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Tasmania at its best

by Les Cooper

After arriving at our son Bradley's and his partner Megan's place late at night, we woke early the next morning to a brilliant sunrise and spectacular vistas that surround their country cottage in the middle of a large farm near Cressy in Tasmania. This was to be our base on and off for the next three weeks.

With the use of Megan's little Suzuki Baleno, it was time to go exploring First stop was Campbelltown with its early to mid-1800 architecture (this was a sight that greeted us in all towns and cities we visited during our stay).

On Saturday Megan took us on a bush walk to the Westmorland Falls, a hidden gem in the mountains about an hour's drive away from our base.

The next day I headed off to the Tasmanian V8 race series armed with a backpack full of camera gear and I wasn't disappointed with all the action. I learnt it wasn't easy photographing cars travelling around 300km/h down the straight! But it was still fun and something that I wanted to have a go at.

One of the next highlights was a trip into the Liffey Falls, again, a short drive with the help of Gena GPS. As luck would have it, we had heavy rain during the previous night so the falls were pumping at their best. While walking into the falls, we met a couple who had just been on a boat trip to Maria Island out

of Triabunna and told us it was a must-do on our itinerary, and as luck would have it, we were heading there at the end of the week.

On Friday the four of us, plus Rudy and Dash (the dogs), headed off in Megan's work SUV for more exploring along the way to Triabunna.

Saturday morning Fiona and I headed off on the boat tour to Maria Island. This was to be one of the most exciting days in a photographer's life, with dolphins swimming by the boat, a visit to a seal colony, going into a very large cave, fossil cliffs, painted cliffs plus the visit to Darlington and old convict settlement / historic cement works along with its old buildings and wildlife, with the added attraction of a visiting 84m super yacht.

As we headed home on the Sunday, we visited the historic town of Oatlands and had a quick tipple at a

whiskey distillery with the added bonus of lunch at the Great Lakes and more scenic vistas.

During the following week we made our way up to Beaconsfield (this place was made famous years ago when two miners were trapped underground for three weeks) and went through the mine exhibition which was well worth the visit.

On the Thursday we were off again, this time to Bruny Island. This place was just awesome with beach walks at Adventure Bay with a real gut-buster of a climb to the Fluted Cape. This walk is an hour and a half round trip which takes you from sea level to 272 metres above but once there, the views were just incredible (might say, not for the faint-hearted, standing on the cliff edge taking photos). We had the added bonus of a wood chopping gala across the road from our accommodation

Tasmania has so much to see and do, can't wait till next year to go back and carry on exploring.

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Field trips

One of the best ways our club can help you learn more about your camera and photography is by going on field trips with the members from the club.

If you would like some advice on your photography or your camera when we're out and about, our more experienced photographers are happy to help point you in the right direction.

We are always on the lookout for new photography locations too. If you have a suggestion for a location for a field trip for the club, get in touch with Les Cooper on 789 9767, email cooperles@xtra.co.nz or catch up with him on club nights.

Seddon Shield

Friday 23 – Sunday 25 August 2019

Motueka Top 10 Holiday Park

Hosted by Motueka Camera Club

Registrations and image submissions for the Salon are now open on the Motueka Camera Club website – **www.motuekacameraclub.nz**

Deadline for image submissions is 7 July.

2019 subs due

Club members are reminded that subs are now due. Please remember to include your name as a reference and let Treasurer Julie Knudsen know if you are a member of PSNZ.

Junior $20 **Single $40** **Family $60**

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Club events

Next club night

Thursday 26 June 2019, 7.30pm

Sue Thomson-Casey Memorial Library
Cnr Palmerston and Henley Streets, Westport

Viewing: Open – judged by Roger Thwaites

Hand in: Portfolio – judged by Harold Mason

Weekend with the Ashburton Photographic Society

Friday 12 July to Sunday 14 July 2019

Club members are invited to come along and join in as photographers and guides for the Ashburton Photographic Society when they come here to visit in July. The weekend begins at the Melbourne Hotel on the Friday night, followed by a day of photography on the Saturday. For more information see Andy Rae.

Still Life Workshop

Sunday 21 July 2019, 10.30am

Sue Thomson-Casey Memorial Library
Cnr Palmerston and Henley Streets, Westport

Led by Gary Stowell. Bring along some small items of interest such as fruit, ornaments, vases and anything else you would like to photograph, and a reflector if you have one (a circular cardboard pizza base will do!) Bring your lunch, or get some fish and chips with us.
No charge for club members.

New Brighton/Buller interclub

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 October 2019

Save the date! This year it's our turn to host the annual New Brighton and Buller Camera Club weekend. Location and other details to follow.