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TOMAREE PENINSULA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December) at Soldiers Point Bowling Club, usually in the Seascapes Room immediately on the right as you enter the club. Meetings start at 7pm and usually last somewhere between two to three hours depending on how much is happening on the evening.

On the Tuesday night we have a nominated theme subject or open subject which alternates each month. The members bring photographs and present to the meeting as an 8" x 12" or A4 print. There are currently four print categories which are attached. Theme subjects are designed to take members outside their usual photographic comfort zones. The theme is throughout all four categories. The best pictures of the month in each of the theme or open categories are selected either by popular vote, or, if we are fortunate enough to have a visiting competition judge or photography expert, by them. There are no prizes for best picture of the month. Just the satisfaction and kudos of knowing that your peers appreciate your work. Much of what we learn as members comes through considering how other members have achieved particular effects and asking them how they did it.

We use a standard size matt in black or white for presenting our pictures. The matt dimensions are 454 x 357 mm with a 292 x 195 mm window. This will fit either an A4 or a 12" x 8" print. From time to time the club makes a bulk purchase of matts at discount prices and these can be purchased from the club committee on club nights,

As well as our monthly meetings we regularly arrange outings either to photograph items of interest or to visit photographic events or exhibitions. We try co-ordinate the outings with upcoming monthly themes, so an outing to Hunter Valley Gardens, for example, will precede a monthly theme subject associated with flowers. It is by no means essential to attend the outing to get the theme photograph, though.

We produce a calendar showing our planned activities, themes and outings. A copy of the calendar will be e-mailed to you or you can download the current calendar from the club website.

Club membership subscriptions are currently \$35 per year. The membership year runs from 1st January to 31 December. Members joining on or after 1st July pay just \$17 for the first half year membership. Additionally members who attend meetings are

encouraged to make a gold coin donation to the club funds. This keeps the cost of membership down and allows some funds for social events.

Soldiers Point Bowling Club is very generous to our Club in allowing us the use of its facilities. In return, members of our club are expected to take out social membership of the Bowling Club. At an annual rate of \$10, which usually includes some form of bonus, such as a birthday meal and drink, this is by no means a major imposition.

Each year we hold an annual exhibition to which the public is invited in order to view our work and talk to our members about photography as a hobby. This helps to entice new members and is a great chance to display your favourite images. We also look for other opportunities to show off our work and make ourselves known to a wider audience.

The club website advertises our existence to the world, provides information on the Club. The website address is: <http://tpphotoclub.org/>

We also have a closed Facebook page which we try to keep updated with things going on in our backyard that would make good photo opportunities. Once your membership has been paid you will be added to our email and also our Facebook page if requested.

These are the best ways of knowing what is going on with the club.

The Club is run by a committee comprising the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer plus four or more ordinary members who are variously responsible for events and the club website. Current committee members are listed on the website.

The Club's official e-mail address tpphotoclub@outlook.com Any correspondence for committee members can be passed through this address. You can also talk to any of the committee members at club meetings about any questions, suggestions, offers to give presentations etc that you have. And the committee is always looking for new blood when you feel you want to take an active role in steering the Club.

We hope you enjoy your time with us, learn a lot, laugh a lot and make new friends.

Regards

Maria Albury

Secretary