



**CAMERA NEWS**  
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**Monthly Newsletter**

**March 2009**

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**LAST MEETING:**

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 10 March at the Kohinoor Community Centre with the Minutes of the previous meeting being read by Gillian Block (Bradford).

The following reports were then presented::

Pam Allen	President's Report
Ross Block	Treasurer's 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>	To be decided
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ross Block
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Doug Reid
<b>Competition Steward</b>	Anne Earnshaw
<b>Newsletter Editors</b>	Tom and Teresa Bates
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Mark Bevelander, Gillian Block, Helen Kennedy, Trevor Parry, Neil Sinclair

**FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULTS:**

Guest Judge (& Club Member), Carol Hall, made constructive comments on all the prints and slides. Her comments were most informative and helpful to those of us in attendance. She adjudicated the following results:

Small prints – Open	1. On the Roll	Trevor Parry
	2. Does My Bum Look Big In This	Teresa Bates
	3. Sunset on the Silos	Anne Earnshaw
Slides – Open	1. The Musician	Anne Earnshaw
	2. Calm Port Fairy	Trevor Parry
	3. Beach Boxes No. 2	John Earnshaw

Following the judging, Carol gave a very informative slide show and oral presentation on 'Visiting the Vikings' which was a précis of her overseas holiday last year with the National Trust to visit Norway, Finland, Denmark and surrounding areas to study the Viking way of life.

**BUNINYONG EXCURSION RESULTS:**

Judged by Club Member, Ron Downs

1 <sup>st</sup> Anne Earnshaw	2 <sup>nd</sup> Teresa Bates	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ken Smith
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## ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT – 21 FEBRUARY

The following are the results of our Annual Awards Night held on 21 February as judged by Gerard Lewis from Ballarat Camera House.

Small Prints – Open	1. Port Fairy 2. The Reflective Pelican 3. A Golden Moment	Trevor Parry Mark Bevelander Ken Smith
Small Prints – Set Subject	1. Faded & Frayed 2. Fish Tales 3. Spirit of Endurance	Pam Allen Pam Dellaca Judy Johnson
Club Award – Open	1. Who’s a Pretty Boy 2. The Colours of Autumn 3. Just Fishing	Bruce Fryer Bruce Fryer Teresa Bates
Slides – Open	1. Ballarat Railway Station 2. White Tailed Deer 3. Morning in the Park	John Earnshaw John Earnshaw Trevor Parry
Slides – Set Subject	1. Heart of Gold 2. Split Personality 3. Stick Insect	Trevor Parry George Townsend Judy Johnson
Large Prints	1. Native Bee 2. Distant Matterhorn 3. Along the Avon	Ken Smith Judy Johnson Pam Dellaca

Aggregate Awards were presented to the following Club members:

<b>AGGREGATE – SMALL PRINTS</b>	1. Trevor Parry 2. Judy Johnson 3. Ken Smith	70 points 65 points 58 points
<b>AGGREGATE – SLIDES</b>	1. George Townsend 2. Judy Johnson 3. Trevor Parry	120 points 97 points 92 points
<b>AGGREGATE – LARGE PRINTS</b>	1. Pam Dellaca 2. Ken Smith 3. Megan Rayner	33 points 26 points 23 points

Congratulations to all participants and especially the winners!!



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

The Executive Committee wishes to thank retiring Committee Members, Megan Rayner and George Townsend for all their hard work and dedication to the Club. Thanks also to Gillian Block for her commitment to the role as Secretary – Gillian will continue to support the Club as a member of the Committee.

