

## U3A Photography Group

Each month a theme is chosen to encourage us to see things differently (Colour, Reflections, Patterns), to slow down and think about each shot before pressing the shutter (Don't Look Now), but ultimately this group is about having a fun outing with like-minded people! While the themes change each month, the basics of photography don't.

To achieve the image you want, remember: composition including point of view, shutter speed, aperture, depth of field and exposure.

The group meets on the first Friday of the month, starting in March 2018. Group outings commence at 9am and finish around 11am, when we will meet for coffee/tea at a nearby café at the participant's own expense. Wear comfortable shoes and a sunhat. Bring water, money for coffee, and a fully charged battery!

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DATE	THEME	MEETING PLACE
2 March	<b>A-Z.</b> <i>Photograph something that represents each letter of the alphabet (eg grass for G, calm water could represent Q for quiet).</i>	Marine Tower, North Wall Ballina Coffee at Lighthouse Beach Café
6 April	<b>Reflections.</b> <i>Create symmetrical images, as well as those that only include the reflection, eg. in shop windows, water, sunglasses, car body.</i>	Car park RSL Ballina. Coffee at First Floor Lounge RSL Club
4 May	<b>Lead my eye.</b> <i>Use "leading lines" whether natural, man-made or imaginary, to create strong images. Does the line leads to somewhere/something of interest?</i>	Car park Lake Ainsworth Surf Club Coffee at Ocean View Café @ Surf Club
1 June	<b>Don't Look Now.</b> <i>This means that you will not look at the photographs you've taken until they are downloaded onto your computer at home. Shoot as if you were using a film camera. Only take 36 images (eg. a roll of 35mm film) during the outing, and no peeking at the LCD screen!</i>	Car park Summerland House Alstonville Coffee at Summerland House Café
6 July	<b>Simplify.</b> <i>Exclude everything from within the frame that is not needed to tell the story.</i>	Car park Shelly Beach, Ballina Coffee at Belle General Shelly Beach
3 August	<b>One Focal Length.</b> <i>All photos should be taken using a 50mm <u>equivalent</u> focal length. This means shooting at 50mm for full frame cameras or at 35mm for crop sensor/compact cameras. If you use a zoom lens, set your focal length at the beginning of the outing and leave it there.</i>	Car park Federal Hotel Alstonville Coffee at Federal Hotel
7 September	<b>Patterns.</b> <i>Look for repeating lines or shapes that form patterns, or look for breaks in the pattern (the odd one out).</i>	Car Park RSL Club Ballina Coffee at First Floor Lounge RSL Club
5 October	<b>Colour.</b> <i>Look for complementary colours or contrasting colours to make your photographs "pop".</i>	Car park Thursday Plantation, Ballina Coffee at Thursday Plantation
2 November	<b>Motion.</b> <i>Use slow(er) shutter speeds, or panning techniques, to create a sense of motion, eg. traffic, people walking or riding bicycles, birds flying, boats on the river.</i>	Car park behind Ballina Library Coffee at Evolution Café Ballina
7 December	<b>Show &amp; Tell Us About Them.</b> <i>Bring along your best 5 photos (on a USB stick) from our group outings to share with the group.</i>	Fripp Oval Main Room Coffee/Lunch at RSL Bowling Club

