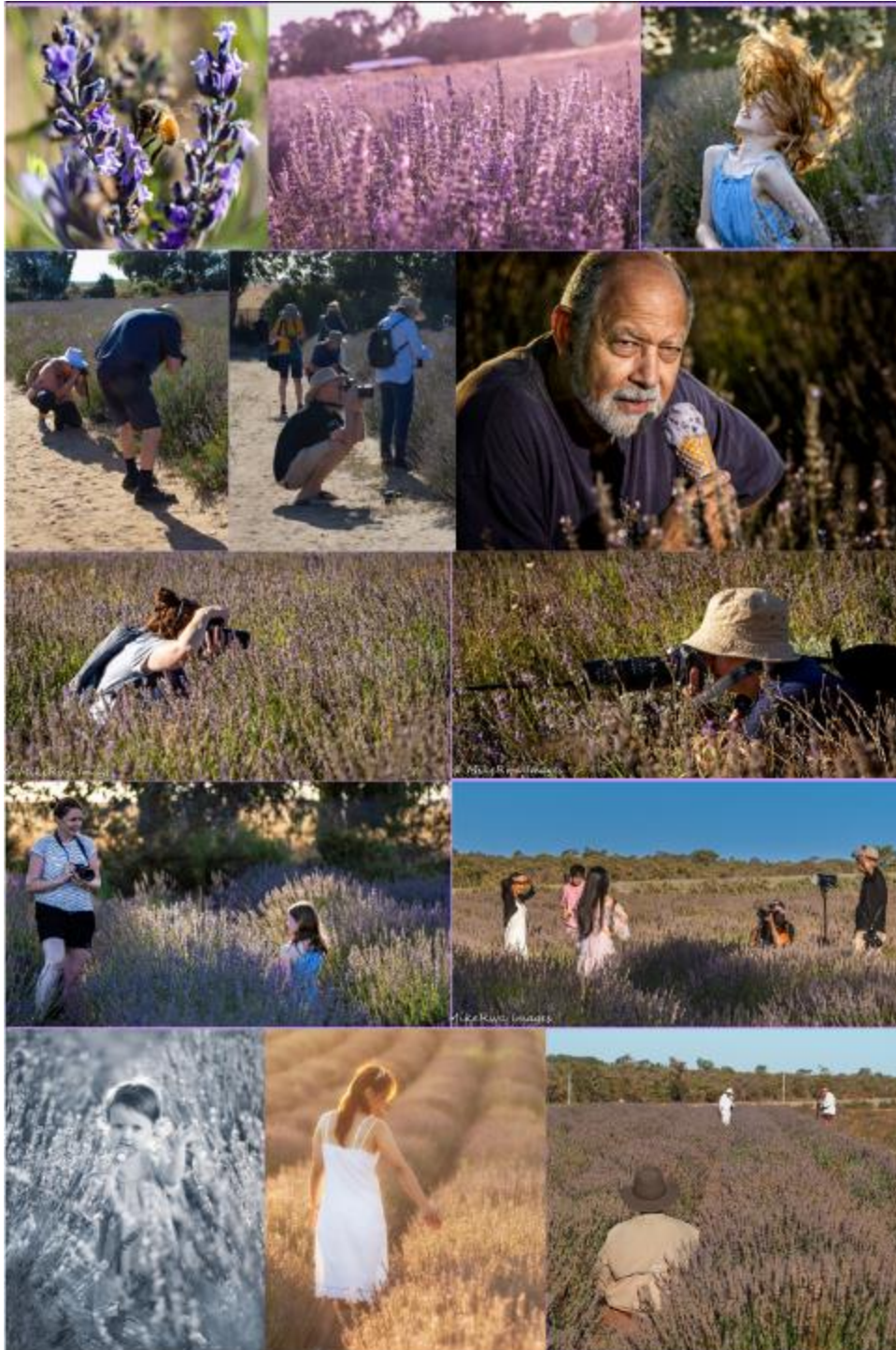


NEPG Events 2023 – Roundup

February

The events program for 2023 started in February with thirty-one members attending an afternoon photoshoot at the Yanchep Lavendar Farm. The subjects anything Purple and A Sunny Sixteen. For the general public it must have looked rather strange with people adopting all sorts of unusual position to get the “money shot” Most people choose to hold a camera, but some could not resist the purple lavender ice cream! The lavender was only a week or two away from being harvested for the essential oils, so the flowers were on the wane. But the late afternoon golden or should I say purple light was beautiful none the less. Lynda Dilen took away the gold with the Nectar collector, with Susi Nodding and Mark Greenland taking silver and Colin a Bronze. It was a very successful event and as such we are to return in 2024 on January 14th for a repeat visit.



