



Ballarat Camera Club

FLARE



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President's Report

Thank you for selecting me as your next president.

First of all as Ballarat Camera Club members we must thank Carol for the work carried out by her over the last two years as the club's President. Carol never does anything by halves, certainly not during her time as President. She has worked hard and under her stewardship the club has fared well. The Ballarat Camera Club has always been a solid successful camera club, but over the last few years the club has grown another dimension. The club has embraced digital photography, and has grown in numbers. The work that has been submitted has been of good standard. The best work submitted, ranks as high as I have ever seen, and as a judge for many years I have come across some very good photography. The constitution, after a number of years in the making was finished and the changes to the by-law are completed. All requiring quite an amount of work.

Of course we should also thank the club's committee for the work carried out during Carol's tenure.

Liz with the help of Peter in keeping the Ballarat National very successful.

Stephen as the Flare editor

Jenny for organising the enjoyable Ballarat Camera Club annuals.

Carol for running the interclub and VAPS competitions.

Keith, who works hard to make our monthly club competitions also enjoyable.

The secretary, treasurer, and all other committee members that keep this club running smoothly, organise the various events that take place during the year, we thank them all.

Once again, we as members of the Ballarat Camera Club would like to congratulate Carol and her team for a job well done, and I hope that we will be able to continue in the same manner, during my tenure.

Digital Report: The next digital meeting will be Monday night the 7th of September at the Bibby's house. 9 Handford Court Invermay Ph 5332 1701 for directions.

Time 7.30pm onwards. Please bring your cameras, instruction books and queries.

From the Committee

As some of you have been aware we had problems with last month's entries coming back damaged. While the Print coordinator takes all care possible, we cannot take responsibility for print damage in transit. We do however take all care possible with members' prints including on club night by wearing gloves while handling the prints. We have come up with a number of suggestions regarding print handling and in particular transport methods. These will be explained and demonstrated at the next print and slide night.

The committee has also decided that

- No prints will be accepted for competition unless properly mounted and backed.
- To send parcels by courier, not Australia Post.

The following is Keith's response to the concerns raised by members.

Report concerning handling of Monthly competition Entries.

This report has been prepared because of a complaint by a member due to the damage to the corner of prints at the August 2009 meeting.

I have rung Ian Bock to ascertain the condition he received the entries in, he informed me he did not notice any damage but this could be due to (as he said) that he looks at the photos and doesn't pay much attention to the mounts.

The procedure I took with the handling of the entries for this competition was, the photos were left on the table at the meeting (mostly loose, except for the Bibby's and David Grigg's), I then took them and placed them in the case and the case has foam rubber at the top and bottom for protection. At home I opened the case and took out only the entry forms and entered the photos on the computer. The only times I physically touched the pictures was when I took them from the case and placed them

Monthly Competition Summary

Set Subject: In The Style of & Creative Monthly Comp Summary August

– Judge - Ian Bock

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| Deverall Sandie | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Freeman Margaret | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Grigg, David | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Hall Carol | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Harvey, Lorraine | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | |
| Johnson, Judy | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
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| Lees Lorraine | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Leith Jenny | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| Pipkorn Ann | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Thompson Libby | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Wells Philippa | 1c | 1c | | 2 | | | | | 1c | | | | | | | |
| Wharton Jill | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 | | | | | | |
| Widdop Elizabeth | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |

Some photos from the Annual night



President's Report 2009 AGM

The last twelve months have been both busy and productive in many ways. Underlying the operation of any incorporated body is its constitution. We had been made aware of the need to update our constitution, and over several months three of us worked on it. I'd like to thank Kerry Daniell for being the driving force behind the work, resulting in its acceptance by Consumer Affairs Victoria, and Betty Bibby for the hours spent going through minutes of many previous committee meetings to trace previous by-laws which we have now updated and which have been formally adopted by the membership.

Last September we celebrated the club's 70th birthday with a dinner at the Barkly Hotel attended by past and present members and guests from Geelong. Ian Pym gave a well-researched and often humorous account of the club's activities over the years.

In the two Interclub competitions this year we have not fared particularly well, largely because the number of slide makers has dwindled, reducing the quality of entries in this section. In the coming year we will discontinue this section of the competitions. Nevertheless our prints have been well up to standard, with members becoming ever more creative and competent in the digital arena.

Several members had acceptances in the Ballarat National Exhibition, and at the VAPS Muster competition, one of Betty Bibby's prints was retained for the APSCON display in October. Another individual success was the awarding of LAPS to Lorraine Lees, whose artistic and creative skills have resulted in many high quality prints. Lorraine was also active in directing the photography for a fund-raising calendar in which she and four other female members of the club contributed their photographic skills, raising several thousand dollars for local charities.

