

Greetings all; Here is the News:

VAPS Convention Interclub Results:

The VAPS conference was held at the Mercure Inn in Geelong last weekend. John and Pam Allen and Judy Johnson attended for the whole conference (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and Neil Sinclair attended on Saturday. It was a very entertaining, educational and tiring social event. Our results in the interclub competitions were disappointing scoring low points in all the categories entered.

First place 40th place

VAPS INTERCLUB RESULTS: Aggregate points of top ten scores per club.

OPEN PRIN	TS : 47 Clubs entered.		
	Frankston Photographic Club	125 Points.	First place
	Ballarat YMCA Camera Group	99 Points	42 nd place

EDPI (Projected Images): 46 Clubs entered.Southern Suburbs Photographic Society128 PointsBallarat YMCA Camera Group96 Points

OUR BEST OPEN PRINTS: Highest scoring prints by our members.

Mark Bevelander	Winters afternoon at the lake	11 Points
Helen Kennedy	Stormy	11 Points
Ken Smith	Outback Church	11 Points

OUR BEST EDPI (Projected Images): Highest scoring images by our members.

Mark Bevelander	A forest of wind generators	11 Points
Neil Sinclair	Morning light	11 Points
Ken Smith	Bee Eater	11 Points

ANNUAL SAFARI: The Star of the Sea.

The date for our annual safari is 17th 18th and 19th October 2014

Cost is \$40 per person per night

There is still plenty of room.

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, they will be made most welcome.

We really do need to establish numbers for the camp, so if you are interested in attending please e-mail (Secretary Dianne Fletcher) <u>cameraclubymca@gmail.com</u> or advise Dianne at the next meeting.

Could you please also pay your deposit of \$20 per person at our next meeting.

COMPETITION RESULTS:

For your photographs entered in April and presented this month. Our judges for this competition were members, Noel Verlinden, Doug Reid & Jonathan Cuttle.

Small Prints:

First Second Third Ken Smith Megan Rayner Peter Elford

OPEN

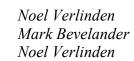
Battlefield Rescue Port Fairy Lighthouse Follow the Leader





ROCKS

First Second Third







Murpheys Hay Stack Saddle Rock Spikey Rock Angelsea



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

Entries to be handed in next month (June) are:

Small Prints OPEN

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

Projected Images .. MOISTURE Water droplets on any surface.

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

Please ensure your photographs comply with the '2013/14 Subject Definitions'

What's happening next: 2014

Friday 6th June, 4X4: The first lecture for Gary Doyle's Four wheel drive club will be on Friday 6th June 7pm to 8pm at their place on the North side of Howitt St near the Burnbank St corner. Neil, Ken and Leo are involved in running this course. Other interested members are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, June 10th:

Group meeting at Kohinoor. (Small prints - Handles, Projected images - Open). Gerard Lewis is our judge for this competition.

Tuesday, June 17th:

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.

June 2014:

An Aerial And Photography Masterclass is being run in June at Kalbarri WA. Contact <u>http://bluetonguephototours.com.au/Kalbarri-master-tour/</u> And/or busaroundtours.com.au

Sunday July 4^{th:}

VAPS are holding a JUDGES COURSE On Sunday July 4th at the Melbourne Camera Club Cnr Ferris and Dorcas street South Melbourne This course is aimed at anyone interested in judging at camera clubs Cost is \$15 includes lunch and morning/afternoon tea. More information at next meeting.

October 17,18.19:

Our weekend camp will be held at Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay.

Delacombe Community Centre:

Twelve members photos have been received for display at the Delacombe Community Centre. Six have been selected for the first display and the remainder will be held unit it's time for a change over. Thanks to those members who have submitted their prints for this club effort.

* Mark is away - June EDI projected images competition entries to be forwarded to Trevor Parry. Details are on our YMCA Camera Group web site.

* Marilyn Bradford is in charge of the prints competition while Anne is away. Bring your entries along to the club as usual.

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

Some more reminders:

<u>Fees for 2013:</u> 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.

FOR SALE:

<u>Photo Mounts</u>: The YMCA Camera Group has a quantity of inexpensive photo mounts for sale. Black and cut to suit 7x5 inch @ \$1.00 and 10x8 inch prints @ \$1.50 Ask about these at a group meeting.

Other bits and pieces:

While our group competition subject definitions are only one or two sentences, Photographs forwarded to VAPS or other competitions will be judged using definitions like the one below. Keep this in mind when entering our monthly competitions.

The following is an extract from the VAPS Endorsed Definitions. Nature photography depicts living untamed animals and uncultivat

Nature (N) – Nature photography depicts living, untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena, from insects to icebergs. Photographs of animals that are domesticated, caged or under any form of restraint, as well as photographs of cultivated plants are ineligible. Minimal evidence of humans is acceptable for nature subjects, such as barn owls or storks, adapting to an environment modified by humans, or natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves, reclaiming it. The original image must have been taken by the photographer, whatever photographic medium is used. Any manipulation or modification to the original image is limited to minor retouching of blemishes and must not alter the content of the original scene. After satisfying the above requirements, every effort should be made to ensure the highest level of artistic skill in all nature photographs. (Also the FIAP definition).

To see all the VAPS endorsed definitions go to: <u>www.vaps.com.au</u> then open (Documents) – (Useful documents) – then (VAPS "NEW" "Reference Document" "NEW). click on the cross, this will open access to a "word" document (_NEW_VAPSReferenceDocument_NEW.doc.) Lots of information about judging and preparing prints for judging on this document as well.

<u>Advertising</u>: 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 <u>tljones80@bigpond.com</u> or bring them along to our club meetings.

Any information not directly concerning this newsletter should be directed to our secretary. <u>cameraclubymca@gmail.com</u>

> The Secretary; Ballarat YMCA Camera Group PO Box 259 Ballarat 3353

Yours in photography

or to

Trina

Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and members of the Camera Group for their kind words and condolences to myself and family on the recent death of my mother, May Greaves. RIP. Ed.

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 St, Ballarat.
•	Ballarat Camera Centre	211 Sturt St, Ballarat.
•	N L Harvey & Sons	123 Sturt St, Ballarat.
•	The Ballarat Courier	110 Creswick Rd, Ballarat
•	Harvey Norman	Howitt St, Wendouree
•	Cartridge World	1213a Sturt St, Ballarat
•	Ballarat 4 x 4	906 Howitt St, Wendouree