



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

Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY WALKABOUT

This annual event is held as part of our February meeting and this year consisted of members taking photos of three nominated, notable places of interest within the Ballarat central area. This competition 'Capture Ballarat Photo Points', was organised by Mark Bevelander and was based on an exercise conducted during the recent Foto Biennale in which he and Pam Allen participated. As can be seen from the photos below, the statue of the surgeon, Sir Albert Coates received a lot of interest.



WEBSITE NEWS: www.ballaratymcacameragroup.com.au

The Club website can now accept entries for Club Competitions where Digital entries are one of the options e.g. May, July, August & October.

Guidelines for uploading images directly to the website can be viewed as a PDF file from the front page of the website next to the 'New' tag.

All members are encouraged to use this method as it not only facilitates the process of cataloguing but also allows all club members to 'look back' on images presented over a period of time.

If members do not have access to the internet, digital entries can still be submitted via CD, USB stick, or camera card at the monthly meeting prior to the Digital Competition meeting.

DIGITAL GROUP:

The next Digital Group meeting will be conducted by Ken Smith on Monday 1 March at 7.30pm at 327 Heinz Lane, Invermay Park (directly opposite Midlands Golf Clubhouse).

Topics for discussion:

DIGITAL NOISE: - Types of Noise, how to avoid it, how to get rid of or minimise it once it's in an image.

NEW STYLE CAMERA'S:- We are now seeing compact camera's with interchangeable lenses, what's the advantage/disadvantage???

IMAGE IMPROVEMENT: - New software is emerging from the space programs that enable the image resolution to be improved way beyond the Camera's native resolution. Does this now mean we can print poster size images from 6 megapixel Camera's???

2010 NEW YEAR BBQ

Many thanks, once again, to Yvonne & Ivan Downing who very kindly opened their home on Sunday 7 February for our first club event for 2010.



Ivan has his barbecue well fired up for the occasion.

This Coming Saturday Night!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Annual Awards Night – Saturday 20 February



The 2009 Ballarat YMCA Camera Group Annual Photographic Awards Night will be held on Saturday 20th February commencing at 8pm at the Kohinoor Community Centre. Guest Judge will be Jim Thyer, who is a life member of the Ballarat Camera Club.

Please bring a plate of supper to add to the festivities of the night.

Don't forget, entries for selection in the Corio Bay Interclub Competition are due in tonight. **Categories:** Small prints, Large prints, Slides or Digitally Projected Image - subjects for all categories will be **OPEN**.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

Corio Bay Interclub Competition - Saturday 20 March

The host club this year is Corio Bay Camera Club. Further details of the Geelong venue and travel arrangements will be published closer to the event.

VAPS Interclub Competition – Saturday 28 March

Don't forget, entries for selection in the VAPS Interclub Competition should be given to the Print Steward on or before Saturday 20 March.

Ballarat Camera Club Interclub Competition – Saturday 11 September

Entries for selection in the Ballarat Camera Club Interclub Competition are due in by Tuesday 10 August.

iconPHOTO 09 – closing date 31 May 2010

This new Australian competition has one **open** category and entry is by uploading to the **Iconic Images International** website. There are a total of 10 prizes valued in excess of \$17,000. Details of the individual prizes and **How to Enter** are available on the "Competitions" page at www.iconicimagesinternational.com

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:

Michael Persin's Travel Photography Exhibition – Opening 3/2/2010 at 6.30pm

This exhibition will be held in Provenance restaurant/bar (288 Smith Street, Collingwood) and will run for a few months. Michael is a member of Camberwell Camera Club

"In a World of Their Own" by Bronwen Casey EFIAP MAPS SSVAPS – 20 & 21 February

This exhibition will be held at the Melbourne Camera Club, Cnr. Dorcas and Ferrars Sts, South Melbourne **1.00 – 5.00 pm** and will feature the full set of original prints with which Bronwen was awarded her Master of the Australian Photographic Society in 2008.

This set of images is about people. Not just portraits of faces but a portrayal of an aspect of their lives or the world in which they live. The set of colour images encompasses individuals from across the world, a cross section of people in different nations with different cultures. The supporting monochrome set is also about people but focuses specifically on the people of China – capturing them in their daily lives, from the fields to the streets.

In conjunction with this exhibition, Bronwen Casey will be speaking at the Melbourne Camera Club on **Thursday 18 February at 8.00pm**. The title of the presentation is:

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players" (William Shakespeare)

Bronwen will present a cross section of her photographic work with a focus on people and theatre photography. Her digital slideshows will include images from her travels overseas and she will also digitally present the folio of images with which she gained her MAPS skill honour in 2008. The Melbourne Camera Club extends a warm welcome to all to attend the Presentation and Exhibition.

Editor's Note: Bronwen was one of the judges for the Ballarat Nationals in 2009 and I (Tom) valued the experience of pencilling for her as she made her assessments.

COMING EVENTS FOR 2010

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

This year the VAPS Muster will be held at Apollo Bay in conjunction with Otways Tourism.

BALLARAT NATIONAL EXHIBITION 2010

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 17- 19 September 2010

The Club Safari will be held at Southcombe Lodge, Port Fairy over the weekend of the 17 - 19th September. This has been a most enjoyable venue for our Safaris in the past so keep the dates free.

2010 FEES:

Fees for 2010 **are now due** and will remain the same as previous years, at \$35 for singles, \$65 for couples, \$20 for full time student / child (Junior Member).

Please make an effort to catch up with Ross Block at the next meeting (9 March).

VALE JOHN COMMINS

We regret to inform you of the passing of the VAPS President, John Commin. He became President of VAPS in October 2009 after serving as Vice President for 5 years. His own club was the Caulfield Photographic Society which he joined in 1991 and was President for 6 years until 2009.

John passed away peacefully on 12 February 2010 after a short illness.

MARCH COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the 9 March Meeting:

Small Prints:	Tree in a Landscape
Slides:	Nature

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting (**Annual General Meeting**) will be held on 9 March at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm. The Guest Judge will be Bill Vermeend, current President of the Ballarat Camera Club.

The Ballarat YMCA Camera Club Committee is up for re-election at this Annual General Meeting. Club members are encouraged to apply for positions on the committee. Please obtain a nomination form from Mark Bevelander (Club Secretary ☎ 0439639636) prior to / or on the night before the commencement of the AGM.