

# ~ CAMERA NEWS November 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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Ballarat  
YMCA Camera Group

**Greetings all; Here is the News -**

## **COMPETITION RESULTS:**

For your photographs entered in October and presented this month.

Our judge for this competition Carol Hall.

### **Small Prints:**

### **Open**

First

Pam Allen

Smart Floral Art

Second

Pam Dellaca

The Tropical Wall

Third

Anne Earnshaw

Colourful Canoes



Smart Floral Art - Pam Allen



The Tropical Wall - Pam Dellaca



Colourful Canoes - Anne Earnshaw

### **Projected Images:**

### **Stairs**

First

Trevor Parry

Spanish Steps

Second

Steve Demeye

Going Down

Third

Doug Reid

Another Use For Stairs



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

**Vale Ken Smith**

*It is with a heavy heart that the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group must acknowledge the passing of one of its esteemed members, Ken Smith. Ken passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at St John of God Hospital. Ken was always trying to improve his photographic skills as well as encouraging others to do the same. Below are some fine examples of his work.*



I was born on 21st August, 1934, at the Phoebe Shadford Hospital in Barkly Street. I was the tenth child in the family, with six sisters and three brothers, and only the last two were born in hospital.

After attending Golden Point Primary School, I went on to the Junior Technical School. My working life started at age 11, when I delivered papers for the Courier. On the day I turned fourteen, I told the headmaster I was leaving school, and got a job as a Petrol Boy at Batt & Lyons Service Station.

Whilst working as a Fireman on the Railways in 1953, I was called up for National Service in the Air Force. In addition to my six months training, also I attended school in Melbourne and gained a Boiler Attendants Certificate.

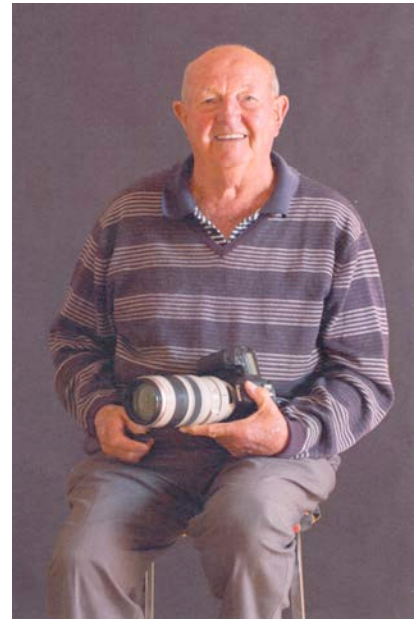
Hard manual labour had given me a severe back injury, so I went back to school, studying Maths, Science and Engineering Drawing. I excelled at the latter and soon secured a job as a Draughtsman. After a short time, my wife Joyce and I decided to move to Adelaide. We lived there for eight years, before returning to Ballarat.

In 1977, Joyce and I opened a brake specialist shop called Mr Brakes. Success followed, and five years later we opened a second branch. This was also a very profitable enterprise, and I sold both businesses in 1988.

Throughout my life, I have been a keen motorcyclist, golfer, fisherman and photographer. I have been involved in a wide range of community groups, including: Rotary, Rostrum, Rovers Motorcycle Club, Golf Clubs, Ballarat Blue Water Fishing Club, Melbourne Personal Computer Group and the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group.

