

President's Report

Hi everyone!

The October meeting was held at the Community Health Centre building, Foster on Wednesday 1st of October at 7:00pm with dinner at the Foster Hotel at 5:30pm. The meal was good, or at least mine was nice.

The meeting was attended by 16 members and two visitors. The judge for the "*Minimalism (Negative Space)*" challenge was Roy Fisher. Roy gave helpful comments on each image with suggestions on how they could be improved.

- **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurers Report was tabled with an account balance of \$2,429.50.
- **Guest Speaker:** We were given a Presentation and talk from a local photographer, Natalie Van Aken. Natalie talked on her journey with photography from her training through to her many trips overseas as well as the local area. She presented many spectacular images taken on land, sea and air. I am sure that the members found her presentation to be interesting and inspirational.
- **Activity:** We had a practical session of Shutter Speed using an electric fan. By photographing the fan at different shutter speeds, demonstrating that at slower speeds, the fan was blurred and at higher speeds, the fan was frozen and appeared to be stationary.

Choosing the correct shutter speed can be critical to getting the effect that you want in your image.
- **Portrait Workshop:** The portrait workshop was postponed yet again due to lack of numbers and the model having illness in her family. We will have to reschedule to next year.
- **Raffle:** A Photography book was the raffle prize which was won by Bev Tyres.

Upcoming Reminders

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 5th November at the 'Fleming Room' Sth Gippsland Hospital Cmnty Hth Centre, 87 Station Road, Foster at 7:00pm. Dinner at Foster Hotel at 5:30pm.

- 'Windows & Doors' challenge being judged by Philip Island Camera Club.

- **Next Outing:** *Alphabet Hunt* (Sunday 16/11/25)

We can't disclose the location just yet and you will understand why on the day! However, we can guarantee heaps of fun as we go on a journey of discovery as we learn to look through the lens at the world in a different way.

For now, please note this in your diary and RSVP to Plu (plufish2@bigpond.com). More information will be forthcoming closer to the date.

- **Image of the Year:** Remember that your image of the year entries need to be in no later than the next meeting night on 5th of November.

IOTY Categories - Each person may submit up to 12 images (x2 in each category) that have been entered during 2025 in ANY of the monthly challenges, including your *My Favourite Photo* (MFP) entries!

1. Best General OR Best Advanced: This is really an open category. Submit whatever subject you choose.
2. Best Creative: This is defined as obvious manipulation of one or more images to create a final image that alters reality.
3. Best Nature
4. Best Portrait
5. Best Landscape/Seascape
6. Best Monochrome

There will be a winner in each of the above categories and from those, the Image of the Year will be announced.

We are getting some great spring weather, so I hope you are all out getting those great shots and I hope to see you all at the next Meeting.

Regards,
Ken.

Daily Photo Challenge Calendar (November)

This is a fun thing.

Photos do not have to be competition quality.

A quick phone snap will do it. Have fun!



Challenge ("Minimalism - Negative Space")

General



HC: "Heron on Shallow Inlet" by Nicky Walker

Advanced



HC: "Drama" by Claire Kent
Image of the Month

Creative



HC: "Last One" by Kerrie Matthews

My Favourite Photo

General



HC: "Easter Bunny" by Andrea O'Hara

Advanced



HC: "The Boat" by John Plucinski

2026 Foster & District Agricultural Show Photography Competition - Saturday 22 February 2026

Whether you're capturing the beauty of the South Gippsland landscape, the charm of rural life, or a moment that tells a story, we want to see it!

The Photography Section of the Foster & District Agricultural Show will be open for entries in the New Year.

Categories for advanced photographers (camera club members) are:-

- Landscapes & Seascapes
- Architecture
- Animals/Birds/Insects
- Rural Life
- Action
- Open
- Creative

There is also a standalone photography section (although you can enter phone pics in the other categories as well).

Get out there and start snapping!

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Anyone interested please contact

Stephen Green

Email: stephengreen55@hotmail.com or

Phone: 0459 623 330

David has sent this information on to us.

If you would like a bit more detail, please contact Claire on the shutterbugs email and Claire will forward to you.

Funnies (courtesy of the internet)

