



## ~ CAMERA NEWS ~ May 2010

Monthly newsletter of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group inc (A0035217D)

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Meetings: 8.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at the clubrooms.

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**Editorial :** Hello to all the happy snappers. This edition of the Newsletter was going to be delayed until after the V.A.P.S. Muster being held at Apollo Bay this weekend, but due to the need for members to receive 14 days notification of our next special general meeting the muster will have to wait until next month. I am sure it will be worth the wait. We have 8 members attending.

Last months' judge had some very interesting comments to make about our Arches and some high scores resulted. Bit tough when you score 15 and don't get a place, but don't be discouraged, he really liked your work. And congratulations to the winners as detailed below.

### Competition results:

Small prints	Arches	1 <sup>st</sup>	Into the gloom.	Tom Bates.
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Ansonia.	Dianne Fletcher.
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arches in Venice.	Peter Elford.
Slides	Arches	1 <sup>st</sup>	Canal Bridge.	John Earnshaw.
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steel arches.	Carole Townsend.
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arches Galore.	George Townsend.
Large prints	Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	In hot pursuit.	Ken Smith.
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Autumn River.	Ken Smith.
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Better outside than in.	Pam Dellaca.

### Next Month:

Small prints	Silhouette
Slides	Silhouette
Large prints	Open

This months' competition which is currently in the hands of Judge Dennis Speilvogel, are all open category. The Print/Slide Steward reported there are 38 small prints, 14 slides and 16 projected images, so that was a good response after only having 4 entries in this category on Tuesday night. Well Done!!

Mark is planning a workshop on the art of submitting these images in the near future.

Doug will have the scores available at the next meeting so you can see how you are fairing in this years' competition so far.

### Out and About

A day trip to Williamstown will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of August. 'Skeet' Fletcher has provided us with a wealth of information about attractions in the area and we will select a few and provide details of same closer to the date.

The following month we will be holding our annual camp at **Southcombe Lodge Port Fairy** on the **17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September**. Now is the time to pay your \$10 deposit to the treasurer to confirm your attendance at this event. It is a great venue and there is plenty of room for Family and friends if they would like to attend also.

**Membership.** We currently have 28 financial members so there is room for a few more. Why not encourage a friend to get interested in attending, joining our group and competing in our regular competitions.

**Items of interest:** . There is an interesting Digital Life expo being held in the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment centre from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of June Open to the General Public on Saturday and Sunday at limited times. Fairly pricey exercise I think. Have a look at their Web site and form your own opinion. [pmaaustralia.com.au](http://pmaaustralia.com.au)

The Australian Museum have an invertebrate photo competition called 'Up Close and Spineless' This comp is now open and closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

<http://australianmuseum.net.au/event/Up-Close-Spineless-Photographic-Competition-2010/>

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Now the main reason (stated in the editorial) for sending this newsletter out early is so you will have 14 days notice of the Special General meeting to vote on the potential merger with the Y.M.C.A.

Having Ed Ferguson along to our last meeting hopefully put this change into perspective and cleared up any misgivings you may have had.

If not, please refer to Ed Ferguson's letter in the April CAMERA NEWS for any advantages or disadvantages that such a move may hold for our club so you can refresh your memories and be ready to vote on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2010. (Our next Group meeting night).

A motion has been put: 'That the YMCA Camera group agree to formally merge with the YMCA under the conditions outlined in the April CAMERA NEWS'.

Moved by Leo Fletcher and seconded by Ross Block.

A further motion was put: 'That financial members unable to attend may vote by filling in the attached slip and forwarding to:

John Earnshaw at 612 Eyre St Ballarat

or

Mark Bevelander at 9 Rodney Av Canadian,

in a sealed envelope with Your Name in Capitals and signature on the reverse.'

Moved Ross Block seconded Helen Kennedy and adopted.

If you wish to vote as an absentee this must be done prior to the meeting.

The committee feels that the group has more to gain from proceeding with this merger than retaining our current independent situation. These were highlighted by President John Earnshaw at the April meeting of the group.

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Voting slip:

THE MOTION IS:

That the YMCA Camera Group agree to formally merge with the YMCA under the conditions outlined in the April Camera News.

Please put a tick in the box of your choice.

YES  I agree with the motion.

NO  I disagree with the motion.