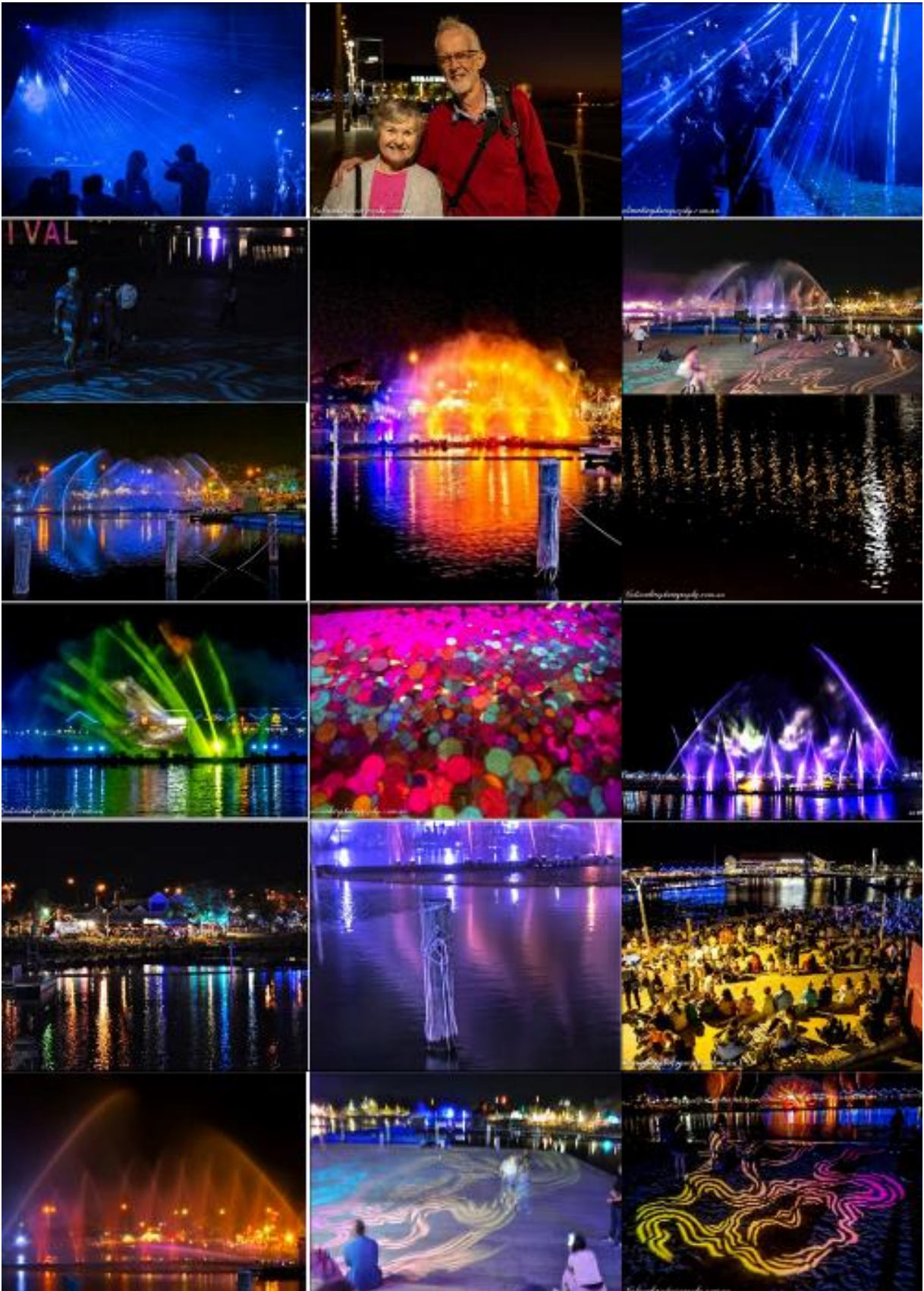
March

The March event was a little different, focused more on socializing than taking photos with twilight lawn bowls at the Warick Bowls club. Twenty with eight bowlers attend with seven teams showing their sporting prowess (or not) on the green. When the final end was bowled we all retired to the club house for a drink and a meal and some friendly banter.



April

Second of April saw the club attending the Hillary Boat Harbor for the Boola Djarat Wardan Light show. I was live'n the life of Reilly in Portugal, but I am reliably informed it was a great show with some excellent photo ops.



