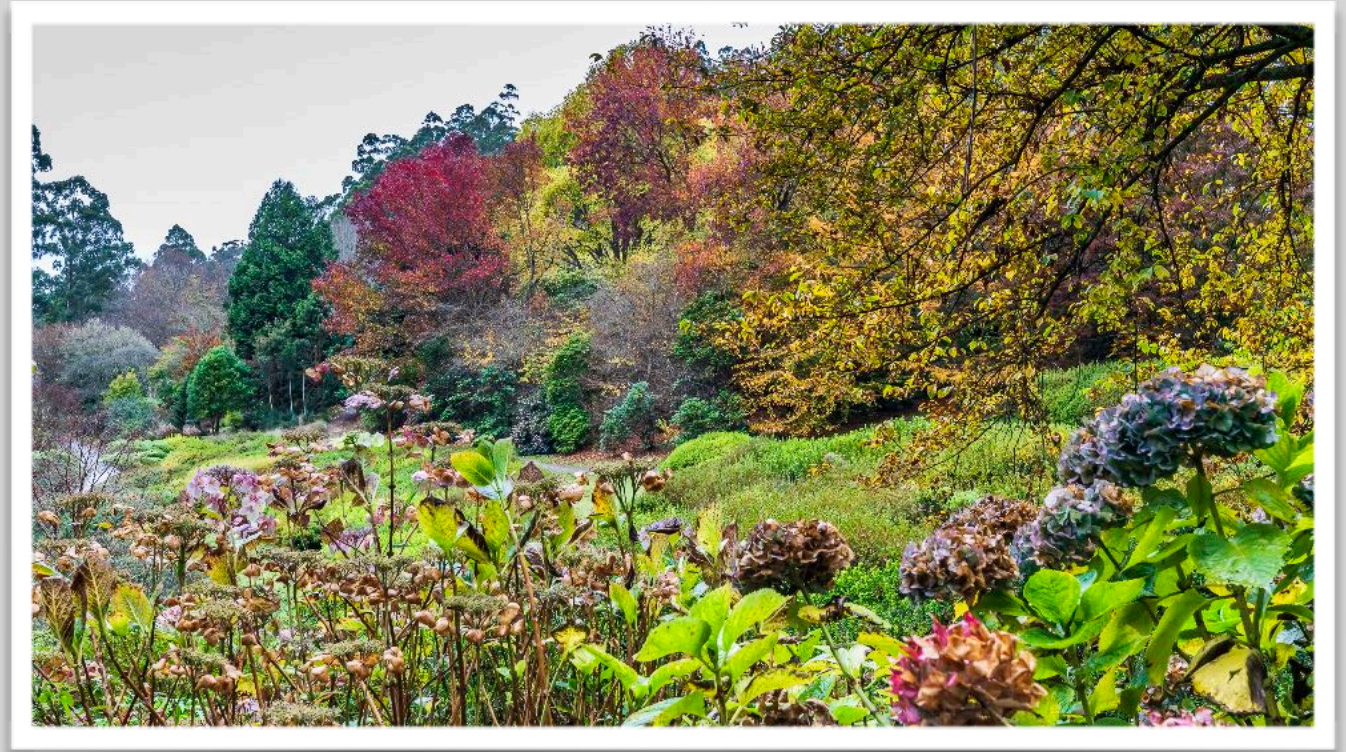
A few images from the Olinda Botanical Gardens



David Woodcock

Cathie Langdon





Robyn Rosenboom

Ron Paynter

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Online Photography Resources

https://photographylife.com/texture-in-photography
A good read on understanding texture in photography
Photography Life

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https://photographylife.com/how-to-focus-stack-panoramas
All about the technique of focus stacking

https://photographylife.com/landscapes
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https://photographylife.com/landscapes/how-to-photograph-the-milky-way
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https://photographylife.com/photoshop-blend-modes-explained
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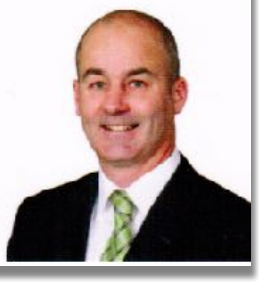

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