



**CAMERA NEWS**  
**Ballarat Y.M.C.A. Camera Group Inc (A0035217D)**

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Clubrooms KOHINOOR Community Centre  
Cnr Errard & Sebastopol Sts Ballarat  
Meetings: 8.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at clubrooms



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**Monthly Newsletter**

**November - December 2008**

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**LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:**

Guest Judge, Ernie Christopher from the Macarthur Frameworks & Gallery gave some very interesting and constructive comments using his immense knowledge gained through many years of framing art and photography works. The results are as follows:

Small prints – Fruit and/or Vegetables	1. Beauty of Still Life	Ron Downes
	2. Pick of the Bunch	George Townsend
	3. Green Leaf	Judy Johnson
Slides – Open	1. Morning in the Park	Trevor Parry
	2. Mesa	Judy Johnson
	3. Holding On	John Earnshaw

**DIGITAL GROUP:**

The next digital group meeting will be held on **Monday 1 December** at the **Midlands Golf Club at 7.30 pm**. This will be a continuation of the features of Adobe Lightroom as discussed at the last meeting. Attendees of the meeting were very impressed with this program and the tutorials which were very informative and easy to follow.

Due to low numbers attending some past digital meetings, Ken is looking for input from members to increase attendance. What do members want to see, hear, discuss or learn about with regard to digital photography?

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PHOTOS:**

Please contact Ken Smith on 53 527851 to arrange for your photos from this shoot to be collected or **bring them to the December** meeting so that Ken can compile them onto a CD.

**UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:**

**141<sup>st</sup> Kingston Agricultural Show – Sunday 30 November**

A photography Competition 'Life on the Land' will be held as part of the Kingston Agricultural Show. All photographs are to depict some aspect of life on the land. They can be black and white or colour; unframed; not larger than 20 x 30cms, mounted (but no mount border can be larger than 3cms), with cord or wire ready to be hung. Entry fee is \$1. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places are sponsored by Thornton Richards Camera House. Certificates of merit awarded. The winner is eligible to compete at Midlands Group Final. Entries need to be delivered to the Kingston Showgrounds, Church Parade, Kingston on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 1pm and 4pm. Enquiries to Christine Hastings on 0400 268737. More information at [www.kingstonshow.com](http://www.kingstonshow.com)



**The Coastal Arts League of Half Moon Bay, California  
2009 Michael H. Kellicutt International Photo Show**

**THROUGH A LENS: CONTRASTING ELEMENTS – Capturing an image that shows an unusual combination of contrast.**

This competition is open to all photographers, all photographic processes, traditional and digital. Entries must be received between 1 September 2008 and January 31, 2009. Initial entries need to be jpeg files on CD or sent by email.

Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: (one award) \$2000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: (two awards) \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: (six awards) \$100



More details and entry forms are available from:

<http://www.coastalartsleague.com/photoshow/>

**The following competition is still open for entry:**

**The Forty-First Ballarat National Photographic Exhibition – closing date 22 January 2009**

See Gillian for more details and entry forms.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:**

**Horsham Regional Art Gallery Exhibitions:**

The following exhibitions are being held in the Horsham Regional Art Gallery

**ManMade – 23 October–13 January**

This exhibition surveys photography of the built environment.

Photographic and digital technologies are used to construct images to show this environment.

Contact Details:

Horsham Regional Art Gallery

80 Wilson Street Horsham

Tel: (03) 5362 2888

[www.horshamartgallery.com.au](http://www.horshamartgallery.com.au)

[hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:hrag@hrcc.vic.gov.au)



**Diaporama Gala Tour – 22 November at 8pm**

The GAPHE (Grouping of the Photographers of Hayange and Environs) in France have prepared a special showing of international award-winning AVs to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diaporama (the short creative audio-visual sequence). The Australian showing of this special 90 minute presentation will be at the Melbourne Camera Club rooms, cnr. Docas and Ferrars Streets, South Melbourne. Entrance by gold coin donation. For further information, contact:

Barb Butler [barbyb@tpg.com.au](mailto:barbyb@tpg.com.au) or Jim Weatherill [jimweatherill@hotmail.com](mailto:jimweatherill@hotmail.com)

**2009 CLUB SYLLABUS:**

The Committee wishes to thank John Allen for the presentation and compilation of next year's syllabus in such a prompt manner - we now have plenty of time to work on that 'special shot'. If you have not collected your copy, please see John Allen at the next meeting (December).



### **2009 FEES:**

The fees for 2009 Club membership will remain the same as 2008 i.e. \$35 for singles, \$65 for couples, \$20 for full time student / child (Junior Member).

### **2009 NOMINATIONS - YMCA EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:**

The Club invites all members to apply for a role as an Office Bearer or for a position on the Executive Committee of the Club for 2009.

Nomination forms will be available from George Townsend at the December meeting and need to be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> February meeting ready for voting at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **DIGITAL WORKSHOP:**

Once again, those that attended the Digital Workshop conducted by Adrian Cook spent a very enjoyable day learning the finer points of operating their digital cameras.

The day began with a revision session from the previous workshop of camera functions and then moved on to a very interesting discussion on 'Composition' and 'Light' and their importance to the photograph. Some outdoor practical experience was gained using the macro function for close-up work and participants were 'let loose' on the surrounding neighbourhood to try their hand at photographing local buildings, features etc.



Features of the day were the topics of '**Outdoor Portrait with Flash**' and '**Indoor Portrait with Studio Lighting and Flash**'.



*Pictures supplied for this newsletter by Neil Sinclair*

Participants used the Club's newly acquired studio lighting equipment and Adrian's studio flash lights to practice the art of setting up and taking portrait shots – should be some keen competition for next year's syllabus topic on Portraits.



## COMING EVENTS:

### NEXT CLUB MEETING - FAMILY NIGHT – 9 DECEMBER

As the next Club meeting is our last for 2008, we invite family members to attend and enjoy this social evening with us. It will be held on 9 December at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm. Our Guest Judge will be John Hazeldine who has been a previous President of our Camera Club and a local General Practitioner.

#### Family Members' Competition:

Time to remind your family members to start gathering their photos for the special **Family Members' Photo Competition** held during our December meeting. This competition is to encourage their participation in photography and show off their natural talent which is often better than our own.

#### Christmas Hamper Draw:

Don't forget to bring your tickets (sold, of course) and money along to the December meeting for the **BIG DRAW** – a magnificent hamper and two smaller prizes.

Tickets will be available for sale on the night - **you've got to be in it to win it** (as they say).

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations and Helen Kennedy for putting all the goodies together in such an impressive hamper.

#### Supper:

Don't forget to bring a plate of supper to share with others which will help to make this last meeting for the year a really festive occasion.

### CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP / GET-TOGETHER – 14 DECEMBER 12 NOON

Take time out of your hectic Christmas schedule to join with other Club Members for a relaxing Sunday barbeque lunch at Lake Wendouree (opposite the floral clock). BYO everything including food, drinks, table, chairs, Christmas decorations, reindeers and a smile.

Ross would like to emphasise that it is a BBQ (I think he was the only one to bring something to barbeque last year and felt a bit lonely).



### 2009 NEW YEAR BBQ



Once again, **Ivan and Yvonne Downing** are very kindly offering their home for the traditional New Year BBQ on **Sunday 8 February at 12 noon.**

Their address is **319 York Street** (turn left after the Red Lion Hotel).

Please bring meat, drinks, chairs and a small salad and sweet to share. This is a great way to start the year off with other Club Members.

**Merry Christmas to All from the Editors**

