



Ballarat Camera Club

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Last month we had our interclub competition with the YMCA, and we came out on top this time. Very gratifying, for it has been some time since we won an interclub competition. This has not been because our prints have been poorer than in years before, but on selection night we did not always receive the best images made throughout the year. It was a little frustrating to know that many of our members had in their possession some very good work, but did not always offer them up for selection. Of course it was realized that sometimes these photographs were not available because they were away in other competitions such as Nationals. Carol, as our interclub coordinator, has taken the initiative and has taken some proactive steps. She now has a good look at the prints entered at the club competitions, looks for the best, and then suggests to the owners that she would like to have them for selection when an interclub competition is imminent. This action has been successful, and for the YMCA interclub competition we had some excellent images to select from.

Like most of you, I had a look at the work presented at the Ballarat International Foto Biennale festival. I have not seen all the different venues, but a number of them. A lot of the work I enjoyed, others I found a little bewildering. Quite a number of the images were part of a documentary series, others were stand alone. Some of the documentary series were very interesting, if not always top photography as we know it. Some of the images I looked at were taken from quite uninteresting bush land, and totally out of focus. Deliberately so I would think, because every one of the images in the series was similar. That I find personally not very good photography, however others might think differently. I have come across the same situations in painted subjects and am usually told that I do not understand the significance of the painting. I do agree. One of the venues I liked most was Gallery on Sturt. The New pinhole works were technically very interesting. Clive McWaters images were mostly manipulated, but he knows his craft and his photography is very good. We are familiar with Peter Kervarec's work, and again I like the images he produced for this exhibition. Peter really knows how to manipulate different lighting.

Bill

Digital Report

A very informal meeting this Month with only 13 members and one guest attending. Carol showed the Robert Francis some basic image editing features in Photoshop Elements. Jenny, Anne and Liz enjoyed creating a futuristic photograph with popup books with figurines in the foreground. There was a lot of general talk and photo sharing of recent trips that members have undertaken Carol also had an album of images from the Narbethong fires. Our grandson was the main focus of a very brief photo shoot.

There will be one more Digital group meeting before the holiday break.

From the Committee

The **syllabus** has been sorted and just needs typing up. I will get it onto the web site as soon as I am able.

We are still looking into a **digital projector** and are narrowing the choices down. Hopefully by the start of next year's club nights it will be all sorted and available for use by visiting judges.

VAPS Display at the **Foto Biennale** .with over 35 clubs with work on display over the weekend of the 2th & 13th September. They were happy with the passing through of over 200 people. Ballarat Camera Club was represented by images by Kerry Daniel, Trevor Bibby, Carol Hall and Betty Bibby. Thank you Kerry for your work organising our representation.

Keith has the **membership cards** available for collection, see him at the next meeting or they will be available at the digital meeting in November.

NEXT YEARS SYLLABUS WILL BE
READY FOR DISTRIBUTION AT
THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

YOU CAN DOWNLOAD IT OR
REFER TO IT ON THE CLUB WEB
SITE SOON.

www.ballaratcameraclub.org.au

Monthly Competition Summary

Set Subject: Fungi

Name	Small						Large					
	Set			Open			Set			Open		
	A	M	H	A	M	H	A	M	H	A	M	H
Aggett, Keith	2		1	2	1							
Bibby, Betty							1	1	1		1	
Bibby Trevor							2		1			2
Bolton Peter					2	1						3
Buckland Deborah	1	1			1	2						
Deverall Sandie										1	1	1
Freeman Margaret	1	1		1								
Grigg, David				1	1					1		
Hall Carol											2	1
Harvey, Lorraine					2	1				2		1
Johnson, Judy					1					1		1
Lees Hugh	1											
Lees Lorraine	1		2			2						1
Leith Jenny							1	2			1	2
Luders Tania										1	1	1
Pipkorn Ann											1	1
Pipkorn Darryl											1	
Purcell Kerry						2						
Thompson Libby						1				1		
Wharton Jill					1	2					1	2
Widdop Elizabeth		1	2		1							

Monthly Comp Summary September 09 – Judge - Ernie Christopher

CLUB FEES

Due 1st July (now \$45)

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

CLUB LOGO CLOTH BADGES

Are available at \$8 each

See Carol if you would like one!

