

BATHURST ART RETREAT – Photography Workshop

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The Hidden Landscape

2-Day Easter Photography Weekend 30th March - 1 April 2018

Immerse yourself in a weekend of learning, exploring and sharing creative energy in landscape and macro photography.

We welcome the return of Sharon Hickey from the Aperture Club!

The Bathurst landscape has been inspirational for many genres of artists for its subtle light and undulating mountain and bush scapes.

The emphasis of this workshop is on the quality of light and how to use it to your advantage. Also how light effects colour, texture and definition. We'll be looking for unusual angles and leading lines, natural framing and how to problem solve harsh sunlight and shadows.

Looking through a macro lens brings you up close to a whole new world of colours, textures and shapes. The canvas is limitless as we focus on techniques that help you create and frame visual compositions through macro and close up photography.

We'll look at composition, where to place the subject in relationship to the background and how colours and shapes can create a strong graphic image.

We also explore some basic camera techniques and make the creative process fun and easy.



When

We will be running this workshop over two days – Friday 30th March, Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April

Arrive Friday afternoon; enjoy a home cooked meal, good company, a million stars and wake up to call of birds and a meandering river scape. Workshops will be run Saturday in the morning and afternoon in the cooler parts of the day and will finish at 3pm on Sunday.

If you wish to [book an extra nights accommodation](#) to make the most of the weekend please let us know.

Location

Bathurst Art Retreat is surrounded by 250 acres of breathtaking native flora and fauna. The private property borders 2klms of the Macquarie River and provides a variety of dramatic settings for both budding and established photographers.

What's Included

Catering includes breakfast, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner. Classes are approx. 6 hours lessons per day with a professional photographer. A material and equipment list will be sent out for each class advising what you will need to bring. Various accommodation options are available, on site, or can be recommended at local B&B's or hotels (not all packages include accommodation).

Bathurst Art Retreat BOOKINGS:

<http://www.bathurstartretreat.com.au/bookings>

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WORKSHOP FORMAT

DATE: 30th - 1st April 2018

LOCATION: Platypus Burra, Bathurst Art Retreat,
106 McIntosh Road, Freemantle (Bathurst) NSW
<http://www.bathurstartretreat.com.au/>

GROUP SIZE: Minimum 6 - Maximum 10 participants.

WORKSHOP INVESTMENT

2 day Weekend for \$680 inclusive of 2-day accommodation, all meals from Friday night to Sunday lunch, and tutor fees.

Deposit of \$200 on booking with full payment required by March 1st 2018.

Additional night's accommodation is available @ \$150 pp. includes meals if you wish to extend your stay.

PREREQUISITES

To join this workshop you need to have basic camera handling, operations and processing skills. If you're not sure if that's you, please email us:

info@theapertureclub.com.au

This weekend centres on developing your artistic skills and developing your creative ideas in photography.

PROGRAMME

Friday 30th - Arrival

Arrive anytime from 3pm onwards. Relax and settle into your accommodation. When you arrive we will collect you from the property gate and bring you down to Platypus Burra - if you have a 4 wheel drive then you can follow us.

Settle in and enjoy a drink and a sumptuous dinner prepared by our hosts Robbie and Steve. After dinner we will discuss the weekend and enjoy a discussion on landscape photography. Please bring in some of your landscape works that we can review and discuss.

For those keen after dinner we'll explore shooting the night skies with a million and one stars!

Saturday 31st - Tuition: Approx. 8 hrs.

Optional – Rise with the sun (or maybe before!) to capture the gorgeous early morning light and shifting mists that surround Platypus Burra. After a couple hours of shooting we will return to the homestead for an exquisite breakfast.

After breakfast till late morning we will explore photographing some riverscapes, which is full of beautiful hidden rock formations and beautiful reflections.

We will then have time to download our work and settle into our discussion sessions on landscape photography.

Lunch is served and then take a couple of hours to relax and swim in the river or read at the library retreat next to the river bed.

