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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:

Hello again; All you photographers out there can't help but notice the glorious autumn colours appearing in the tree lined boulevards of Ballarat, those chilly frosty mornings and jewelled dewdrops clinging to spiders webs. There are plenty of opportunities for open photos all obtainable in your own back yards. Not to mention Easter celebrations and Anzac Day commemorations so take your cameras with you every time you go out.

Mechanics Institute trip ---

I am sure that all those who attended left amazed and educated. A big thank-you to Mark who guided us from belfry to basement.

Below is an extract from the M.I. brochure.

The Ballarat Mechanics' Institute was established in 1859 and has a proud history of over 140 years of continuous service to the local community.

The first part of the present building was occupied in 1860.

The four storey Sturt Street frontage was added in 1869.

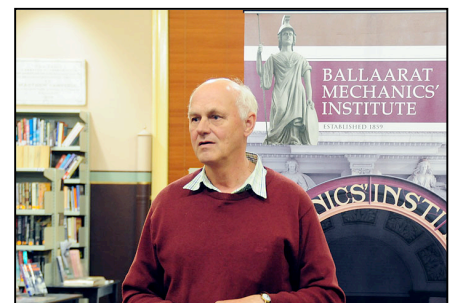
The present library area was formerly a Mining Exchange erected in 1865.

The term 'Mechanic' seems to have been adopted in the 19th Century as a general word for men who worked with their hands in a trade or as a skilled artisan. Mechanics' Institutes developed in Scotland, with the aim of providing the ordinary working man with a means whereby he could improve both his work skills and his general education.

George Birbeck, a Professor of Natural Philosophy at the Anderson Institute in Glasgow, is credited with starting the Mechanics' Institute movement in the early 1800's. The concept spread quickly throughout the United Kingdom and the English-speaking world of the day. In Australia, the first Mechanics' Institute was established in Hobart in 1827.

As colonial towns grew and consolidated, Mechanics Institutes were quickly established in many places. Although the building which originally housed a Mechanics' Institute can still be recognised in many an Australian town or city, very few continue to operate as libraries and cultural centre.

The Mechanics Institute is certainly worth a visit.



Bring a couple of photos taken during this excursion for an informal judging at our next meeting.

Beginners Digital course ---

Thanks to Neil and Ken who assisted Mark run the beginners course

Mark advised he is not in a position to run a further course this year but if other club members wanted to do so his course notes are available for their use..

Watch this space, we will advertise details as appropriate.

Welcome to new members Anne Zoet and Bryce Harbridge.

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WANTED!!For our 50 year celebrations:

- Photographs of people involved in club activities over the past 50 years.
- Copies of cuttings that appeared in the paper.
- Any other past information.
- YMCA syllabuses. A wonderful response so far, the earliest syllabus is 1979.
- We still have 2 missing, 1987 & 2000.
- A copy of a hand-written letter to 'All members' dated 21/8/1980.

Hand-written, two motions - One grade in slide competitions.

President: G. Townsend, Secretary: Alan Weston.

Plus anything else of interest from our group's past

Our President would appreciate information and ideas A.S.A.P.

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Fees are now overdue.

As at the Annual Meeting we have 26 financial members in this 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

This month's Competition Results: Judged by Kerry Purcell

She provided a lot of helpful suggestions on how our photographs could be improved.

Kerry also showed a short video of black and white still shots and a few of her favourite prints.

Small Prints - Curves

First	'In the jetty shed'	Pam Allen.
Second	'Curves galore'	Ken Smith.
Third	'Tile pattern'	Judy Johnson.

Projected images (EDI) - Open

First	'Painting faces'	Ken Smith.
Second	'Mechanics mirror'	Neil Sinclair.
Third	'Serious lady'	Megan Rayner.



In the jetty shed.

Entries submitted last meeting: Will be judged by Gerard Lewis

- Small Prints - Open (33 entries).
- Projected images (EDI) - Railway in Black& White. (40 entries).
- Large Prints - OPEN (25 entries)

Entries to be submitted at our meeting next month (May 10th) are:

- Small prints: Speed with movement.
- Projected images (EDI): Open.

Don't forget your Mechanics Institute Photos.

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Skipton Photographic Show is being held on 21st and 22nd May 2011. I would encourage club members to submit some entries in any of the 8 categories listed below
Pictorial, Creatures, Creative/Experimental, Photojournalism, Landscape/Seascape, People/Portrait, Skipton building or scenery, Still Life.

Plenty of scope there. Entries close **Monday May16th.**

Contact Val Day for entry forms.(03)5340 2336.

It is worth a drive out to Skipton to have a look even if you don't have any entries in the comp.

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

Sunday 12th July: A day excursion to Paddys Ranges State Park is planned.

Just South of Maryborough this park has relics of the gold mining era and wildlife.

There are toilets and a bbq. .The plan is to leave Kohinoor at 9.am and travel to the area . Take a picnic lunch with you and enjoy a day in the bush with other club members.

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There are a couple of important events happening in 2011.

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.

A deposit of \$20 per person was required by the April meeting so we will have definite numbers for booking purposes and enable us to pay the deposit.

If you intend to go please let Ross know and pay your deposit NOW!

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Yours in photography

Cheers Pam Allen.

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The Ballarat businesses below sponsor our group by providing the prizes for our annual awards. Some also provide discounts on most goods and services. Support them when you can.

- **Camera House** 416 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- **Ballarat Camera Centre** 211 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- **N L Harvey & Sons** 123 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- **Ballarat Digital Camera Plus** 426 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- **The Ballarat Courier** 110 Creswick Road Ballarat
- **Harvey Norman** 1322 Howitt St. Wendouree.
- **Bryan and Peterson** 3 Coronet Street Wendouree.