



State Service Award

John Tiddy

John Tiddy has been a member of Stawell Camera Club since 1994. During these 24 years his work within the community and in the club has been outstanding. Since 2014, he has been the main organiser and presenter for this club's Basic Skills courses. This included preparing handouts and PowerPoint presentations for five weekly 2-hour sessions. These courses have always brought new members into the club. In 2017, John and two other club members presented the course at Nhill to encourage people to join and support the Nhill Camera Club. In that year, he was also involved in meetings to help restart a camera club in Horsham and to help restart the Wimmera Inter club competition. In 2006, John presented workshops at the APS convention in Mildura. He has presented many workshops on bird photography, macro photography and the 'Meet your Neighbours' field Studio photography techniques at the Stawell Camera club and at events open to the local community.

At the recent 2018 Stawell Camera Club 30th anniversary celebrations, John presented four free workshops that were open to all in the local community. These workshops covered Bird Photography and Macro Photography, including the 'Meet your Neighbours' field studio photographic techniques. These were well attended and even attracted some photographers from Horsham. John was the Competition Director for the Nature Group in the Australian Photographic Society and coordinated APS entries to the FIAP Nature Biennial Competitions for more than three years.

Since 2011 John Tiddy has been one of only three Australian photographers who have been invited to be part of the world wide photographic project, 'Meet your Neighbours'. Since then John has perfected the capture of scientific styled images of insects, spiders, frogs, plants, flowers and even birds found in the local area. These are posted on the 'Meet your Neighbours' website along with interesting reports. In his reports John freely shares information on how he captures the images using technique called 'Field Studio Photography'. The images all feature the subject in front of a white background.

John is one of the original supporting artists for the Wildlife Art Museum Australia that is being developed near Stawell. He has spent many hours capturing images of plants, birds and small creatures that live on the site. John also has a display of prints at the MOCA gallery in Halls Gap. At all times John encourages people to photograph natural subjects in their own locality and he promotes the Stawell Camera club as a way of learning new skills and sharing with other local photographers. John has presented nature photography workshops and displays of nature photographs at the Grampians Wildflower Show at Galls Gap to encourage people to capture better images of local wildflowers, plants and small creatures.

John became a member of the Stawell Camera Club management committee in 1996 and secretary in 2003 and he still holds that position in 2018. His work has been accepted into national and international exhibitions and is featured in the local Wimmera Catchment Management Authority publications, Grampian's Tourism brochures and the local hospital annual report. John has had many nature articles published in magazines. Many of his bird photographs are included in the latest WCMA publication 'The Glovebox Guide to Wimmera Wetland Birds'. John is a past President of the Victorian Nature Photography group, a position he held for three years, as well as being a committee member for 10 years.

To acknowledge John's significant contribution to his and other Wimmera Camera Clubs and to national and international photographers, the Stawell Camera Club nominates him for the VAPS state service Award. VAPS is privileged to present him with this significant honour.

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