## **THIS IS YOUR LIFE – GEORGE TOWNSEND**

Pam Allen made a '**This Is Your Life**' presentation to George Townsend for his outstanding service to the club. It contained the following text:

*George joined the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group in 1969. After 2 years he became a committee member and in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year with the club was elected President, a role that seemed to recur regularly at 4 year intervals until the 1980's when he did a three year stint from 1984 to 86.*

*Apart from a one year break in 1982 he has served on the Committee for a total of 37 years and edited the Newsletter for twenty of those years. For some strange reason he thinks it is time to retire from the committee.*

*As you may imagine, George has been, nay still is, a serious and competitive photographer in club and interclub events and has a string of awards to his credit, and is still adding to them to this day.*

*He has a great 'eye' for unusual angles and, currently, architecture is a hallmark of his work.*

*Stepping back a little his slides of Begonias were published in the 'Women's Weekly' in 1973. In 1977 he won the BTV6 award for a series of Yacht photos. At the 1986 AGM George presented photos depicting all aspects of the Begonia Festival. In 1995 his photo of the Golden City Paddle Steamer won a special competition conducted by that organisation.*



*During George's long association with the club, his efforts have not gone unrewarded. He received a 25 year service badge and a Meritorious Service Award from V.A.P.S. and was made a Life Member of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.*

*He has won the Slide Aggregate 10 times and the Small Print Aggregate and Print of the Year on two occasions and the Club Award in 2003. He received medallions for amassing a vast number of points in Slides, Small Prints and Large Prints.*

*George is a quiet achiever. Do you ever think about how the door is always open when you get here on meeting nights or that there is always milk, sugar and biscuits for that after meeting cuppa. Yes it is all thanks to George.*

*He also makes a point of welcoming, assisting, and encouraging new members to the club.*

*George's preferred medium is still in slides but he has, like most of us, embraced the wonders of digital photography, although he prefers his trusty typewriter to those new fangled computer things. This has led to a bit of sledging from cheeky younger members but George, may I say, "a better looking, (refer to wedding photo in a recent edition of the Courier) friendly and more helpful Dinosaur I have yet to meet, and you fully deserve a **year off the Committee**".*

*Congratulations on your hard work and dedication over the years.*

## DIGITAL GROUP

The next meeting of the Digital Group will be held on Monday 6 April at 7.30pm at Ken Smith's house, 327 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park (directly opposite Midlands Golf Clubhouse).

Topics to be covered are:

- Reviewing some new books Ken has purchased and a demonstration of a couple of new techniques.
- A discussion on the rules and ramifications related to EDI (Electronically Displayed Images) as this new way of presenting images for competitions and judging seems to have a few downsides as well as upsides.
- Discussion etc on the advantages/disadvantages of shooting RAW.

Note: these are not "nerdy" topics but will affect us all as the Digital Revolution unfolds.

## WEBSITE NEWS [www.ballaratymcacameragroup.com.au](http://www.ballaratymcacameragroup.com.au)

- View all of the Annual Club Awards small print submissions online including names of all the winners. Access from the front page
- Click on the 'random photo' to view a larger photo of any small print from 2008.
- Away from your newsletter? Get all the news from the website.

Remember, as a club member, this website belongs to all of us so forward any suggestions for additional items to be placed on the website either by email to Mark at [markbev@netspace.net.au](mailto:markbev@netspace.net.au) or via the site feedback facility.

## COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

### Coria Bay Interclub Competition – 21 March

The Interclub Competition with Corio Bay will be held on Saturday 21 March at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8 pm. Dinner at the Atlantic Hotel will be held prior to the meeting commencing at 6 pm. Judge for the competition is Lorraine Harvey.

**Don't forget** that plate of supper to keep up our reputation as 'caterers extraordinaire'.

### Special Message from our Competition Steward:

A large number of plastic entry envelopes are mounting up in the Earnshaw household and can be collected from Anne at the Interclub Competition night on 21 March or the next Club Meeting on 14 April. Please make sure you check the box for your named envelope.

### Advanced Digital Workshop – 19 April 10 am – 5 pm

The following is a brief synopsis of the proposed content for the digital workshop with Adrian Cook.

How light affects the Visual Elements (Shape, Texture, Form and Colour) in a photograph.  
Understanding 'Hyperfocal Distance' to help control 'Depth of Field'.  
Controlling 'Perspective' by changing lens focal lengths and the camera to subject distance.  
Creating a greater 'Colour Space' (and more accurate colours) by using Adobe RGB  
Using 'Raw' files to control the exposure range of digital images.  
Composition and the Personal Viewpoint.  
Developing the 'Photographic Eye' and learning to see 'Pictorially'.  
Practical Exercises:                      The Professional Portrait  
    Texture – Pattern – Shape – Repetition.

