

# ~ CAMERA NEWS April 2013 ~

Monthly newsletter of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.

A part of the YMCA of Ballarat.

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

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

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## Greetings all; Here is the News:

**MAY MEETING: Early start at 7pm** The May meeting will commence at 7 pm with a special guest speaker Ed Goodson. Ed is Arts & Photographic teacher at the Ballarat Secondary College. His lecture will be on COMPOSITION.

**PRIZES LABELS:** The committee has approved prize stickers for our local club competition. This small innovation should make it easier to remember which of our prints remain eligible for entry in other group competitions. (see Rule 2(d) below)

You will see these on the back of your winning small and large prints from May.

### Important: Change to the competition rules.

**2(d):** *Projected digital images and Prints which have previously won an award, ie. First, Second, or Third in the YMCA Camera Group's monthly competition cannot be re-submitted in that category.*

***Any image that wins First place in the YMCA Camera Group's monthly competition is not to be entered in any other category in our club competitions.***

**For example** . (Small print to Large print or Set subject to Open or another Set subject or to Projected digital image or vice/versa).

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### **ANNUAL SAFARI: Southcombe Lodge Port Fairy.**

The date for our annual safari has changed to **11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Cost is \$28 per person per night

If you cannot attend both nights (Friday and Saturday) feel free to attend one night only.

You will need to supply all our own food, drinks, linen and a pillow.

Also bring your partner or a friend. (Better bring them a pillow too)

On Friday evening we usually dine out on fish and chips if the weather is fine and mild or back at the lodge if it's not. Doesn't have to be fish and chips of course. I know at least one member who will consume any form of crustacean that's available.

We would like to establish numbers for the camp, so if you are interested in attending please e-mail (Secretary Dianne Fletcher) [cameraclubymca@gmail.com](mailto:cameraclubymca@gmail.com) or advise Dianne at the next meeting.

Could you please also pay your deposit of \$10 per person at the May 2013 meeting.

**Photo Tip:** Find leading lines. Landscapes are full of linear elements— roadways, train tracks, fencerows, ridgelines, tree branches. Use these lines to lead the eye into your picture. Leading lines are most effective as diagonals.

## **COMPETITION RESULTS:**

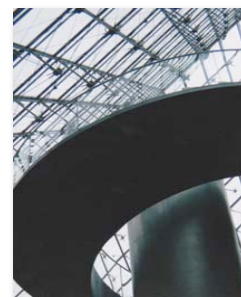
**For your photographs entered in March and presented this month.**

Judge for this competition was John Mullen.

John is a lecturer in Media Studies at Deacon University. His interesting talk on the way collecting photographs and other news items for the TV and papers is heading talked most of us out of any idea we may have had of becoming news journalists.

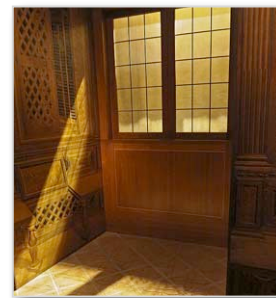
Small prints:            OPEN.

First	Neil Sinclair	<i>Waterjug.</i>
Second	Christine Thompson	<i>Sunset at Byron.</i>
Third	Jenny Trainor	<i>Louvre Walkway.</i>



Projected images:    WINDOWS

First	Judy Johnson	<i>Ancient window.</i>
Second	Pam Allen	<i>Showing it's age.</i>
Third	Neil Sinclair	<i>Museum Window.</i>



*Please excuse the 'editorial licence' taken in cropping your photos to make them fit.*

**Entries to be handed in next month (May):**

Small Prints . . . . OPEN.

Projected images . . SUMMER:

*A picture, the contents of which, are associated with the summer months, or peoples reaction to same.*

**Please ensure your photographs comply with the '2012/13 Subject Definitions'**

**Don't forget**, experienced photographers from our group are always willing to assist members who have any questions on how to improve their skills.

## What's happening next: 2013

# 8<sup>th</sup> Skipton Photographic Show 2013.

Organised by the Skipton & District Photographic Club.

