

Agenda



Friday 19th May

6 – 8pm Viewing of entries and pre-registration

Saturday 20th May

10am Club doors open, registration

10.30am Convention open and Welcome

10.45am **Len Metcalf** –*Creativity Lens. Creativity is in all of us. In this presentation Len tells us how to get in touch with our creative bones, our creative intuitions, or even how to channel creative energy. This presentation is full of practical tips and tricks that help photographers get the most of their creativity.*

Len began his obsession for photography in the late sixties when his father gifted him his first camera. He studied for a Bachelor of Visual Arts in Photography and graduated with straight distinctions. He then pursued a career in education and outdoor adventure. During his 30-year career in education, Len worked with numerous schools and businesses as an experiential educator, facilitating learning outcomes through experiences in the outdoors.

But he was ready to pursue a new direction, so he completed a Graduate Diploma in Art Education at Sydney University and a Masters Degree in Adult Education at the University of Technology, Sydney and then in 2000 Len founded Len's School.

His exquisite photographs capture diverse Australian landscapes, from arid deserts and windswept coasts to his backyard in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. He runs his own photography school, has exhibited widely and writes for photography journals around the world.

11.45am **Steve Young** - *The World of Extreme Macro Photography - a Continuous Quest to Keep Shooting Smaller and Smaller*

In this session you'll see the equipment used in extreme macro, the mathematics involved to get successful outcomes, the need for problem solving along the way and of course like any style of photography, the absolute joy in achieving great outcomes at the end of the day.

Steve is a retired commercial photographer who is active in exploring the depth of technology used in extreme macro photography. He concentrates on two subject matters, Micro-fossils and a class of Amoebzoa called Myxomycetes (AKA Slime Moulds). His key interest lies in finding or cultivating the growth of Myxomycetes and following the extremely short fruiting life cycle photographing their beauty as this occurs. The size range of the fruiting bodies demands a very specialised approach to capturing high quality images.

Steve challenges himself to continuously improve his processes and equipment to ensure he can adequately capture smaller and smaller subjects and volunteers at the Eromanga Natural History Museum SW QLD working on micro-fossil discovery and photography. His photography has been featured in many publications, including Australian Geographic, and specialist books by the CSIRO, and notable experts across the globe.

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- 12.45pm Introduce/explain afternoon's activities
Photo rally or Len's workshop
- 1pm Leave for activities – own lunch arrangements
- 5pm Cut off time for sending entries for Photo rally to c.ex_camera_club@hotmail.com
- 6pm Arrive back at club for dinner, mix and mingle and award presentations.
- 9pm Close

Sunday 21st May

- 6.20am Sunrise - DIY Early morning photo shoot - this is not an organised event, we are just making sure you have the time to catch the sunrise if you want to and have a leisurely breakfast.
9am – 10am NZ AGM for delegates
- 10am Club doors open
- 10.15am Convention opens
- 10.30am **Gary Bell – *My professional photography journey***

Gary will take you through his professional career journey of more than 40 years, by sharing a range of images from a wide variety of genres including nature and wildlife. He'll discuss some of nitty-gritties in this field, which may be of interest to anyone considering a career in photography.

Gary's photographic journey started in 1974 when he shot his first picture underwater on the Mornington Peninsula. Since then, his photography has taken him all over Australia and many locations around the world. In 2003, Gary launched Oceanwide Images Stock Image Agency, representing an elite group of nature and wildlife photographers from around the world and continues to manage the agency today with his wife, Meri.

He is an ardent conservationist and a regular supporter of numerous conservation organizations. His dedication and passion for capturing moments in nature has won him a string of international awards with work featured in major nature magazines, such as National Geographic, Australian Geographic, books, advertising campaigns and other publications. Gary's awards include the Australasia Underwater Photographer of the Year for three consecutive years from 1990 and he is the only person to have achieved this. Today, Gary often sits on the other side of the desk as a judge for photography competitions.

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11.30am **Don Munro** FCC Secretary - *FCC Judges Course and What Judges Look for*

Don is Secretary of the Pennant Hills Photographic Club, and Secretary of the NSW Federation of Camera Clubs. In this session you will hear from Don about his work in coordinating the FCC's Photographic Judges' course in February 2023, producing the FCC's first Photographic Judges Manual and plans to hold another FCC Judges' Course in regional NSW later in 2023

Don became an FCC judge in 2019. He has judged for dozens of Clubs around NSW, for the NSW Interclub competition in 2022 and is an international judge for the Trans-Tasman 2023 Competition. He began his photographic journey over a decade ago. He shoots all types of photography, but prefers landscape, street photography or still life and specialises in monochrome.

Don is also a photography educator, mentoring new members at the Pennant Hills Club, he runs a lighting and portrait workshop each year, and helps experienced members to develop their own "photographic voice". He has also given presentations to Clubs on topics including Minimalism, Maximalist Photography, Composition and Juxtaposition

12.00pm Photo rally image review and discussion

12.30pm Closing address including any detail on convention 2024

12.45pm **Close and pack up.**