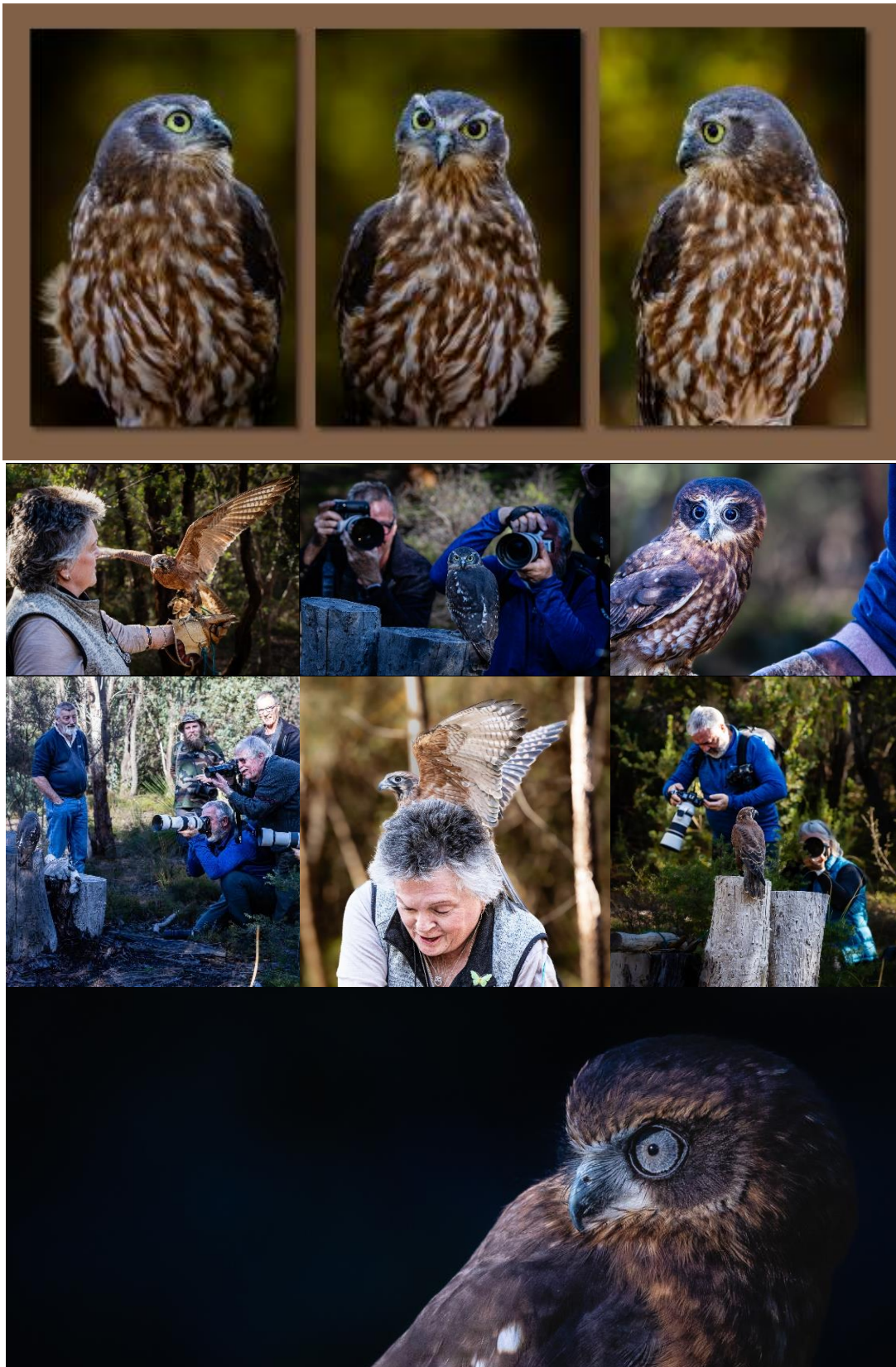
May & June

May was big for NEPG events with a Rotto Photo Safari Weekend attended by 32 Members and partners on 26 – 28th May. The good were smiling on the NEPG as the weather was magnificent and the Island glorious. Activities included sunset and sunrise shoots, WWII military tunnel tours, photo workshop and model shoots, bus rides, and lighthouse tour. Not to mention much camaraderie and fellowship. A big thank you to Mark Greenland who organised Barry Richards and two models (Lance and Erin) to run a workshop and model and also a thank you to Ray, Colin, Mark doing a recce of the island and helping plan the activities.



