

~ CAMERA NEWS April 2014 ~

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 2nd Tuesday each month at the clubrooms.

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Welcome to the April newsletter

Firstly I would like to thank our retiring editor, John Allen, for his dedicated work to get the newsletter to us over several years. I hope I can keep you all as well informed!

The committee and members also thank John for the wonderful job he has done at the helm.

* Also a huge thankyou to Ken Smith, John Earnshaw, Tom Bates, Jonathon Cuttle, Leo Fletcher, Neil Sinclair, Trevor Parry for their work on the Cemetery project. Job well done!

* Many thanks to Mark Bevelander for his Lightroom lecture, most informative for our members.

ANNUAL SAFARI: The Star of the Sea - Apollo Bay.

The date for our annual safari has changed to **17th 18th and 19th October 2014**

Cost is \$40 per person per night, bring your partner or a friend.

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.

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. 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 or advise Dianne at the next meeting. If possible please pay your **deposit of \$20 per person** at the May 2014 meeting.

We encourage all members to consider attending a Safari at some time. It is a great way to get to know other club members. Apollo Bay and the Otways have a lot to offer photographically as well.

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).*

COMPETITION RESULTS:

For your photographs entered in March and presented this month.

Judge for this competition was Roger Thomas.

Roger is a well known nature writer for the Ballarat Courier. He covers many nature topics but bird watching is his passion, he is also a member of Bird Life Ballarat.

Small prints:

Birds

First

Ken Smith

White Peacock

Second

Ken Smith

Bee Eater & Prey

Third

Anne Earnshaw

Pacific Gull



Projected images:

Open

First

Noel Verlinden

Ellie

Second

Jody Johnson

Stephansom 2C Vienna

Third

Ken Smith

Beach Cricketers.



Large prints:

Open

First

Carole Townsend

Cycling The City

Second

Anne Earnshaw

The Potter

Third

Jenny Trainor

Farm Dog On Ute



NEW SPONSOR:

We do have a great new sponsor, **Ballarat 4x4**



Garry has asked us to conduct an introductory, getting to know the features on modern digital cameras and to use the various settings for their customers.

Ken Smith has agreed to do this on the 6th of June and **Ballarat 4x4** would welcome any of our members to join with them on the 6th from 7pm to 8pm.

In addition **Ballarat 4x4** have suggested that we might enjoy a pleasant Sunday drive (off road) in a yet to be determined forest or remote (but not distant) scenic area, prime for photographic pleasure. The purpose being for our members to be photo coaches for **Ballarat 4x4** customers for the day, sharing our photographic experience with their love of the bush, for a day. If sufficient interest this would probably take place late June.

Interested? Please let Leo know so he can liaise with Garry Doyle, Manager Ballarat 4x4'

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT 2014:

Photos for the Community Centre in Delacombe:

There seems to be a bit of confusion about sizes.

We have purchased number of photo frames that are labelled 12 x 16 inches.

This is the outside measurement of the actual Frame.

Your photos for display need to be mounted like we do for our competitions on a mount that has the dimensions of 300mm x 400mm in order for it to fit within the frame.

You will not be able to use the firm cell foam backing on these as it will be too thick to fit within the depth of the frame.

In order to give all our photographers a chance for their work to be displayed it is envisaged that one photo per member will be displayed on a three month rotation.

If you would like to have your photo for sale you may set your own price but a suggestion is that \$50 might be an appropriate starting point.

Deliver your photos to the President or bring to the next meeting at the latest.

Tuesday, May 13th: Group meeting at Kohinoor - 8pm start

Entries to be handed in at May meeting -

**** Small Prints: HANDLES**

A device for opening a door, window or draw.

**** Projected Images: OPEN**

Any subject treated pictorially ie good design, arrangement & composition.

Tuesday, May 20th: 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 25th and 26th VAPS CONVENTION:

This year will be held in Geelong on 24th and 25th May 2014.

Access the VAPS Convention Documents at <http://vaps.org.au/Documents.aspx>

Registration closes on the 25th of April so be quick!

Geelong Mercure Hotel have single and double accommodation packages that include breakfast.

Single \$143 per room per day. Double \$159 per room per day.

Contact Mercure Geelong to make bookings. Phone 03 5223 6200.

Apscon 2014 will be held in Ballarat this year on the 20th to 26th September.

They offer a great range of tours, workshops and speakers.

Information will be available at the next club meeting night or look at www.a-p-s.org.au

Education - The committee would like to provide a tutorial component to the general meeting night.

Example of suggestions to date are creating a photo book, having another Lightroom lecture.

Please email your suggestions to the secretary or put in writing and bring to the meeting.

We need your help!!!

Reminder:

Fees for 2014: 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 Dianne a.s.a.p.

