

Hello to all of my followers and I thank you for your patience. Or maybe you didn't miss me. This is the first journal in some months and it has been an interesting time for me. After the Christmas and New Year visits on the East Coast and down south I made my way up the middle again. I spent a couple of months in Kununurra to finalise some business and then headed back over to the East Coast.

This was not the best trip I have ever undertaken because of two blown tyres and headwinds that caused some heavy fuel consumption. I eventually landed here at Wonga Beach in Far North Queensland and apart from the rain it has been pretty good. I have been here about five weeks and I do like the climate, no temperatures below 20 degrees. I should have realised that I am close to the two towns in Australia that claim the highest annual rainfall, Tully and Innisfail. And I am becoming certain that their claims are valid. The saving grace is that the rain is not cold and not torrential, just there at the most inconvenient times.

The camera had a bit of a holiday as well, but is now earning its keep. My home is right on the beach but being behind the Great Barrier Reef there is not really any surf. And the presence of salt water crocodiles and the occasional shark can add to the excitement. There are no marine stingers at this time of the year so maybe it is safe to go for a swim.

Because of the rain I have not done much landscape photography but have had a lot of fun burning packets of fine grade steel wool. This is easy and relatively safe on the beach at night, after a check around for eyes in the water or even up on the beach. I have had another keen photographer with me and Andre and I have been bouncing ideas off one another, and I think having some success.



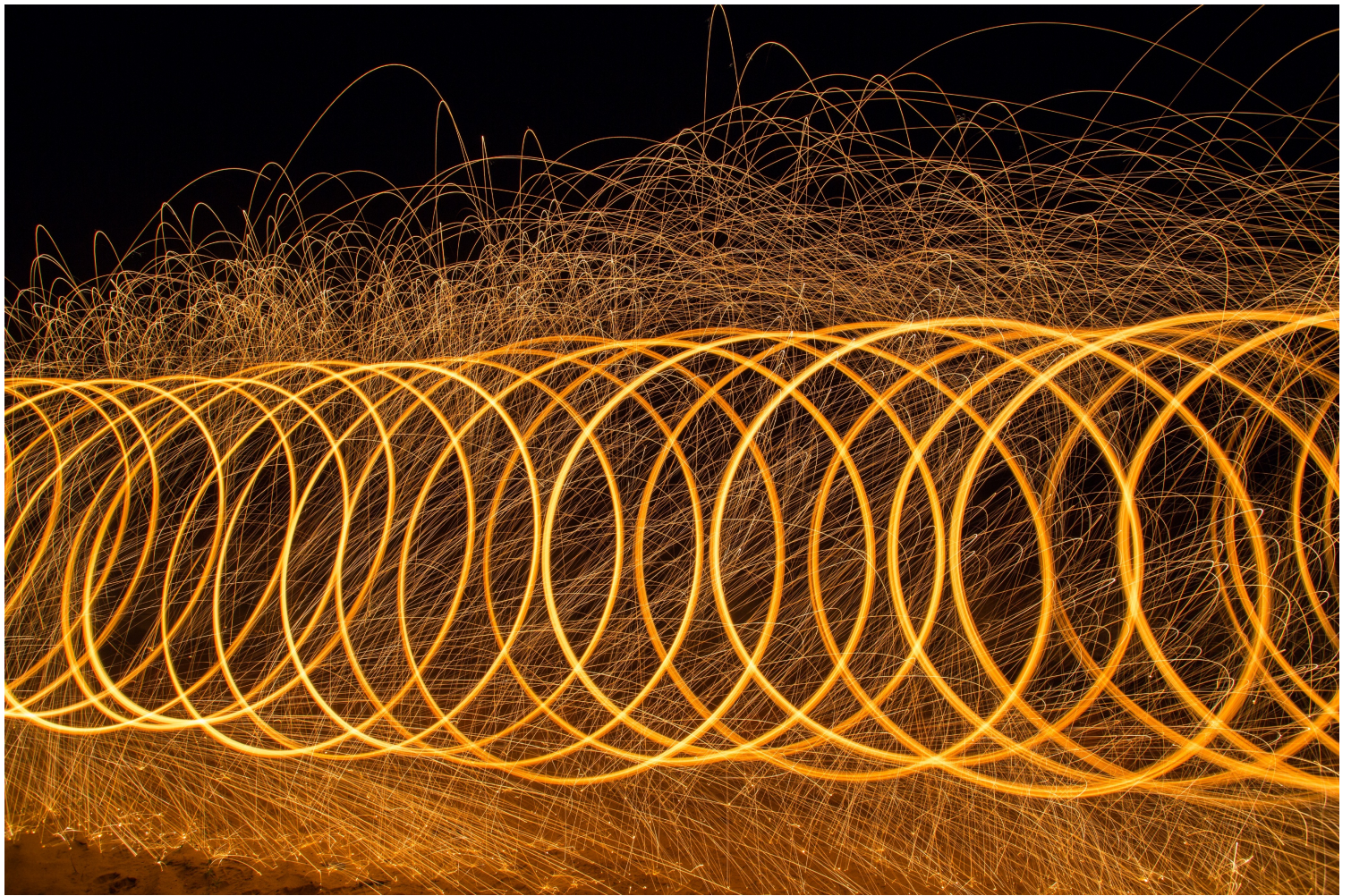






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Thanks to Andre I now know how to get better shots of the night sky and so I will be doing more of this when the weather clears. Note the cloud in the bottom right. That is our next shower of rain on the way.



So that is all for this part of the journal and I would be pleased to hear from anyone that recognised the name I put on one of the photos.
Len.