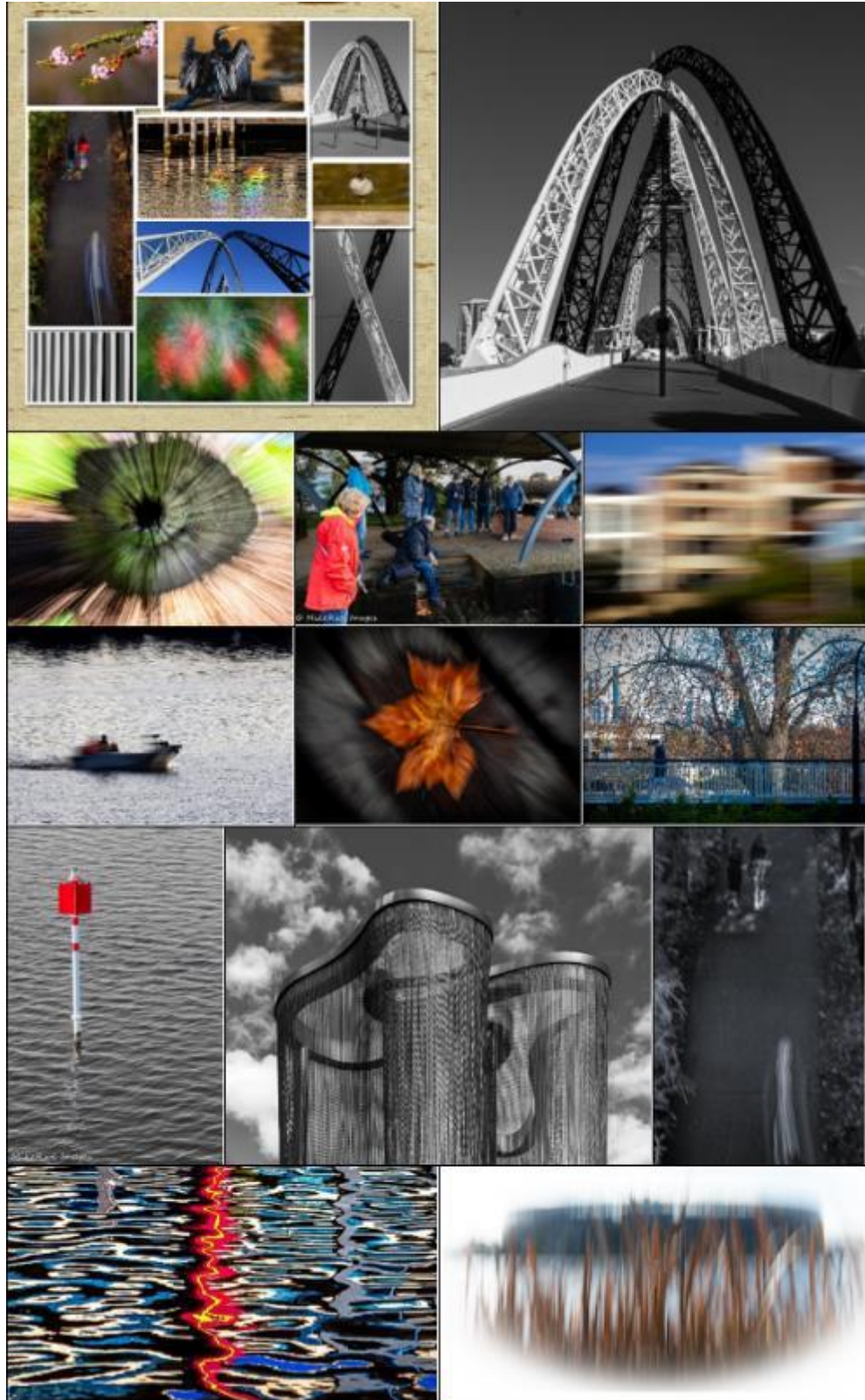


May also included the first of 2 more intimate event attending a Raptor encounter photoshoots at the WA Conservation of Raptors Facility in Brigadoon. The second event was held in June. Five lucky photographers got to attend each session with a very up close and personal encounter with Zizi the Barking Owl, Gimli the Boobook Owl, Kalurra the Barn Owl, and Billy the Brown Falcon and see other raptors under their care. The weather was fine, and the beautiful birds made magnificent models. I was lucky enough to attend the second session and was absolutely delighted.



June

With the weather getting colder and the sunrise starting later eleven hardy NEPGers headed to Claisebrook Cove in East Perth for a photo treasure hunt with ten subjects for the participants to capture. Plus, Barbara Brown very kindly gave a Mini workshop on Intentional Camera Movement Photography, thanks Barbara. After the hunt we all gathered back at a café for coffee and fatty cakes and a good chinwag!



July

The Weather Gods once again shone upon us for a July event at Bells Rapids where fifteen of us gathered in the not too early morning for a nature photo walk. The objectives were to capture images of nature in all its power and beauty and have fun & fellowship. On arrival there was a fun run on, so it was a bit busy. The river wasn't a ragging torrent, but the light was good, the air not too cold and there was plenty to photograph. After our rambling most of us stayed for morning tea as the crowds continued to pour in enjoying the sunny weather.



August

If May was big August was a ginormous Month for the NEPG with the club hosting the premier photo event of the year, PhotoWest. I alas had to be in Melbourne for my own mega event (photographing my daughters home birth of her second child Luca). Reports indicate it was a roaring success with +120 delegates attending from all over the state, fabulous organization, wonderful catering, great presenters and judges (thanks Forough Yavari, Tony Hewitt, Alex Creans, Steve Wise & Marke Brierley), generous sponsors (thanks Nikon & Team Digital) and amazing photo shoot opportunities. Not to mention great fun and fellowship and a financial success to boot! Well done to the organizing committee and all the volunteers





