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Nettie Warncke

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### COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to the Committee members of 2020 who kept the society active in a very difficult year.

To the members who held the faith and participated, no matter the lockdown mood & technical challenges - many thanks.

A reminder of your 2021 Committee:

Chairperson	Nettie Warncke
Treasurer	Stephen Roodt
Tech Specialist	Steve Crane
Judging	Denise Whiteford
Outings	Marguerite Waite
Liaison	Helder Ferreira
Go to Lady	Issi Potgieter
Secretarial/Newsletter	Fiona Nell

#### From Nettie:

After a successful Committee Meeting last night (6th January) I am happy to report that we are eager to get started on 2021!

First of all I would like to encourage all our members to make a concerted effort to enter images in our Club Competitions. You may enter two Set Subject images, as well as two Open images, sized for Photo Vault Online with a height of 1080, and a maximum of 1920 for the width. Details as to how to enter your images can be found on our website under 'How To' – as recently explained by Steve Crane.

We are hoping for a good first turnout for the January competition 'Relationships'.

And February's Set Subject is 'Looking Up or Looking Down' ... Here is Bernard in one of his favourite photographic positions – always looking for another angle!



Do make a little list of our Set Subjects, and stick it up on your car dashboard ... and have a camera handy – even if it's a cell phone!

Although we will be meeting via Zoom until things change, Paddy is hoping to arrange a Rally in the next few months when we can all go hunting for images using social distancing in our own cars! And if you suddenly decide to go off somewhere nice to shoot images, put it out on the Info WhatsApp if you would like folk to join you! That's all for now – hope to see you on my Zoom screen on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>!

Best Regards

Nettie

## AUDIO VISUAL GROUP

With her usual passion, Irmel is extremely productive in trying to keep this creative & inspirational group connected, despite the physically 'disconnected' start to 2021.

Please let Irmel (082 372 9824) know if you would like to join the group to participate in the 2021 programme:

### **Wednesday 27 January**

Zoom Meeting

### **Saturday 06 or 13 February**

AV workshop

### **Friday 19—Monday 22 March**

2020 organized and booked workshop carried forward to 2021 : Rocherpan

### **Wednesday 31 March**

'Macro'

### **Wednesday 26 May**

Music : 'what a wonderful world'

### **Wednesday 28 July**

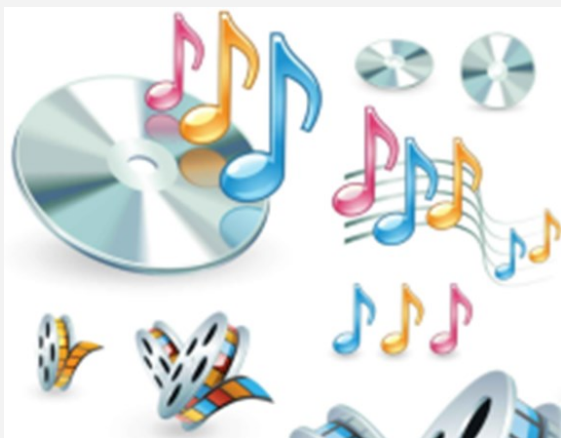
To be advised

### **Wednesday 29 September**

'Black & White' and/or 'Graphics' and/or 'Third Image'

### **Wednesday 24 November**

'Thirty Days'



## INSTAGRAM RECOMMENDATION

Instagram



[#guyedwardes](https://www.instagram.com/guyedwardes)

Professional landscape and nature photographer based in the UK and running workshops worldwide.

I believe our very own Michele Moss has attended one of Guy's workshops.

## FEATURE ARTICLE

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists whereas the rest of my advice has no bias more reliable than my own meandering experience.

I will dispense this advice now ...

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth; oh never mind, you will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they have faded.

But trust me, in 20 years you'll look back at the **photo's** of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now, how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the future; or worry about the future, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubblegum.

The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind; the kind that blindside you at 4pm on some idle Thursday.

Do one thing everyday that scares you.

Sing.

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts; don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on jealousy; sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember compliments you receive, forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love letters, throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives; some of the most interesting 40 year old's I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium.

Be kind to your knees; you'll miss them when they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't; maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't; maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much or berate yourself either – your choices are half chance, so are everybody else's.

Enjoy your body; use it every way you can and don't be afraid of it, or what other people think of it; it's the greatest instrument you will ever own.

Dance ...even if you have nowhere to do it but in your own living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do not read beauty magazines; they will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents; you never know when they'll be gone for good.

Be nice to your siblings; they are the best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but for the precious few you should hold on.

Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, for the older you get the more you need people you knew when you were young.

Live in New York city once but leave before it makes you hard. Live in Northern California once but leave before it makes you soft.

Travel.

Accept certain inalienable truths; prices will rise, politicians will philander, you too will get old, and when you do, you'll fantasise that when you were young prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you. You maybe have a trust fund, maybe you have a wealthy spouse; but you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair, or by the time you're 40, it will look 85.

Be careful whose advice you buy; but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia; dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen.

~ **Baz Luhrmann** ~

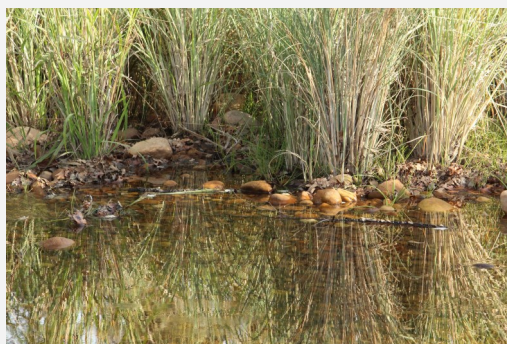
[Wear Sunscreen](#)

For a 2020 version see  
[2020 Sunscreen](#)

## LOCAL IS LEKKER

Working from home for most of the lockdown meant that I missed the incredible sunrises that reward early birds on the R44.

However, when I do drive somewhere now—more out of necessity, and even on familiar walks in the neighbourhood, I seem to have a different outlook. Everything seems cleaner and clearer; intricacies of nature more detailed and vibrant.



Please share your photo's and stories of all things local (especially businesses that could do with extra support) which can be safely enjoyed.