



CAMERA NEWS
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Meetings: 8.00pm 2nd Tuesday each month at clubrooms

Monthly Newsletter

October 2009

LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:

Guest Judge was David Torrington who is a well-known Ballarat Wedding Portrait Photographer. His comments on the small prints were very constructive and came from the experience of photographing over 750 weddings. He also gave very detailed comments on the slides and large prints sections which emphasised the importance of lighting, exposure, sharpness and trying to make the shot different in some way. The results are as follows:

Small prints – Portrait–Black & White	1. Amanda	Anne Earnshaw
	2. Smile	Dianne Fletcher
	3. Looking at the Future	Ron Downs
Slides – Seascape	1. Sea View	Tom Bates
	2. Day at the Seaside	Ron Downs
	3. Bicheno Coast	George Townsend
Large Prints – Open	1. Milford Sound N.Z.	Trevor Parry
	2. Another Southern Star	George Townsend
	3. Country Racing	Ken Smith

Following the judging, David presented some examples of his own personal photography which favoured abstract shots of buildings, use of black and white for effect and beautiful night shots. He also spoke of his love of the technical aspect of photography and gave some handy hints to produce that special lighting effect.

DIGITAL GROUP

The next Digital Group meeting will be conducted by Ken Smith on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm at 327 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park (directly opposite Midlands Golf Clubhouse).

The topics for the night will continue along the lines of the Digital Workshop held last Sunday as it is most likely that members who attended will want to further hone their skills (Photoshop Elements and Lightroom 2). If you attended the workshop, please bring along something that you have learned from the day i.e. a before and after digitally manipulated image.

If you have an image file that you find bothersome, bring it along for help and advice on what to do (hopefully the simple way).

We will also look at experiences with photos printed externally that do not come out as expected.

Inkjet printing problems of fading and off colour will also be discussed.

ELECTRONIC DISPLAYED IMAGES (EDI)

Due to the large number of entries for the September meeting, it was decided to hold over the EDI section until the November meeting so this will give you some more time to organise your images on any available format (CD, memory stick, camera card etc) and give them to Mark at the next meeting. Two entries per person - open category (see website for details of dimensions and size of files).

Please note: in 2010, there will be four meetings where projected images will be scheduled for judging to help us align with similar activities in other clubs.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR 2010 INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

TOPICS FOR COMPETITIONS:

Corio Bay Camera Club - subjects for all categories will be **OPEN**.

Ballarat Camera Club - Small prints and large prints are **OPEN**.

Set subject - small prints will be **CANDID CAMERA** – a picture of a person or people who are obviously unaware of the picture being taken.

(**Note:** There will be no slide or projected image categories for this competition).

BALLARAT INTERNATIONAL FOTO BIENNALE –

Our participation in the Ballarat Foto Biennale was a success, with members representing the Club on a roster basis, reporting strong interest from people visiting our exhibition.

Neil Sinclair took the following pictures at the Australian Photographic Collectors Market held on Sunday 13th September in St Patricks Community Hall where our exhibition just happened to be located.



President, Pam Allen, and the Committee wish to thank all those who participated by submitting prints and manning our display during the month long event. Special thanks to Mark Bevelander for all his hard work in '*making it all happen*'.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010 - Call for Entries

The National Portrait Gallery invites all Australian residents to enter the National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010. The exhibition will be displayed in the National Portrait Gallery building from 19 February to 26 April 2010 and will subsequently tour to a select number of Australian capital cities and regional centres. The prize for the most outstanding photographic portrait is **\$25,000** so all you expert portrait photographers - here's a chance to pick up a few extra dollars!! Entries close 1 November 2009.

For an online submission form – <http://www.portrait.gov.au/site/news.php>

COMING EVENTS FOR 2009-2010

Outdoor Photography Workshops – December-January

David Burren is conducting three outdoor photography workshops this summer:
Landscape workshop at Cradle Mountain, December 11-14, 2009
Two wildlife workshops in Portland, January 8-11 and January 15-18, 2010
Each workshop is limited to a maximum of 6 participants
Further details: <http://davidburren.com/workshops>

VAPS Muster – 22nd, 23rd, 24th May 2010

Next year the VAPS Muster will be held at Apollo Bay in conjunction with Otways Tourism. Make a week of it and explore the Great Ocean Road, Cape Otway and the Shipwreck Coast.

ADVANCED NOTICE: NEW DATES FOR BALLARAT NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2010

To give greater time in the Prime Viewing Gallery at the Ballarat Art Gallery, the Ballarat National Photographic Exhibition for 2010, conducted by the Ballarat Camera Club, has changed its dates. The new dates for 2010 will be:

Closing Date:	Third week in October 2010
Judging Date:	End October or Early November 2010
Exhibition Opening:	Mid December 2010
Exhibition ends:	Late January 2010 (allows 6 weeks for display)

An entry form will be available closer to the time. For more information contact:
Liz or Peter Cocks ☎ 03 5339 2650 or Email: infor@ballaratcameraclub.org.au

CLUB SAFARI

President, Pam Allan, contributed the following from the Club's Safari to Rawson:

Bewdiful!! Fifteen Members basked in sunshine, chugged along in the train, enjoyed the atmosphere in Walhalla and the Rawson Camp.

A great à la carte menu on the Friday night and a pleasant chat around the open fire before retiring.

BBQ, campfire and a bowls tournament on the Saturday night and a trip to the Thompson Dam on the Sunday rounded off a great weekend.



Rawson Competition

Those who attended the Rawson Camp are invited to submit **two** entries per person depicting a highlight of the weekend for judging at the next meeting (November).

Digital Workshop

Adrian Cook and his able assistant, Nola Tidyman, kept us on our toes and definitely added to our knowledge through their expert explanations and individual tuition.

All who attended had a great time and it was good to see three members from the Geelong group who have attended previous workshops with us.

Pictures courtesy of Neil Sinclair



THE SECRET IS OUT - CHRISTMAS IS ON THE WAY!!

Don't be alarmed but there are only 9 weeks until Christmas which means it's time to get jingling those bells and start to think of all things red and green.

Christmas Hamper

Please bring your donations, large and small, to the next meeting (November) to make this our biggest basket yet.

Club Family Night – 8 December

Time to encourage your family members to start gathering their photos for our special Family Members Photo Competition held at our December meeting.

Christmas Break-Up / Get-together 13 December at 12 noon

Last year we were rained out so hopefully we will swing it for a better day this year. BYO everything and meet at Lake Wendouree (opposite the floral clock) for a relaxing barbeque.

2010 NEW YEAR BBQ – SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 2010

Advanced notice, the famous Downing BBQ will again be held at 319 York Street (12am) for lunch. As previously, please bring meat, drinks, chairs and a small salad and sweet to share with other members.

NOVEMBER COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the 10 November meeting:

Small prints:

Slides:

Large Prints

Open

Wood

Open Triptych

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on 10 November at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm. Guest Judge will be one of our own Club Members, Trina Jones.