



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

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

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**Monthly Newsletter**

**June 2009**

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**LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:**

Guest Judge was Andrew Tweedie from 'Accent Framing Gallery on Sturt' and the results are as follows:

Small prints – Open	1. To the Point	Judy Johnson
	2. The Oiler	Doug Reid
	3. All a Flutter	Tom Bates
Slides – Rocks	1. Hole in the Rocks	Carole Townsend
	2. Stone Stacks	Judy Johnson
	3. Water Bowl	Tom Bates

Following the judging, Andrew gave a very interesting talk based on his many years of experience in the framing business and explained the effect that the use of various coloured mounts has on the presentation of photographs. (We should keep this in mind in future).

**DIGITAL GROUP**

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

July will see us have another look at Lightroom in light of user comments.

We will also see results of an SLR versus a High End Compact Digital Camera taking identical images over a range of subjects and conditions. This will no doubt raise lively discussion relating to the pro's and con's of each system.

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

**New:** A trial club photography group has been formed to enable you to upload your photos for peer review. Some members have already made use of this new facility, so check out our website, click on the link, register on the site and away you go.

**REMINDER - OLD SYLLABUS DOCUMENTS**

John Earnshaw is still gathering information and memorabilia (including photographs) for our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He is also looking for old syllabi, prior to 1988. If you have, or know of any old copies, please contact or forward these to John.

## COMING EVENTS FOR 2009

### **Image Evaluation and Judging Seminar – 25-26 July 2009**

The Benalla Camera Club is hosting an Image Evaluation and Judging Seminar where VAPS accredited judges will lead a range of sessions to assist, inform and interest participants on judging photographic images; how to improve your photography and what to take when you travel as a photographer.

Cost: \$40 RSVP 15 July to either:

Bronwyn Forman [gbfences@activ8.net.au](mailto:gbfences@activ8.net.au) or telephone 5766 6238

Alan Neander [neander@activ8.net.au](mailto:neander@activ8.net.au) or telephone 5763 2302, mob: 0447 818 789

### **Image Evaluation Seminar 2009 – 22 August 2009**

VAPS, in conjunction with the Caulfield Photographic Society Inc, are conducting an Image Evaluation Seminar at St Peter's Church Hall, Cnr Ames Avenue and Neerim Road, Murrumbena (Melways ref: p68 5K) on Saturday 22 August 1.00 pm to 7.00pm. Presenters will be:

Paul Robinson – AFIAP, AAPS, SSAPS, SSVAPS – telephone 0409 625 700

John Commin, AAPS – telephone 03 5963 4179

Cost \$30

Bookings: Call Susan Rocco on 03 9530 9253 by Thursday 20 August

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

VAPS will have a presence on the weekend of 12 & 13 September so all members are encouraged to visit the Biennale, see the VAPS Photo Exhibition, meet friends, have a cuppa and a chat at the University of Ballarat School of Mines Campus (SMB) "Building E", Armstrong Street South. (*Student Amenities Building – enter via the Old Gaol gates*). For a map showing the location of the VAPS venue go to: [http://www.ballarat.edu.au/maps/SMB\\_Campus.pdf](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/maps/SMB_Campus.pdf)

The latest edition of the Ballarat International Foto Biennale newsletter BIFFO #25 is a word document and is available as a download from the archive page at [www.ballaratfoto.org](http://www.ballaratfoto.org)

### **Club Safari 9-11 October 2009 – Filling Fast, Get in Quick**

Currently 14 members have committed to attending this year's **Safari to Rawson Village**, approximately 30 kilometres north of Moe (see March newsletter for greater detail).

To ensure a successful trip a few more members are needed to add to the fun and frivolity that has been a highlight of past safaris. The surrounding area provides many opportunities to get that winning shot for future competition entries and/or to just enjoy historic sites and natural beauty.

Please recheck your diaries and make space for your attendance at this great weekend.

Confirm your intention (*beat the rush*) to attend by paying a deposit of \$10 per person to our Treasurer, Ross Block, at the next Club meeting.

### **Digital Imaging Processing Workshop - Sunday 18 October 2009**

Members who have participated in one of Adrian Cook's photo workshops will be pleased to learn that we have arranged a one day follow up course on digital image manipulation using Photoshop Elements.

This will be on Sunday, October 18 at Kohinoor Community Centre. Members will need to bring along their own laptop computers and be able to load Adrian's educational copy of the program in advance.

Preference will be given to members who have previously attended Adrian's course.

The cost of this course will be \$30 for members and \$40 for non members.

Please speak to Neil Sinclair at the July meeting to confirm your interest.

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

### **Australian Digital Photography Awards (ADPA) 2009 – closing 21 June**

The Australian Photographic Society is hosting this FREE popular competition. The entry form and instructions are available on the website [www.adpa.org.au](http://www.adpa.org.au). Examples of successful images in the ADPA 2008 Catalogue can be viewed via this link. The winning photographers will receive plaques, certificates and medals at an exhibition on Friday 14 August at the Canberra Highland Society/The Burns Club, 8 Kett Street, Kambah, Canberra from 7.30 – 10.30 pm.

### **'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.otwaysinfoocus.com](http://www.otwaysinfoocus.com)

Enquiries:

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

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The following Club Members recently received Year Bar Awards and must be commended for their outstanding long service to the YMCA Camera Group:

Pam Allen - 10 years  
Carol Hall - 10 years

Bill Hirt - 25 years

Judy Johnson - 40 years  
George Townsend - 40 years

## JAKE'S A WINNER!!!!

If you weren't at the last Group meeting or missed Friday's edition of the Ballarat Courier, you may have missed out on the exciting news that our Club Member, Jake Bolton was recently awarded the Top Novice Print at the VAPS Muster Macedon competition with his photograph of his mate, James Melon, 'flipping' over a flight of stairs in Geelong. Jake beat 143 other entrants, some with as much as 40 years' experience. **WELL DONE, JAKE**

## GETTING READY FOR THE FUTURE:

### **EDPI (ELECTRONIC DIGITALLY PROJECTED IMAGES)**

To enable members to gain experience in submitting their entries in this format, the Committee has suggested that we have a special (unjudged) section at our August and October meetings where we bring along our digital images for them to be projected on the screen. These images can be on a stick, CD or submitted via email. It is proposed that members talk about their images and invite constructive comments from the audience so that we all gain from this experience and enable us to be more competitive at our interclub competitions in this developing area in the future.

More details will be given at the next meeting and will appear on our website.

## JULY COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

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

Small prints:  
Slides:

Still Life  
Open

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 14 July at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm. Guest Judge will be Peter Kerverac.