



Ballarat  
YMCA Camera Group

# CAMERA NEWS February 2014

Monthly newsletter of the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.

A part of the YMCA of Ballarat.

**Clubrooms:** Kohinoor Community Centre,

On the Corner of Errard & Sebastopol Streets, Ballarat.

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

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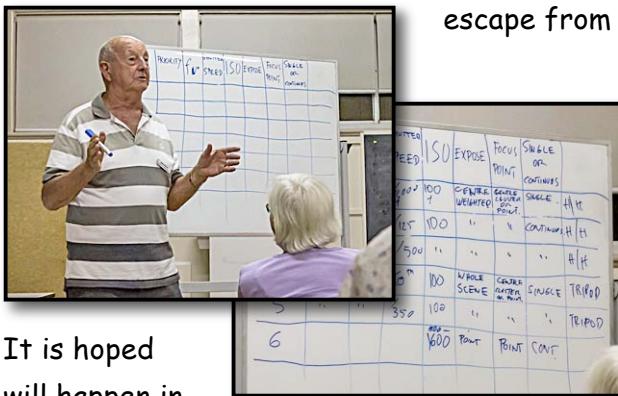


**Start of the year BBQ lunch:** This event was held at Gillian and Ross Block's home.

The weather was a little on the warm side but Ross' water mister and fan combination kept the patio area comfortable enough for all who attended to enjoy a couple of hours chatting together and consuming the wide variety of nibbles available.

**First meeting in 2014:** A short Travelogue on world cruising was presented by Trevor Parry featuring photographs and commentary from an round the world trip that he and Faye took last year. He has currently left us somewhere in the mid Atlantic so it is hoped that we can finish off this interesting trip soon.

**Ken Smith** presented a short tutorial on why we should try to escape from auto.



It is hoped  
will happen in

Using a racing car as the topic Ken included tips on how to decide on what one wanted in the finished photo', when to use shutter or aperture priority, pan or not to pan, and when to use your tripod, along with lots of other bits and pieces.

that similar information sessions from Ken the near future.

**Day trip:** The day trip to Geelong has been deferred to a later date when the grass is green and the ponds and fountains are full.

**Fees:** Group membership fees for next year remain unchanged and are **DUE NOW**  
Adult \$35 Couple \$65 Junior or Student \$20.

**Next meeting:** March 11<sup>th</sup> is our Annual meeting when the new committee is installed.

The following members have offered their services:

President - *Leo Fletcher*, Vice President - *Trevor Parry*, Secretary - *Pam Allen*,  
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer - *Dianne Fletcher*, Print steward - *Anne Earnshaw*,  
Competition Steward - *Doug Reid* and Committee - *John Earnshaw*.

Please consider joining our committee as there are four vacancies to be filled.

Feel confident that in nominating for committee you will not be burdened with onerous duties but we do need fresh ideas and opinions from the broader membership to successfully continue through 2014.

**Corio Bay/Ballarat YMCA Interclub:**

This year will be held at the Corio Bay Camera Club on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>

The clubrooms are in Osborne House Swinburne Street North Geelong.

Final details on dinner arrangements and "How do we get there"? travel arrangements will be available at our March meeting.

**VAPS Annual Convention 2014** (*Copied from VAPS web page*)

The VAPS annual convention and Interclub will be held in Geelong in 2014.

A fabulous collection of keynote speakers and a wide range of workshops for camera clubs will be available for members to enjoy.

Enrolment forms and programme will be distributed to camera clubs very soon.

A Friday evening photo walk is also being planned.

The main details are as follows:

**Dates:** Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May and Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2014

**Venue:** Mercure Hotel Cnr Gheringhap st and Myers st, Geelong.

We hope to see many of you there for some great networking opportunities with fellow photographers and some interesting speakers and workshops.



From *The Ballarat*

*Courier*

This photo of our talented annual award winners was published in the Courier on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. A little bit of publicity like this has to be good and maybe attract some more local amateur photographers like us to our group.

*The Courier* is a major sponsor

of the YMCA Camera Group.

## Camera club shows off its talent

BALLARAT'S long-running YMCA Camera Group met recently for its annual award night.

The 54-year-old club awarded members in several categories, including large and small print of the year, with Sovereign Hill's official photographer, Tony Long, serving as judge.

Member Anne Earnshaw said she loved the challenge of photography, but also the companionship the group provided.

Her husband, John Earnshaw, a life member of the club, said

### EBONY BOWDEN

the photography group was certainly not for professionals and that anyone with a camera was welcome.

Bruce Fryer won both the large and small print categories with his photos of Lake Wendouree shrouded in early morning fog and a race horse in action.