Other individual milestones included the presentation of 40-year VAPS bars to David Grigg, and, via the Ballarat YMCA Camera Group, to Judy Johnson. These year bars mark the years of membership of clubs affiliated with VAPS, not necessarily membership of just one club. We were also pleased to present Wallace Myers with Life Membership in recognition of 20 years of service to the club.

Liz Cocks directed another successful Ballarat National Competition, earning herself the title of Madame Lash, complete with a Please and Thank You T-shirt, much to everyone's delight! Many thanks to all members who assisted with the considerable organisation involved in this event. The next National will be held at a different time of year, namely December 2010, so that we can continue to display the entries in the optimum surroundings of a gallery room, not the unsuitable function room as was the case this year.

We have now seen the development of the club's website, after a couple of false starts, and we are very grateful to Jamie Walhouse for designing and maintaining ballaratcameraclub.org.au with assistance from Betty Bibby.

Club activities have included a visit to the Castlemaine area, an evening at Nimmons Bridge to learn how to do star trails, a visit to the Reptile Park, foraging for fungi at Blackwood, a Bring & Buy night, and a fascinating visit to Horsham Colour Lab to view their processing and printing business – together with free large prints for those of us who went! Several friendly members of their staff stayed back on the Friday night to demonstrate the facility to us and we were impressed with the quality of their colour management and printing.

Bushfires ravaged several communities north and east of Melbourne in February, and one of them, Narbethong, invited VAPS clubs to document the devastation. The Bibbys and I spent two days there, including half a day in the company of a lady whose company owned three farm properties affected by the fires. After spending time with her, we then explored on our own in the wider Healesville-Alexandra area.

This year I introduced a series of occasional 10-minuters, short talks by members prior to the competition section of the general meeting, whereby individuals have an opportunity to display or comment on an aspect of their photography. David Grigg, Lorraine Lees, Betty Bibby and I all contributed. In this way we all get a better impression of the interests and skills of some of our photographers.

The digital meeting held once a month in either the Bibbys' or the Cocks' homes continues to provide an opportunity for meeting members informally and for learning and sharing information. In this way the club has welcomed several new members some of whom are already competent photographers, while others have acquired new cameras and are eager to

learn how best to use them. We are grateful to the Cocks and the Bibbys for hosting these meetings.

Finally, a comment on the move to our new venue. The increase in membership necessitated a larger room and during 2008 I instigated a search for affordable, suitable accommodation; Trevor and Betty Bibby, with their considerable contacts and knowledge, found these facilities at Prince of Wales Park, and I thank them for the time they spent visiting a variety of venues. There is more room to display the monthly entries and to chat over a cuppa. The Annual Awards evening held here was very successful, with the prints on display around the room, enabling everyone to browse and to see them at the same time as the results were announced.

At the conclusion of my two years as President I'd like to thank the members of the committee for their support, and in addition those members who regularly help set up the room, bring refreshments, contribute ideas and suggestions and generally involve themselves in the detail of operating the club. Stephen is taking time off from the committee and we thank him for his work on the newsletter. Thanks are also due to Jeff who is relinquishing the post of Secretary, but will continue to give us the benefit of his experience. I am sure we can look forward to another stimulating year in 2009-10.

Carol Hall.

Australian Photographic Collectors Society Inc.
Photography Market
Sunday September 13th 2009 *an affiliated event with the*
BALLARAT INTERNATIONAL FOTO BIENNALE
10.00am to 4.00 pm
St Patricks Hall
Cnr. Sturt St & Dawson St Sth. Ballarat
BUY SWAP SELL TRADE

1000's of useable & collectibles cameras, film, digital & Video Equipment. Movie Cameras, Projectors. Images, Books and Darkroom.
Valuations on any equipment.

To Book Tables 03 5241 2402 or 0409 330 852

Editors note:

This has always been an interesting market when it is at Camberwell Town Hall, now it's on our doorstep. It is also a good opportunity to buy, try new lenses etc from traders.

November Camp

Join us Friday 27th to Sunday 29th

Lake Fyans Holiday Park

Friday: Arrive at camp set up and check out spots for Star trails and sunset shots.

Saturday: Travel to Halls Gap, lunch in town, out to Heatherly Quarry, Then back to Lake Fyans to enjoy an evening meal.

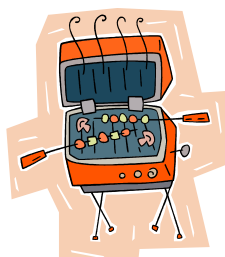
Sunset shots over the over Lake Fyans.