First in best dressed so make sure you contact President Pam or Treasurer Ross to secure your spot. Cost \$20 per club member and \$30 for non members.

### **V.A.P.S. Muster – Macedon Ranges 16 & 17 May**

If you are planning to attend this years VAPS Muster, to be held at Braemar College, Mt. Macedon Road, Woodend 3442, please see Pam Allen for registration forms as the closing date with full payment is required to reach the organisers by 30 April 2009.

### **Photographic Entries for the V.A.P.S. Muster**

Please Note: If you wish to submit slides, small & large prints for this years Muster, they **must be** given to the Competition Steward Ann Ershaw by Saturday 21 March, as she needs to forward them to the organisers by 5 April.

### **International Foto Biennale – 4 September – 4 October 2009**

Advance notice that the International Foto Biennale (formerly held at Daylesford) will be held this year in Ballarat from 4 September to 4 October inclusive - more details at [www.ballaratfoto.org](http://www.ballaratfoto.org)

### **Club Safari 9 – 11 October 2009**

This year's Safari is going to be held at Rawson Village, Pinnacle Drive, Rawson. (Melways Map 628 Reference D6). Approximately a 3 hour drive from Ballarat.

Some places of interest in the area include:

- The gold-mining tour of Walhalla with the goldfields railway across the Thomson River Bridge
- The Long Tunnel Extended Gold Mine
- Thomson Dam – Melbourne's water supply
- Latrobe Valley Powerworks multi-media centre

Should be a great trip with many possibilities for pics, as it's a new venue and area for the Club's Annual Safari.

So... make this an entry in your diary and if you wish to take an electronic tour of the facilities offered, visit [www.rawsonvillage.com](http://www.rawsonvillage.com)

### **GEORGE SAYS THANKS**

**George Townsend** wishes to thank all those responsible for compiling the information and booklet for his "*This Is Your Life*" moment conducted by President Pam Allen during the March meeting.

### **CLUB MEMBER LIST**

The club is proposing to publish a contact list of club members containing: name, phone number, email and personal address. This list will be circulated amongst members only (to improve communication) and is not for any other use. **If you are not happy with some/all of this material being circulated, please talk to Treasurer, Ross Block, to remove those personal details.**

### **2009 FEES:**

Fees for 2009 **are now due** so please make an effort to catch up with 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).

## UPCOMING COMPETITION:

### **'Otways ... in focus' – closing 4 September 2009**

The Otways Tourism in co-operation with the Colac Camera Club is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual photographic competition. Entry categories include: Landscape/Seascape, Rural/Agriculture, Natural History and Action Tourism. Note all shots are to be taken within the Colac Otway Shire. Prizes on offer include a total of \$1000 in cash and over \$3000 worth of tourism prizes.

For more details, see [www.otwaysinfocus.com](http://www.otwaysinfocus.com)

Enquiries:

Liddy Fullarton (Otways Tourism) – 5231 1233 or Rex Brown – email [rexbrown@gmail.com](mailto:rexbrown@gmail.com)

## PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:

### **The Ballarat National Exhibition 1 March – 29 March**

The 41<sup>st</sup> Ballarat National Exhibition will be on display from Sunday 1 March until Sunday 29 March 2009 at the Ballarat Art Gallery. One hundred and fifty acceptances will be on display.

### **Easter Photographic Exhibition 10-13 April**

The Bendigo Camera Club is holding an exhibition of their club members' prints along with invited photographers – Ian Rolfe and Gary Brennand. This exhibition is being held in Dudley House, View Street Bendigo (just up from the Art Gallery) from 10am – 6pm daily. Cost: \$2.00.

## APRIL COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the 14 April meeting.

Small prints:	Sports Action
Slides:	Open
Large prints:	Open

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 14 April at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm.

Guest Judge will be Rebecca Croft from 'Rebecca Croft Photography'. She is an award winning AIPP Photographer who specialises in commercial, portrait and wedding photography.