



# CAMERA NEWS

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Monthly Newsletter

March-April 2008

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As the new Newsletter editors we would like to open our first edition by thanking and cursing George Townsend, the retiring editor.

## The Thanking bit.

George has been the Editor for the past 30 odd years. He started by writing out the Newsletter in longhand and then took it to another member (Trina Jones) to be typed. He visited a commercial venue to have the document photocopied and then personally distributed it to each Club member's home address. George then moved with the times and acquired a typewriter and developed the art of two finger typing to produce the Newsletter himself (he still hand delivered it). The evolution of the computer and email required a new approach. George typed the Newsletter and co-opted another member, Len Bradford, to photocopy the paper copies that he still hand delivered or posted to members without email. Trina scanned George's typed document and emailed it for him. As you can see, George's contribution to the Club's Newsletter has required many hours of dedicated work over the years, and for that we thank him.

## The @&%\$\*@\$%^ bit

After being **smooth talked** by George and his wife Carole as to the **small role** of Newsletter editor, we have found out the truth in the last few days. It is a steep learning curve for us both, as we had no idea of the amount of information that needs to be collated for the Newsletter from the Executive meetings. George, in his usual style, has quietly offered his help and we will definitely be taking advantage of his wealth of knowledge and experience.

## LAST MEETING:

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 11 March at the Kohinoor Community Centre with the Minutes of the previous meeting being read by Gillian Bradford.

The following reports were then presented::

Pam Allen	President's Report
Trina Jones	Treasurer's Report
Ken Smith	Digital Group Report

Pam Allen presented the new Office Bearers and Executive Committee members to the Group. This willing band of helpers consists of:

<b>President</b>	Pam Allen
<b>Vice President</b>	John Earnshaw (also Public Officer – Incorporation)
<b>Secretary</b>	Gillian Bradford
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ross Block
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Doug Reid
<b>Slide &amp; Print Steward</b>	Anne Earnshaw
<b>Newsletter Editors</b>	Tom and Teresa Bates
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Helen Kennedy, Megan Rayner, Trevor Parry, George Townsend

## FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS:

Guest Judge (and Club Member), Ron Downes, gave constructive comments to all participants and adjudicated the following results:

Small prints – Open	1. Mountain Weather 2. Silk Tassle Bush 3. Reflective Pool	Judy Johnson Ken Smith Anne Earnshaw
Slides – Open	1. Lunchtime 2. Tas. Winter 3. Circles	Judy Johnson Trevor Parry Carole Townsend

Following the judging, Ron gave a very informative explanation and demonstration of his homemade 'light box', which was enthusiastically received by members. Further information and plans etc will be included in the Newsletter when available.

## DIGITAL GROUP:

Ken Smith reported on the activities of the Digital Group that meets on the first Monday of each month at the Midlands Golf Club at 7:30pm. The aim of this group is to provide an opportunity for participants to learn digital techniques and discuss problems/successes etc in a friendly, informal atmosphere. This year it's intended to cover some of the basics of Digital Photography for those interested and/or new to their equipment. The first Digital Group Meeting for 2008 covered histograms, white balance and ISO. Participants are encouraged to bring along their images showing varying histograms to the next meeting to further enhance our understanding of this topic. For further information, contact Ken Smith or Mark Bevelander.

## MOUNTING OF PRINTS FOR COMPETITIONS:

*A Reminder to members*

**Oversize mounts are not acceptable** in our Club's monthly competitions due to difficulties created in packaging and forwarding prints to the judges

While **odd size mounts are acceptable** in our Club's monthly competitions, members should be aware that for their prints to be accepted for entry in outside competitions (eg VAPS, Interclub etc), they must conform to the Competition Mounting Rules of those events. This will require remounting of odd size prints if they are to be forwarded for these outside competitions.

**Prints entered in VAPS, interclub etc** must conform to the competition rules for these events, which are:

**Small prints** must not exceed 180mm x 125 mm (7inch x 5inch) and be mounted on card up to 250mm x 200mm (10inch x 8inch) and should not exceed 5mm in thickness

**Large prints** must not exceed 500mm x 400mm (20inch x 16inch) and be mounted on card up to 500 x 400mm (20inch x 16inch) and should not exceed 5mm in thickness.

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

### **Australian Museum Eureka Prize for Science Photography**

Entries are now being invited from both amateur and professional photographers for this competition. First, second and third prizewinners will win a share of \$10,000. Entries close 2 May, 2008. For further information on judging criteria, conditions of entry and how to enter etc, go to [www.australianmuseum.net.au/eureka](http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/eureka) or email [eureka@austrmus.gov.au](mailto:eureka@austrmus.gov.au)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Skipton Photographic Show**

To be held on 17 –18 May 2008 at the Skipton Mechanic Hall, Anderson Street, Skipton. Entries close 5pm on Wednesday 14 May. Enquiries phone Val Day on 5340 2336 or email Lorna Smith on [lms@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:lms@vic.chariot.net.au) . Members have found this to be an enjoyable competition in the past.