The afternoon session will commence at 3pm where we discuss the art of macro and close up photography.

We will then shoot our practical session from 4pm to 7pm.

This is an opportunity to practice the theory and techniques covered during the day. As the light changes through the afternoon into twilight we ensure we are ready for the golden and blue hours.

Relax and review your images and we'll use the evening to rest, reflect, dine and enjoy the peaceful environment. We usually have a review of your top shots taken from the day.

Sunday 1st April - Tuition: Approx. 4 – 6 hrs.

A morning walk optional

Be adventurous and rise early for another great sunrise photography shoot on the property.

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at 8am - 9am.

After breakfast we do a practical session on creating a studio approach for macro work.

This session will give everyone the opportunity to actualise their own creative setups and work on a one to one basis with their macro setups.

Lunch will be from 1.30 - 2.30 and we will ferry people back to their cars by 3pm. Those who have decided to extend their weekend can relax and enjoy the afternoon.

WHAT THE WORKSHOP COVERS

- Landscapes and its various genres
- The Art of mac
- Creative camera controls
- Understanding light
- Working with diffusers
- Lenses and macro attachments
- Natural lighting
- Creative idea development
- Setting mood and creating atmosphere
- Developing personal style

WALKING AND WEATHER

This is a gentle trip, though it requires a good general level of fitness. There will be walking to and from shooting locations, which are along the riverbeds and the hills behind the property. There are uneven surfaces with steps and inclines. If you have any doubts about your ability, please contact Sharon directly.

When you book you will receive a detailed packing list to help you plan.

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS AND SHOOTS

- Macquarie River
- Majestic cliff top views
- Green mossy forests
- Gum tree forests
- Many kangaroos



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation comprises of twin share. Single room supplements are available on request for an extra charge.

Platypus Burra has cabin style accommodation and rooms off the main living area. Each cabin has 2 separate bedrooms with a shared bathroom.

MEALS

Bathurst Art Retreat Hosts Robbie and Steve Fayle provide breakfast, morning teas, afternoon teas and lunches.

We can cater to dietary needs such as gluten, dairy free and vegetarian, please let us know in advance.

TRANSPORT

Car: Make your own way directly to Platypus Burra, Bathurst Art Retreat.
106 McIntosh Road, Freemantle (Bathurst) NSW

Option 1 - From Sydney, head west along the M4 towards Penrith. Join the Great Western Highway and follow the road as it weaves its way up into the mountains. Continue over the mountains and down through Lithgow and onto Bathurst.

Option 2 – From Sydney, M2 through Richmond and Kurrajong Heights to Lithgow. You will be given detailed instructions from Bathurst to Platypus Burra.

Train: We are happy to organise pick up and drop offs to Bathurst train station.

Most of our clients prefer to have their own transport for this workshop, so that they can come and go from Platypus Burra depending on their time frame.

WHAT TO BRING

- Camera equipment - camera, lenses, macro or close up rings.
- Tripod
- Laptop with latest Adobe Light room software (recommended)
- Wet weather clothing? Check weather forecast
- Wind jacket for early morning adventures
- Sturdy footwear
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Day pack/camera pack
- Torch
- Water bottle
- Please make sure you have booked your accommodation and organised your breakfast, dinner and snacks prior to the workshop

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- All meals (breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea)
- Accommodation
- Free access to the forum and student notes
- One-on-one instruction and guidance from fine arts photographer and tutor Sharon Hickey
- Gain valuable insights into computer processing software that will make your photos sing
- Plenty of time to shoot and learn
- Calm, relaxing atmosphere, encouraging engagement and connection with the landscape
- Suitable for amateurs to professionals
- A positive environment, which encourages group learning, advice-sharing and support

NOT INCLUDED

- Transport
- Photographic equipment (cameras, lenses, tripods etc.)
- Weather-specific clothing
- Alcohol or soft drinks – BYO

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