



**CAMERA NEWS**  
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Meetings: 8.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at clubrooms

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**Monthly Newsletter**

**December 2008 - January 2009**

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Welcome to another photographic New Year. I'm sure Santa has dropped off many new digital toys to encourage the budding snapper and we look forward to seeing the results of your work during this coming year.

**LAST MEETING (DECEMBER 2008) COMPETITION RESULTS:**

Guest Judge, John Hazeldine provided some light-hearted entertainment with his critical comments of the entries.

The results are as follows:

Small prints – Open	1. Wide Eyed 2. Approaching Storm 3. Evening Sunset	Helen Kennedy Pam Allen Peter Elford
Slides – On My Patch	1. Shade House Corner 2. Texture No 2 3. What a Corker	Trevor Parry George Townsend George Townsend
Large Prints – Open	1. Brett The Just 2. Monument Valley Sunrise 3. Native Bee	Leo Fletcher Carol Hall Ken Smith

**Family Members' Competition:**

Judy Johnson judged the family members' competition in her usual encouraging manner. Judy was very impressed with the overall standard of the photographs and the innovative approach displayed by the entrants.

**Junior**

1. Dragon Fly – Kyle Edwards
2. Tawny Frogmouths – Tara Edwards
3. Blue Starfish – Rachel Smith

**Senior**

1. Spinning Fern – Nancy Edwards
2. Untitled – Lorraine Sinclair
3. Sisters' Bedtime Story – Brigid O'Dwyer

**Christmas Hamper Draw:**

Congratulations to the following winners of the annual 2008 Christmas Hamper raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Hamper) - Pam Kelly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Wine & Chocolates) - Carolyn Demeye
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Wine & Chocolates) - Trevor Parry

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

What a shame the rain cancelled our Christmas Break-up. Still it was a welcome addition to the gardens and water storage facilities. For next year's event we will have to ask **those with influence in the right places** to order clear, warm weather for the event. Any member with this qualification is requested (**required**) to submit a nomination form for application as a member of the Executive Committee as this talent would be very useful to the club.

## GUEST JUDGES – PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

John & Anne Earnshaw were guest judges at the 141<sup>st</sup> Kingston Agricultural Show. The organisers of the event were very happy with approximately 15 – 20 photographic entries on the theme of 'Life On The Land'.

## COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

### BALLARAT NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC STEWARDS – 1 FEBRUARY 2009

The Ballarat Camera Club is looking for stewards to assist in the organisation of this competition which is being held on Sunday 1 February, 2009 at the University of Ballarat from 9am – 4pm. Duties range from setting up the venue, displaying the entries, computer data entry, pencilling for the judges etc. This is a great opportunity to see world class photographic entries and gain an insight into what the judges look for when making their decisions. You may also pick up some tips on composition, innovative ideas etc. Lunch is available at \$10 per person. If you are interested in being a steward please contact Exhibition Co-ordinator Liz Cocks on 53392650 or Carol Hall, Ballarat Camera Club President on 53392255.

## ***Don't forget*** - FIRST EVENT FOR 2009

**Ivan and Yvonne's** traditional start to the Photographic New Year is their renowned New Year BBQ to be held on **Sunday 8 February at 12 noon.**

Their address is **319 York Street** (turn left after the Red Lion Hotel, and it's the last house on the left before Joseph Street).

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.



### FIRST MEETING FOR 2009 – 10 FEBRUARY – BUNINYONG GARDENS AT 7PM

The venue for our annual practical photography night will be the township of Buninyong – should be an opportunity to get some great shots. Meet at the parking bay area of the Buninyong Gardens at 7pm, which is in Scott Street between Inglis & Warrenheip Streets (proceed through roundabout towards Geelong, take the first street on the right - Inglis Street, turn left into Scott St). After the shoot it's back to the Clubrooms for a cuppa and general discussion on the coming year.

### FEBRUARY COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the February meeting:

Prints:	Open
Slides:	Open



## Urgent

Entries for the Coria Bay Interclub Competition are urgently required.

All prints, slides and digital files for this competition should be submitted to Anne Earnshaw at the first meeting for the year (10<sup>th</sup> February) or at the very latest, the Annual Awards Night on the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Categories for the event are:-

Projected images:

Slides &/or Digital: Open  
Slides &/or Digital: Worn by the Weather

Small Prints: Open  
Small Prints: Offbeat

Large Prints: Open (Colour or Black & White)

### ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT – 21 FEBRUARY

Get out your black tie, backless frock and dust off those stilettos as the red carpet will be rolled out for the 2008 Ballarat YMCA Camera Group Annual Photographic Awards Night to be held on Saturday 21 February at 8pm at the Kohinoor Community Centre. (Those wishing to participate in the red carpet sashay should arrive early and please note limousine parking is up the street and around the corner).

Guest Judge will be Gerard Lewis from Ballarat Camera House.

So... come along, bring some friends, cheer on the winners, enjoy a sumptuous supper (**please bring a plate of food**) and have a great night.

The following awards for the 2008 competitions will be given:

Best Open Small Print  
Best Open Slide  
Best Large Print  
Entries are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-getters of all OPEN competitions during 2008.

Aggregate Small Prints  
Aggregate Slides  
Aggregate Large Prints  
Aggregate points awarded – 1 point for each entry, plus 15 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 10 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> points, 5 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Best Set Subject Small Print  
Best Set Subject Slide  
Entries are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-getters of all set subject competitions for 2008.

Club Award – Small Prints. An award for all 'non major' award winners. Eligible entries are non place-getting small prints you entered in normal competitions for 2008. Only two entries were allowed per person.

## **2009 CLUB SYLLABUS:**

If you still haven't obtained your copy of the 2009 Syllabus, please see John Allen at the next meeting (10 February).

## **2009 FEES:**

Fees for 2009 **are now due** and are payable to Ross Block at the next meeting. 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 – BALLARAT YMCA CAMERA GROUP EXECUTIVE POSITIONS:**

If you would like to participate as a member of the Executive Committee, nomination forms are still available from Pam Allen at the next meeting (10 February).

**Note:** all completed nomination forms **must** be submitted by the end of the meeting held on 10 February, ready for voting at the Annual Meeting on 10 March.

## **DIGITAL GROUP**

Due to small numbers and the inconvenience of taking up a large room at Midlands Golf Club, Ken has decided to continue meetings as before on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm but at his home in lieu of Midlands.

The meeting will still cover Camera Basics from time to time but as most attendees are familiar with the basic use of their Cameras, the group will concentrate more on Special Uses, (night shots, moving targets, snow scenes, macros, etc). If any total novices attend and are seeking advice there will still be plenty of experience around to guide them. Our main topics should be what to do with the image once we have recorded it, looking at the equipment, both hardware and software, as a means of improving the image - "The Digital Darkroom".

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd of February 7.30pm at Ken Smith's house, 327 Heinz Lane Invermay Park (Ballarat Nth) directly opposite Midlands Golf Club House, actually it's on the corner of Heinz Lane and Fairway Crt. There is off street parking at his front gate in Fairway Crt for about 3 cars but others can use the street inset parking of Heinz Lane directly over the road. We will look at what's new in Adobe Light room version 2 and have a couple of tutorials on aspects of Photoshop.

Please bring along new equipment and any images on a USB stick that you would like to share or have critiqued or just show off.

## **FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

For any 35mm Canon SLR users, Neil Sinclair has three free lenses. A Kinor 28mm f2.8, a Tamron 38 to 100mm f3.5 and a Tamron 85 to 210mm f4.5. All are manual focus lenses. Contact Neil on 5338 2242.