### **Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition**

To be held in September 2008 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham. Entries close in mid July – for more information go to their website at <http://pakenhamcameraclub.smugmug.com>

### **Australian Museum – ‘Up Close & Spineless Competition’**

To raise awareness of the wonderful world of invertebrates (animals without a backbone), the Australian Museum is holding an invertebrate photographic competition. Closing date for entries is Friday 29 August 2008. Winners will receive \$600 to spend on photographic supplies and have their entries included in a special exhibition at the Australian Museum. For more information go to [www.australianmuseum.net.au](http://www.australianmuseum.net.au)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE COMPETITIONS PLEASE SEE GILLIAN OR PAM**

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:**

#### **Jo Grant: ‘All Prize Winners Paraded’**

This exhibition will be held at the Horsham Regional Art Gallery 80 Wilson Street, Horsham from 4 March – 27 April 2008. This photographic work is an exploration of small town agricultural shows in Australia and is an attempt to use ‘**the show**’ as a way of illustrating values that remain steadfast in these communities. For more information go to their website at [www.horshamartgallery.com.au](http://www.horshamartgallery.com.au) or email [hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au)

#### **Ballarat Gold Museum ‘Faces in the Street’ Exhibition**

This exhibition has been renamed from ‘**Capture the Vision**’ and the Official Opening will be held at the Gold Museum on Thursday 10 April at 5.30pm. Club members who have not already requested an invitation (via John Earnshaw) at the last meeting can still view the exhibition, as it will be open to the public for some time.

#### **Vigex 2008**

The International Photographic Salon exhibition will be held from 3 May – 1 June 2008 at Geelong Art Gallery, Little Mallop Street, Geelong. Club members have enjoyed visiting this bi-annual exhibition in the past.

#### **Surf Club**

Craig Golding has been a photographer with the Sydney Morning Herald for 22 years covering the last four Olympics as well as many major sporting events. He is recognised both nationally and internationally and exhibited, (as part of World Press exhibitions), in over 30 countries around the world.

See a slideshow of 12 images of surf lifesavers (the mind boggles) at the following website: [www.craiggoldingphotos.com](http://www.craiggoldingphotos.com)

## COMING EVENTS:

### Corio Bay Interclub Competition 2008

This year's competition is being hosted by Corio Bay and will be held on Saturday 5 April at the Gateway Hotel, 218-230 Princes Hwy, Corio (Melways Ref. Map 432, C 9). Dinner commences at 6.00 pm. A group convoy is planned to leave the Clubrooms at 4.30 pm. For more information please contact John Earnshaw or Pam Allen.

### V.A.P.S. Muster 31 May – 1 June 2008 Update

Venue: Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (Melway 167 E1)  
Presentation Dinner: Portsea Golf Club (Melway 156 C2)  
Total Cost: \$85  
Accommodation: Caravan parks, motels, hotels, holiday houses

Includes photography exhibitions, workshops, possible boat excursion to photograph seals, great scenery etc. For more information visit the following website: [www.vaps.org.au](http://www.vaps.org.au) or see Gillian or Pam.

### Proposed Digital Workshops

After the success of the Basic Digital Workshop held last year at our Clubrooms by Adrian Cook, it is proposed to run another basic session and/or a follow-up advanced session this year. Please indicate your interest at the next meeting.

### Club Outing to Melbourne Zoo

This could be a great opportunity to practice photographing animals – Sunday 15 June. It is proposed to meet at the clubrooms for a 9.00 am departure. Expressions of interest will be sought at the next meeting.

### Club Safari 2008

Reminder – this year's venue **has been booked** for the weekend of 17-19 October at Southcombe Lodge, Port Fairy. Rumour has it Port Fairy now has a heated swimming pool for all you water babies.

## CLUB BADGES:

Special offer – for next meeting only!! Members, who would like to purchase a Club badge, please contact Pam or Gillian at the next meeting as a bulk order is about to be made.

## NEXT MEETING:

This will be held at the Kohinoor Community Centre on 8 April. Guest Judge will be David Grigg - a well-known Ballarat photographer and member of the Ballarat Camera Club.

## APRIL COMPETITION ENTRIES:

Small prints:	Worn by the weather
Slides:	Open
Large prints:	Open

## Editors' Note:

We hope this Newsletter meets with your approval. Any complaints should be directed to 'someone who cares' (we really do value your opinion). The joint Newsletter editors are rumoured to be heading for the divorce courts.