Date- May 19<sup>th</sup>. Venue- Skipton Mechanics Hall. Time 10am to 4pm.

Admission -\$5 per adult, \$10 per family Entries Close- FRIDAY MAY 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm.

Sections O- Open

N- Novice (have not received an acceptance or award in a Agricultural Show ,National or International competition.)

Y- Youth up to 16years

Categories for Open, Novice and Youth.

1 Pictorial. 2 Creatures. 3 Creative/Experimental. 4 Photojournalism. 5 Landscape/Seascape.

6 People/Portrait. 7 Skipton. 8 Still Life. 9 Monochrome.

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Note: Entries close before our next meeting, but more information and entry forms are available from Dorothy. Our members have done well at this show in the past, so have a go.

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Group meeting** at Kohinoor. 7pm start for a lecture on composition.

*(Small prints - Open, Projected images - Summer).*

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Committee meeting** at the YMCA Board Room

Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

If there are any matters you would like discussed at committee please let our secretary know.

**May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> VAPS CONVENTION:**

This year will be held in Brighton on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Sorry - Unable to access the VAPS Convention Documents. Don't know if it is their fault or mine.

I think registration expires on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April so it's probably a bit late to decide to attend now.

**October 11,12.13: Our weekend camp** will be held at Southcombe Lodge Port Fairy.

The second weekend in October sounds like a long way away but it will come around quickly enough, so put it in your diary now.

**This one is a bit further away:**

**Next year 2014** for our 'camp' we are trying to book in to The Star of the Sea at Apollo Bay.

Hope to have confirmation on this one soon.

Both of the above are excellent places for a relaxing weekend away.

More information on price etc. Later.

**Some reminders:**

***Fees for 2013: Membership fees will remain the same as last year, and are now OVERDUE***

***\$20 for Juniors and Students, \$35 for adults & \$65 for couples.***

***If you have not paid your membership see Ross a.s.a.p.***

**Cemetery Trust Project:** This project is ongoing. If you are interested in joining in see Ken Smith for more information.

## Other bits and pieces:

**Photo Tip:** When your subject is of indeterminate size—a mountain, a body of water, a snow-scape, add a sense of scale by including something of known size, such as a person, a car, a tree, or an animal. This helps viewers understand what they're looking at.

### Web site of the month: Getting Away From It !

For those enthusiasts who still are stuck on " Auto, or I Auto" with their favourite camera, here's a web site worth checking out for the motivation, and explanations, to have even more fun with your camera.

Try: [www.canonoutsideofauto.ca/learn/](http://www.canonoutsideofauto.ca/learn/)

Whilst it is a Canon item it's applicability is universal. Try and enjoy !

Thanks 'Mr C'

**Advertising:** Photo' equipment for sale advertisements are always welcome for inclusion in *Camera News* , as is information on upcoming photographic competitions in which members may be interested.

Ads' should be addressed to [pamjohna@ncable.net.au](mailto:pamjohna@ncable.net.au) or phone 5341 3293 or bring them along to our club meetings.

### **FOR SALE:**

**Photo Mounts:** The YMCA Camera Group has a quantity of inexpensive photo mounts for sale. **Black and cut to suit 7x5 and 10x8 inch prints. Ask about these at a group meeting.**

Any information not directly concerning this newsletter should be directed to our secretary.  
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or to           The Secretary;  
                  Ballarat YMCA Camera Group  
                  PO Box 259 Ballarat 3353

Yours in photography

Cheers *Pam & John Allen.*

No excuse for any errors or omissions as our sub-editor/proof-reader is back.

This newsletter is sent via email as a Word 97-2003 doc or as a PDF document or by postman on a bike. Please let me know if you have had problems in the past and need a change of format.

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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.

- Camera House (Thornton Richards)   416 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- Ballarat Camera Centre                   211 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- N L Harvey & Sons                       123 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
- The Ballarat Courier                   110 Creswick Road Ballarat
- Harvey Norman                       Howitt Street Wendouree
- Cartridge World                       1213a Sturt Street Ballarat.