Ken Smith

Photographer Ken Smith



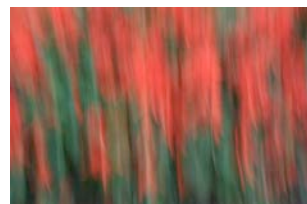
**Kenneth Robert Smith**

21.08.1934 — 03.11.2014



*faces in the Street*

Portraits of Ballarat Lives



***Next entries to be handed in at February meeting are:***

***Small & Large Prints ..... Open***

*Any subject treated pictorially.*

*ie good design, arrangement & composition.*

***Projected Images ..... Shadow(s)***

*A picture in which the shadow is featured.*

*The cause of the shadow may be included but must not be dominant.*

### **Day trip to BUCKLEY FALLS BALLYANG SANCTUARY**

After a small group of members ( and one 4 legged friend) met at Buninyong Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. we set off under the guidance of John & Pam Allen to our first stop which was the Buckley Falls Lookout, and what an awesome sight of part of the Moorabool River from the heights of the lookout and the Old Paper Mill just behind us, we walked along the path at the top and looked through thick vegetation to the running water of the river which was about 50 meters wide. Then we set off in our convoy over the Moorabool River single lane bridge to an immaculate little park where we had a quick cuppa, then off again to the Buckley Falls to view from the opposite side (Facing the old Mill) We went down lot of stairs and paths but what a sight greeted us. The river was clearer to see and there were quite a few waterfalls cascading over the huge rock formations as well as some birdlife. Some of us adventured on to big rocks and down steep stairs to get that special shot, others kept their feet on firm ground and snapped away. Was truly an unexpected and picturesque sight. It was time to head for our next destination and lunch break at the Balyang Sanctuary. Under a Rotunda next to the Barwon River, we had our picnic lunch and lots of chatter we all had a leisurely stroll around the Sanctuary again the bird life was great to see. The area invites walkers, joggers and cycling, as the efforts to beautify and maintain this once swamp industrial zones continues. We then made our way to the Moorabool Valley Chocolate by Design Cafe at Batesford. A perfect way to end a Happy Snapping Day. Hot and Iced Chocolates, Latte's Scones, and chocolate delights were served and consumed with pleasure. The weather started off a bit threatening but evolved into a perfect day.

A big thanks to John and Pam for a truly wonderful, social and full of photo opportunities. Well done.





## ***We need your help!***

***Members please seriously consider standing for Committee 2015.***

New people bring fresh ideas to the club and the club must have an executive committee to run efficiently! Several current long standing committee members are looking for a well earned rest. By contributing in this way to the club you could make a difference and also be pleasantly surprised by what you could also gain from the experience.

### **Ballarat Interclub – next year.**

Small Print Subject will be a photo of some aspect o Mining in Ballarat (Past or Present).

We will also have this for our small print competition in March 2015 – we should have plenty to select from when the time comes!

### **Remember – Family Photo Comp – Details below. Get the family involved!!!**

#### **DECEMBER FAMILY FOTO COMPETITION:**

The rules: Open to members of our families who are not members of our group.

Sisters, brothers, children, grandchildren etc.

Two mounted small prints taken by each entrant. Subject – OPEN.

Two sections – Senior (18 years and over) and Junior (under 18 years).

No other rules.

There must be lots of budding photographers out there who would be delighted to have their pics in our competition.

Start collecting the entries together now and bring them along to our **December** meeting.

### **Dates to Remember!**

#### **\*\* Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:**

Group meeting at Kohinoor, 8pm. Xmas supper – please bring a plate (of food)!

#### **\*\* Reminder: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas picnic lunch at Lake Wendouree. Meet at lake foreshore opposite floral clock at midday.**

#### **\*\* Ballarat National Exhibition: Ballarat Art Gallery**

From 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015

See website [http://ballaratcameraclub.org.au/ballarat\\_nationals](http://ballaratcameraclub.org.au/ballarat_nationals) for details.

#### **\*\* Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015:**

Group meeting at Kohinoor, 8pm - this will be a nostalgic slide night at the clubrooms.

**\*\* Next Years Camp:** Will be held at Stuart Mill between Avoca and St Arnaud and the dates for same will be October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, so put that date in your 2015 diary as soon as possible.

\*\*\* Congratulations to Neil Sinclair for 2 Acceptances at the Nationals  
“Burrumbeet Dawn” & “Lake After Sunset”. Well Done! \*\*\*

\*\*\* A big thank you to John Allen for his hard work on producing the syllabus for 2015 \*\*\*

