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

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Clubrooms: Kohinoor Community Centre, Cnr Errard & Sebastopol Streets, Ballarat.

Meetings: 8.00pm 2nd Tuesday each month at the clubrooms.

Editorial:

Happy 49th birthday to all of the Groups members. We preceded our August meeting with Dinner at the 'Flying Horse' restaurant, attended by 18 members plus our judge for the night, Andrew Thomas and his wife. It was a very enjoyable sojourn made all the more so by a win on the pokies by one lucky member. (not telling who).



Andrew had some lovely prints and books of his photographs. Likes to work on mining dumps and humble farm scenes and the right light can have a dramatic effect on the finished product. As photographers we already know that but we don't see it too often in our submitted works.

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Prints have been selected for the Interclub, and we were delighted to have such a large number to choose from. (don't know if that makes it easier or harder in getting the mix right). Hope our Judge Adrian Smith likes our work and this year victory will be ours.

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Don't forget our Inter-club Competition with Ballarat Camera Club on **Saturday September 11th**. 8pm at Kohinoor, and please bring along some supper to share with our guests.

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Latest competition results:

Small Prints - 'Wind'	1 st	Dust storm	Ken Smith
	2 nd	Wind ripple	Carole Townsend
	3 rd	Wind over water	Pam Allen
Projected images:			
Slides - 'Night-time'	1 st	City glow	George Townsend
	2 nd	Torrens	Carole Townsend
	3 rd	Explosion	George Townsend
Digital - 'Night-time'	1 st	Shop precinct	Ken Smith
	2 nd	Bright night	Trevor Parry
	3 rd	Sky Alight	Trevor Parry

Next Competition - September 14th.

Small Prints - Creative digital manipulation.

Slides - Open.

Large Prints - Open.

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Williamstown photographic excursion: by John Earnshaw

The day dawned very overcast and foggy, not a great start but fairly typical of Camera Club excursions. 9 brave souls ventured forth, and met as planned at the Information Centre. A cup of coffee was first on the agenda followed by a walk around the foreshore and jetties. A market was being held in the park but while some were setting up others were dismantling their stalls due to impending rain. Parking cost us \$2.90 an hour and we made sure the metres were fed again before embarking on the Steve Bracks walk, past the Timeball Tower, Point Gellibrand Heritage Coastal Park, Botanic Gardens etc. Most enjoyable but poor light for photography.

Decided lunch would be a good option. No points for guessing who chose a French restaurant, others were content with the good old Aussie fare of Hamburgers, and Fish and Chips. Appetites sated, we drove to the Altona Wetlands, tackling a 3.5 Km walk around Cherry Lake.

Horizontal rain made sure all experienced the 'WET' part of wetlands, and although soaked to the knees, Coats, Brollies, and hats allowed us to soldier on. This of course led to the need for more coffee and nutritional snacks, to ward off Hypothermia

Mark displayed great coffee leadership skills thru out the day. Thawed out, and homeward bound at around 4.30 pm all declared it a most enjoyable outing.

Thanks to Leo (Skeet) for getting all the info about the area initially, and sorry neither he or your editor were able to join in the adventure.



Thanks Mark for these snaps.

The next big adventure:

is the annual Safari at Southcombe Lodge, Port Fairy.

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th, Sunday 19th of September

We would really like more starters so stir up your fellow members, or bring along extended family and friends. Cost at the moment is \$30.00 per person per night. I would like to say see you there but I am otherwise engaged for that weekend.

Some mega adventures:

Information has arrived advertising World Photo Adventures there are some fabulous sounding destinations available throughout the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011. Probably best if you have a look at a brochure. Ill bring them to the next meeting.

VAPS has announced the 2011 Muster will be held at Phillip Island. In May.
More details later.

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Ballarat Nationals: Entries are now open and close on October 21st 2010.

Categories include: Open Monochrome, Open Colour, Nature Prints, Photo Journalism/Social Documentary, Creative /Experimental, Landscape/Seascape, People/Portrait.

There are strict guidelines for entering, re mounting and sizes

Contact Ballarat National Exhibition

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Or contact Liz Cocks ballaratnationals@ballaratcameraclub.org.au for entry forms if you haven't already received one.

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Advance notice: At our first meeting in February 2011, we will be shown the Ballarat Railway Station as you have never seen it before, courtesy of Historian Hedley Thompson. Should be a great way to start our 50th year as a group.

Alas I can't think of anything else important to fill up the space on this page so best wishes until next month.

Cheers, Pam Allen.