The YMCA Camera Group also holds interclub photography competitions with the Corio Bay Camera Club.

Today the group has 38

members and aims to promote photography around Ballarat, as well as provide members with the opportunity to improve their photography, regardless of their experience level.

The group has a rich history since being founded in 1938. In 1947, the group went into recession due to lack of materials during World War II, but reformed soon after.

Members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Kohinoor Community Centre, with visitors welcome.

## ANNUAL AWARDS RESULTS:

### George Townsend Club Award:

*Awarded for small prints which were unplaced during the year and entered by members who have never won a major prize in the past.*

- First -** Helen Kennedy ... *Very sweet.*
- Second -** Jenny Trainer ... *By the Window.*
- Third -** Pam Allen ... *Snuggled.*

### Large print of the year:

- First -** Bruce Fryer ... *Fog over View Point.*
- Second -** Ken Smith ... *Artesian Bore.*
- Third -** Ken Smith ... *The Lake.*

### Large print of the year:

- Aggregate.**
- Ken Smith ... *51 points.*
- Noel Verlinden ... *28 points.*
- Jenny Trainer ... *21 points.*

### Small print of the year:

- Open.**
- First -** Bruce Fryer ... *Flying Horse.*
- Second -** Ken Smith ... *The old Gaol.*
- Third -** John Earnshaw ... *Cemetery Gates*

### Small print of the year:

- Set subject.**
- First -** Tom Bates ... *Orchid 2.*
- Second -** Christine Thompson ... *Behind the Veil.*
- Third -** Pam Allen ... *Ballet Shoes.*

### Small print of the year:

- Aggregate.**
- First -** Anne Earnshaw ... *65 points.*
- Second -** Noel Verlinden ... *55 points.*
- Third -** Judy Johnson ... *43 points.*

### Projected images:

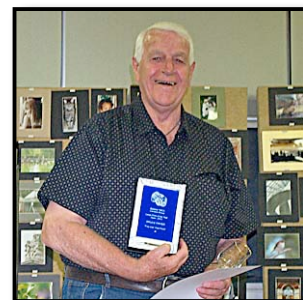
- Open.**
- First -** Neil Sinclair ... *Morning light.*
- Second -** Trevor Parry ... *Unfolding.*
- Third -** Mark Bevelander ... *Sunset on the Irrawaddy.*

### Projected images:

- Set subject.**
- First -** Noel Verlinden ... *Catching a wave.*
- Second -** Ken Smith ... *Bee Eater.*
- Third -** Ken Smith ... *Stormy sea.*

### Projected images:

- Aggregate.**
- First -** Noel Verlinden ... *115 points.*
- Second -** Ken Smith ... *58 points.*
- Third -** Trevor Parry ... *53 points.*



The difficult task of judging our Annual Awards was given to Tony Long. Tony is Sovereign Hill's photographer and is experienced and skilled in the art of creating great photos.

### **March competition:**

The judge for this month's competition is Lorraine Harvey.  
Lorraine is from N L Harvey and Sons of 123 Sturt Street, a sponsor of our group.  
She will judge and comment on Small prints (Open), Large prints (Open), and Projected images (Circles) which were entered last meeting.

Photos needed for next month's judging are -  
Small prints (Birds) *A picture of live bird/s static or in flight.*  
Large prints (Open) and Projected images (Open)

**Wanted:** Two groups of three members each are required to act as judges at monthly club competitions. Following the successful efforts of last years judges the continuation of this practice should be encouraged. Each group will only be required to act as judge once during the year. So don't be backward in coming forward and having a go. Please contact our print steward Anne Earnshaw if you are interested.

**Other Upcoming events:** Sorry, got a bit carried away with pics and results so any other important dates shall have to wait until next month.

### **Advertising:**

Photo' equipment for sale advertisements are always welcome for inclusion in *Camera News*, as is information on upcoming photographic competitions.  
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.

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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.*

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.

Still looking for someone to take on the role of '*Camera News*' publisher:  
Editing, printing and distributing our monthly newsletter.  
If you are interested ask the editor who will be pleased to assist.

The Ballarat businesses below sponsor our group by providing the prizes for our annual awards.  
Some also provide discounts on goods and services.

<b>Camera House (Thornton Richards)</b>	416 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
<b>Ballarat Camera Centre</b>	211 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
<b>N L Harvey &amp; Sons</b>	123 Sturt Street. Ballarat.
<b>The Ballarat Courier</b>	110 Creswick Road Ballarat
<b>Harvey Norman</b>	Howitt Street Wendouree
<b>Cartridge World</b>	1213a Sturt Street Ballarat.
<b>Pizza Capers</b>	919 Sturt Street opp' Base Hospital