



CAMERA NEWS

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Meetings: 8.00pm 2nd Tuesday each month at clubrooms

Monthly Newsletter

May-June 2008

LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:

Guest Judge, Stephen Moten from the Ballarat Camera Club gave constructive criticism of the submitted photos and encouraged questioning of his decisions.

Results are as follows:

Small prints – Worn By The Weather

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| 1. Weathered Church | Trevor Parry |
| 2. Faded & Frayed | Pam Allen |
| 3. Rusted Out | Marilyn Bradford |

Slides – Open

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| 1. High above the City | George Townsend |
| 2. Fern Parasite | Judy Johnson |
| 3. Links in the Chain | Carole Townsend |

Large Prints – Open

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| 1. Spring Blossom | Megan Rayner |
| 2. Distance Matterhorn | Judy Johnson |
| 3. Luminescence | George Townsend |

After the judging, Stephen showed members some of his own work, which he is entering in the Ballarat Club's 'Ten of your best photographs for the last 12 months'. These photographs included People Portraits, Black & White Study, Creative and a very interesting Collage made up of 8 individual photos inserted onto the same black background using Photoshop.

3BA Power FM 2008 SKY WORKS Photo Competition

Pam Allen congratulated club member, David Trevenen, on his success in winning the above competition with his photograph of fireworks taken at the Ballarat Australia Day celebrations. Great to have such talent in the club.

DIGITAL GROUP:

The theme for the next meeting will be 'archiving' – a discussion and demonstration on the best and worst ways to archive your images so that you can find them quickly and easily in years to come. It is surprising how quickly we build up a lot of images and knowing where to look and how to access them in the future is important. What about those pictures on floppy discs? How will our grandchildren 'see' them?

Another interesting item to be discussed will be the use of GPS technology (Global Positioning Sensor) and how it relates to our photographs.

Bring along your camera so that you can obtain help on any feature that you are unsure of. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 2 June** at the **Midlands Golf Club at 7.30 pm.**

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

Garuda Indonesia International Photographic Competition – all entries should be via the Internet and will be accepted until 2400hrs May 31, 2008 (Indonesian time – Jakarta).

The contest will celebrate “Visit Indonesia Year 2008” and its mission is to encourage creativity, with the intention of promoting exploration and discovery of the beautiful landscape, people and culture of the area through photographic experimentation.

The initial “qualifying” round invites photographers from the Asia Pacific regions (ASEAN, Hong Kong/China; Japan/Korea; Australia & Indonesia) to take photos of their own region with the theme “My Home, My Country”. Four finalists from each Asia Pacific area will be invited to experience an Indonesian photo shoot in August, starting out in Jakarta and visiting 5 areas of Indonesia accompanied by Indonesian photographers. A final gathering will be held in Bali.

**For more information email: photo@garudacompetition.com
or visit: www.garudacompetition.com**

Ken Smith passed on the following information about local competitions at the last meeting:

Thornton Richards Camera House Photographic Competition - runs from 1 May – 30 June

The category for this competition is ‘**Landscape**’. Entry fee is \$9.95, which includes an 8 x 10” framed print of your image. First prize is a Tom Tom Portable GPS Car Navigation System (valued \$899), 2nd prize: \$100 in-store digital print voucher and 3rd prize: \$50 in-store digital print voucher. Categories for future competitions will be: Animals, Children and Open sections.

For more information contact Thornton Richards Camera House

Ballarat Photography Prize – closing date for entries Friday 13 June 2008

This competition is being held to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the sister city relationship between Inagawa, Japan and Ballarat.

