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Monthly newsletter of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group

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

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

Editorial: Welcome back everyone for another year of fun, friendship and possibly frustration if you can't decide just which of those fantastic photos you have taken over the Summer break to submit for our monthly Competitions.

Yes Folks it has finally arrived the Clubs Fabulous 50th year. Wouldn't it be good if we could grow our club to 50 members this year. Not that hard to achieve if every member brought a friend along.

The BBQ was held at Earnshaws this year after torrential rain had the potential to turn Ivan and Yvonne's yard into something resembling the aftermath of a "Powderfinger" concert.

Thanks to John and Anne for playing host to the 17 members who attended. It was great to catch up again.

Weatherwise it turned out to be quite a pleasant day but the threatening skies made it prudent to eat inside.

While I am thanking people I must include Ross for organising Hedley Thompson to give us his grand tour of the station Very interesting and entertaining.

&

Neil Sinclair for securing a new sponsor, Ballarat Digital Camera World (formerly Fletchers)

HELP!!!! The club has a lot of dedicated people working behind the scenes as well as on Committee but all positions are up for grabs at our annual meeting in March. Most of the Members are happy to continue on in their current roles but we do need a new **SECRETARY**

This role has been filled by Mark Bevelander for the past 2 years but he is stepping down due to commitments running the Digital Course and organising the Projected Digital Images.

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Tuesday 8th February 2011: Camera Club resumed. We met at the Railway Station where we had a guided tour with Hedley Thompson. It was a fascinating insight into what most of us regard as a cold draughty platform (*this perception certainly didn't change on the night in question*) and a means of getting to the big smoke. Many photos were taken on the night so this goes well for the black and white railway competition in April.

In the meantime please bring your 2 favourite colour prints of the nights activities for judging at the March Meeting.

Fees were due and are payable on this night.

And I can report we have 20 financial members to start off our fabulous 50th year.

For those of you who weren't able to attend please pay Ross at the next meeting.

Fees for 2011: These will remain the same as previously. Single Membership \$35.00 Family Membership \$65.00 and Full-time Student \$20.00

Saturday February 19th Our Annual Awards Night was held at Kohinoor with Lorraine Harvey as our guest judge for the evening. We were treated to some of her portrait and wedding photography at the conclusion of the judging and presentation of awards.

Several members from the Ballarat Camera club joined us for the evening and another enjoyable social night ensued .

It was good to see the best of the best from last years competition on the big screen again. Congratulations to all the prize winners and especially Ken Smith and Carole Townsend who really scooped the pool. The effort they put into their photography was justly rewarded.

Results:

Aggregate for large prints:

First	Ken Smith	48 points.
Second	Carole Townsend	33 points.
Third	Judy Johnson	31 points.

Aggregate for slides:

First	Carole Townsend	142 points.
Second	Judy Johnson	108 points.
Third	George Townsend	105 points.

Aggregate for small prints:

First	Ken Smith	85 points.
Second	Pam Allen	46 points.
Third	Carole Townsend	44 points.

Best large print:

First	Judy Johnson	VW art.
Second	Ken Smith	Autumn river.
Third	Carole Townsend	A touch of pink.

Best open small print:

First	Ken Smith	Baboon.
Second	Peter Elford	Pink delight.
Third	Judy Johnson	Black smile.

Best set subject small print:

First	Carole Townsend	Wind ripples.
Second	Ken Smith	Evening thunderstorm.

Best open slide:

First	Carole Townsend	Red sand.
Second	Judy Johnson	Red curl.
Third	Carole Townsend	Eureka tower and reflections.

Best set subject slide:

First	Carole Townsend	Arches in silhouette.
Second	George Townsend	Curving on spillway.
Third	John Earnshaw	Sky diver.

Club award for small prints:

First	Mark Bevelander	Who's looking at who.
Second	Helen Kennedy	Eerie mist.
Third	Mark Bevelander	Funky busker.



Our judge, Lorraine with Ken



The above photo of Carole is history in the making. This is the last time the Courier Shield will be awarded for Slide of the Year with the cessation of this medium after 49+ years.

Calender of events: Just so you don't forget:

Tuesday 8th March Our Annual General Meeting plus our regular meeting night
Competition entries are Small prints CURVES and Projected Digital Images OPEN.
also please bring along two photos from the Railway excursion for judging.

Saturday March 19th Interclub Comp' with Corio at Koohinor.
This will be preceded by dinner at the Royal Mail Hotel at the end of Sebastopol Starting 6pm.
Please bring a plate of supper to share with our guests at the conclusion of the evening.

Tuesday April 8th.Commencing at 6.30 pm. We will have a guided tour of the Mechanics
Institute prior to our regular meeting night at Kohinoor at 8pm..

There are three important events happening in 2011.

Firstly the club will be running its own Digital Course for beginners. This will take place at the
Y.M.C.A new headquarters in Lyons St Nth, from 7 pm to 9 pm on 4 consecutive Thursday nights
commencing in March

Cost for members will be \$25 00 and non members \$35.00. To allow for individual attention it
will be limited to 12 people. First in Best Dressed.

50th year celebrations will be held in August. The current committee is working on sorting out a
venue and the format the evening will take. The usual birthday meeting will be held on Tuesday
9th August with a function on the following Saturday evening 13th of August.

Annual Safari: This will be held at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp in the Rowsley valley near
Bacchus Marsh on the Weekend of October 21st 22nd and 23rd More details later in the year but
in the meantime keep those dates free in your diary. We will plan some interesting excursions
from this venue. We encourage all members to participate in this fun weekend. We require a
deposit of \$20 per person by the April meeting so we will have definite numbers for booking
purposes and enable us to pay the deposit.

V.A.P.S Muster is being held at Cowes on Phillip Island May21st and 22nd.

Stop Press Lorraine Harvey advised that she can get a house on Phillip Island that has 5
Bedrooms and will sleep up to 11 people . if you are intending to go to the Muster and are
interested in this option please contact Lorraine by the end of next week so she can secure a
booking.

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Now all members should have the most up to date information I can impart. Use these notes in
conjunction with your syllabus and enjoy capturing the photographic challenges for 2011.

Yours in photography
Cheers Pam Allen.