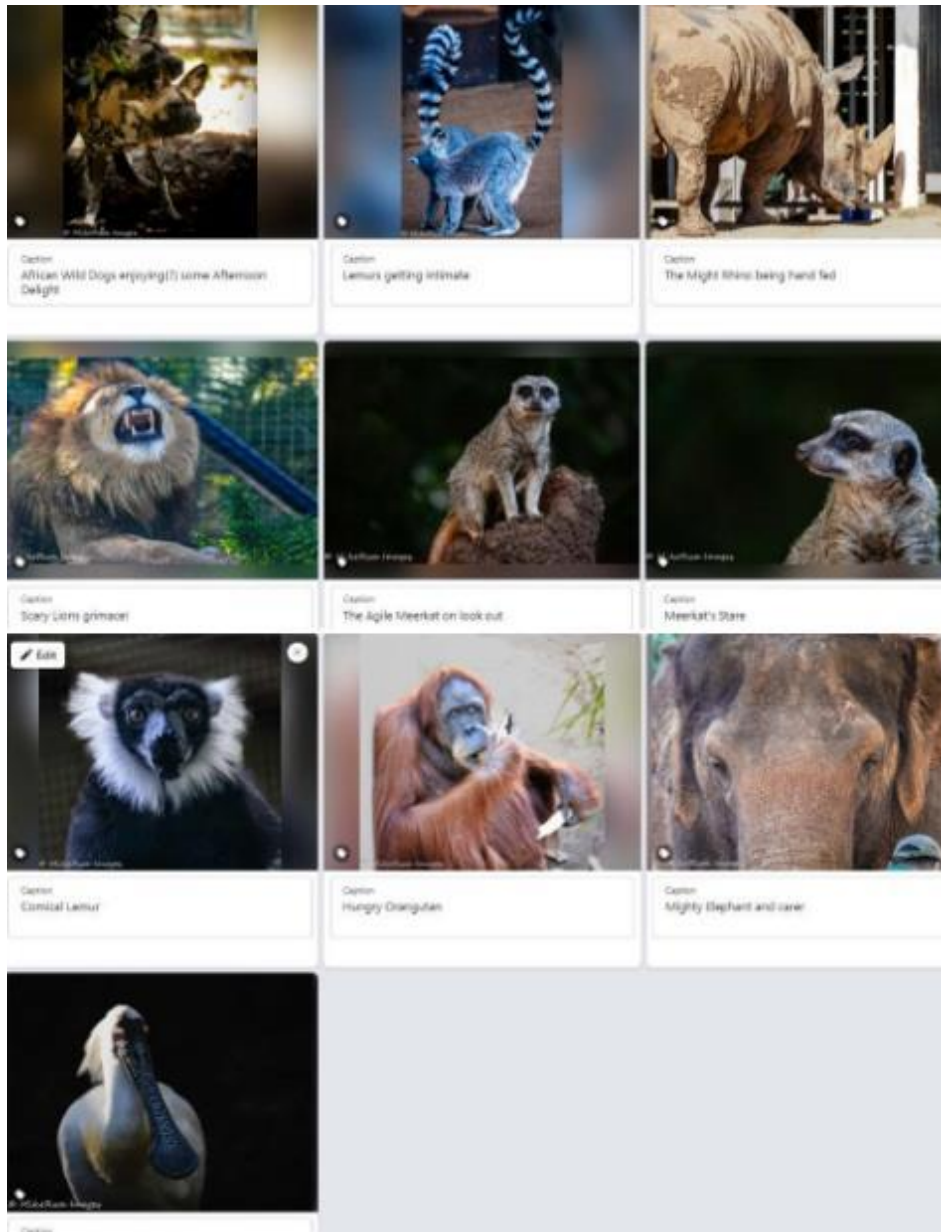
September

With the Kings Park Festival in full swing the Club headed up the hill for a morning Photo tramp in Kings Park. It was a smaller group of NEPG photographer who attended but a good time was had by all who attended.



October

What turned out to be the last event for the year was an afternoon early evening trip to the wonderful Perth Zoo. This site was selected to help members capture the November Competition subject of Animal Portraiture. A week before the event we had a reasonable number of attendees but for various reason the numbers dwindled to a very intimate three hardy photographer (thanks for accompanying me Dennis and Steve and thanks to all of you who had hoped to come but couldn't for letting me know). The weather had definitely warmed up, but there was still a reasonable level of activity by the various animals and the golden hour light was fabulous. So, I for one was very happy with my haul of images.



November

November was scheduled to be the last event, a Puppy and Bab/Toddler Shoot up at Simone Porters Pawters Paw property up at Wanerie. This time the Weather Gods were not kind with a heatwave across the weekend, so we had to postpone the event. A great pity, but the sensible thing to do. However, Simone will hopefully have a tribe of goat kids in April 2024, so we have scheduled a photo event then.

So that a wrap for Events 2023. A big thank you to my team members Rob and Peter. Cheers!