Theme:

- Ballarat the City

Categories:

- Open
- Emerging/Amateur/Students

Prizes:

- Open - \$1000 cash prize
- Emerging/Amateur/Students - \$500 cash prize

**For more information contact: Elizabeth Wood, Cultural Partnership Officer, City of Ballarat,
Ph: 53205831 Email: elizabethwood@ballarat.vic.gov.au**

The following Competitions are still open for entry:

Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition – closing mid July

Australian Museum – ‘Up Close & Spineless Competition – closing 29 August

For more information on the above competitions please see March-April Newsletter.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:

Reminder:

Vigex 2008 3 May – 1 June 2008 (Geelong)

For more information see **March-April Newsletter**.

COMING EVENTS:

Reminder:

V.A.P.S. Muster 31 May – 1 June 2008
Club Safari (Port Fairy) 2008 17-19 October 2008

Club Outing to Melbourne Zoo - 15 June 2008

Be filled with awe and wonder as you explore the Melbourne Zoo with over 300 species of animals from all over the world. You can follow the trail of the elephants in the Asian Rainforest; visit the Orang-utan Sanctuary with its elevated tree-top walks; marvel at the beautiful colours of the butterflies in the Butterfly House; visit the Gorilla Rainforest and see our very own amazing Australian Animals in their native bushland setting.

Costs:	Adult Concession	\$17.30
	Senior Concession	\$20.70
	Adults	\$23.00

Pack your camera gear and meet at Kohinoor Community Centre for 9am convoy departure.

For more information on a 'visit to the zoo' log on to www.zoo.org.au/MelbourneZoo

Please confirm your intention to participate in the Zoo Outing at the June meeting

Basic Digital Workshop with Adrian Cook - Sunday 13 July 2008 10am – 4 pm

This date has been confirmed and payment to secure your spot is required at the June meeting.

Cost: \$20 for members / \$30 for non-members

Ballarat Camera Club Annual Awards & Dinner – Saturday 26 July

An open invitation has been extended to all our members to attend the Award Night. If you wish to attend, please see Pam Allen for more details.

YMCA Camera Club's 47th Anniversary Celebrations – Tuesday 12 August

This year's dinner will be held at the Atlantic Hotel at 6pm. Please note in your diary.

WANTED!!!!

Entries for the Interclub competition with the Ballarat Camera Club to be held on 13 September 2008 are now being sought. Clean out the cupboard, go for a walk in the dark or get on a train to source the following:

Subjects:

Slides	Open
Slides	Trains
Small Prints	Open
Small Prints	Night study
Large Prints	Open

All prints and slides for selection **must be** submitted by 12 August

CORIO BAY 2009

Now is the time to start to think about your entries for the 2009 Interclub competition with Corio Bay Camera Club. Host club will be Ballarat YMCA Camera Club and the set subjects are:

Small Prints
Small Prints
Small Prints
Large Prints
Slides
Digital Projected Images

CORIO BAY 2009

Worn by the weather
Off Beat
Open
Open
Open
Open

Please note your '**Worn by the Weather**' entries are being retained by the Slide & Print Steward to be put forward for selection for this up-coming competition.

CONGRATULATIONS

Club member, John Harrison, received a commendation certificate at the recent Rotary 2008 "Shine on Awards" in Wangaratta for his outstanding service to people with disabilities. Well done John!

PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

The VAPS Committee recommends that the following project is worthy of our support.

Monash and ANU Researchers are planning to conduct a "Study on Restrictions on Photography in Public". This project has come about due to the number of challenges to ordinary people taking photos within the community.

If you have been:

questioned while taking photographs in public,
warned not to photograph particular locations,
asked to delete photos or had film confiscated,
told that taking photos in a public place was against the law,

and would like to submit a case study of your experience to the researchers please contact Pam Allen for details of the process.

JUNE COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the June meeting.

Small prints:	Off Beat
Slides:	Open
Large prints:	Open

NEXT MEETING:

This will be held at the Kohinoor Community Centre on 10 June at 8PM. Guest Judge will be Kat Mansbridge. Kat is a local artist from Drummond (near Malmsbury) who creates scanned digital images from nature.

Editors' Comment:

Isn't the wet stuff great, not too fussed with the cold, though.