Star Trails over Lake Fyans 9pm Saturday night onwards, Weather permitting.

Sunday: leave park, travel to Stawell visit the Art and Craft gallery.

Call at Sister Rocks on the way home to Ballarat

Book your own accommodation:



Ph: Lake Fyans Holiday Park
on 5356 6230 or 1800 631 856
visit their web site at

www.LakeFyansHolidayPark.com.au

Address: 650 Mokepilly Rd Pomonal

Price Range

Cabins \$88 to \$175 (Spa)

Sites \$22 to \$44 (Ensuite Peak)

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS
**BALLARAT NATIONAL
EXHIBITION
FOR 2010.**

To give us Prime Time in the Prime Viewing Gallery
at the Art Gallery of Ballarat
the Ballarat National Photographic Exhibition for 2010
has changed its Dates.

NEW DATES for 2010 will be :

Closing Date: Third week in October 2010
Judging Date: End October or Early November 2010
Exhibition Opening: Mid December 2010
Exhibition ends: Late January 2011

Note that the Exhibition from 2010 on will be on display for six weeks over Summer.

An entry form will be in Newsbrief closer to the time.
Further enquiries from Liz or Peter Cocks, Ph. (03) 5339 2650; email
info@ballaratcameraclub.org.au or P O Box 1362, Bakery Hill Vic 3354.

We appreciate your understanding on this and look forward to receiving your entries before
the Closing date for 2010.

CLUB FEES

Due 1st July (now \$45).

There are a small number of members who have not paid their fees. This will be their final reminder; otherwise we will be placed in the unfortunate position of not being able to accept their prints into the next competition.

If you are not intending to rejoin could you please advise a committee member? This will assist us in maintaining accurate records.

If you are under 18 years of age or a full time student under 21 years you are entitled to club membership at 50% of the full amount.

CLUB LOGO CLOTH BADGES

Are available at \$8 each
See Carol if you would like one!
Look for them on the table at the next club night.

Editors' Note:

Remember to look at the clubs web site. If there are any last minute changes to planned events or if anything new is happening, it will be listed on the site.

The Annual photos will soon be uploaded.

Website:
www.ballaratcameraclub.org.au

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 9th - Print and Slide Night - "Fungi" - *Definition* - "An image of a single fungus or group of fungi. Treat this as a Nature shot as per VAPS/Ballarat National definition - i.e. no manipulation other than removal of blemishes" also entries for "Speed & Action" - *Definition* - "The image must be suggestive of movement".

It is also the closing date for **Geelong Interclub** entries.

September 12th (Saturday) - YMCA/Ballarat Interclub -

Ballarat clubrooms - 7.30pm

Members please bring a plate of supper.
We do have the facilities to heat up food if required.
Join us for a night of interclub mingling and get to know our neighbours.



October 9th Print and Slide Night "Speed & Action" - *Definition* - "The image must be suggestive of movement". Also entries for November's competition.

Creative – *Definition* - The main image must be photographically produced by the maker. It can be 2 or 3 dimensional, collage, montage or computer enhanced. Images created in mixed media will only be accepted in this section.

Photojournalism – *Definition* - Story-telling picture, such as seen in newspapers and periodicals, which may include documentary, sport, spot news or human interest.

This is the last competition for 2009.

**BALLARAT INTERNATIONAL FOTO BIENNALE
2009.**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

www.ballaratfoto.org

A spectacular month of photographic exhibitions for the BFB09 FESTIVAL PROGRAM in Ballarat and surrounding towns requires a team of volunteers to assist the organizing committee.

Volunteers will receive discounts on activities and clothing for their efforts after a sufficient number of hours of assistance.

Program Dates: 5th September -5th October 2009

Contacts: Phone: (03) 5331 4833

www.ballaratfoto.org/volunteers

Ballarat Camera Club Inc.
P.O. Box 1362 BAKERY HILL 3354
Website: www.ballaratcameraclub.org.au

Print/Slide night 7.30 pm. 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Meetings held at - Basketball Archery building Prince of Wales Recreation Reserve Ballarat. (Near and behind the YMCA Aquatic Centre).
Digital Meeting 7.30 pm. 1st Monday of the Month.
Contact Publicity Officer for details.
Workshop/Outings 4th Wednesday of the month or by arrangement.
Contact Publicity Officer for details.

President – Bill Vermeend – 5332 3302
Publicity Officer - Liz Cocks - 5339 2650
Flare Editor – Betty Bibby 5332 1701
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Contributions for the Flare to the Editor no later than the Sunday prior to the second Wednesday of the month. We really need your input, so please consider it.