Our weekend away in the Ngarat conservation park and the Big Desert National Park.

Ngarat Conservation Park borders the Victorian Big Desert and covers some 270,000 hectares. It is home to more than thirty rare and endangered plant species. The area is home to the secretive pigmy possum and the rare mallee fowl. Throughout the park there is evidence of a past rural lifestyle which must have been a very isolated existence. We visited two of these sites, the Box Flat and Bucks Camp ruins.



Box Flat Ruins

There has been significant rain in the region resulting in a fantastic wildflower show. While we were there predominately for a 4 wheel drive trip we still found time to photograph some of these flowers. Orchids were few and far between, but we may have been looking in the wrong area.



We visited the Scorpion Springs region, checked out the fish ponds while they had some water in them and continued on to the Border Track.

Travelling down the eighty kilometre border track seemed easier than last year mostly due to compacted sand.



Border Track



One of the prettiest tracks we drove down was the Chinamans' Well track, a very sandy track with lots of flowering shrubs, native herbs and corrugations and dips along its 26km length.

This is what some of the party did while we were taking photos of the flowers

After lunching on the banks of the dry Lake Hindmarsh, we joined the highway back to Ballarat. Over the four days we were away we travelled some 1,000kms. A lot of that was at the cracking pace of 25kms per hour.

We camped in a variety of isolated camp spots, from on the edge of the track in light scrub with little timber for the evening fire and cook out; to a well treed area of gums near the Box Flat ruins where undulating rises provided a great camp site. Our last camping night was spent on the side of a Fire Track using mallee roots as fire. You can't beat an open fire barbeque and roast vegetables in the camp oven.



Happy Times, Trevor & Betty Bibby

2009 Ballarat Camera Club - Ballarat YMCA Interclub Competition

Set Subject: **Festivals**. For Slides and Small Prints

Definition: An image which depicts a celebratory event at any level – local, national or international; the main subject should be the people involved and/or the theme of the event.

Slides – set subject	No.	Title	Maker	Club	Score
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	1	Back to the 80's	Lorraine Harvey	BCC	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	2	The Musos	Tom Bates	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	3	Funny Band	David Grigg	BCC	14 2nd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	4	A Festive Feeling	George Townsend	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	5	High Fire	David Grigg	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	6	Wacka	John Earnshaw	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	7	It's Halloween!	Carol Hall	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	8	On The Run	Carole Townsend	YMCA	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	9	Halloween Spirit	Carol Hall	BCC	13 3rd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	10	Fun Festival	Trevor Parry	YMCA	15 1st
					BCC 61
					YMCA 59
Small Prints – set subject					
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	11	Lavender Harvest	Carol Hall	BCC	15 1st
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	12	Moving Feet	Judy Johnson	YMCA	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	13	Cup Cake	Lorraine Lees	BCC	14 2nd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	14	Kite Festival	Trevor Parry	YMCA	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	15	Festival of Lights	Liz Widdop	BCC	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	16	Lion King Float	Bill Hirt	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	17	Want a Race ?	Betty Bibby	BCC	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	18	Coloured Snowmen	Peter Elford	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	19	Juggler #2	Trevor Bibby	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	20	Festival Singer	Anne Earnshaw	YMCA	13 3rd
					BCC 61
					YMCA 56

BCC-YMCA Camera Group Interclub 2009



Tony Long *The Judge*

In recent years we have found it difficult to beat the 'Y', mostly due to the larger number of slide workers in that club, but this year our Large Open prints came up trumps and we won the competition by the significant margin of 14 points! By selecting potential entries on the night of our Annual Awards the selection committee had the best of everyone's work to choose from and it has paid off. So thank you, everyone, for letting us have your winning prints straight away.

Judge Tony Long was impressed by the standard of work particularly in the Large Print section and said it was difficult to determine the second and third placegetters as there were many worthy images. We congratulate Betty Bibby, Carol Hall and Hugh Lees for their wins in the Large Prints, Small Prints Set Subject and Small Prints Open, respectively. Other placegetters included Jenny Leith for "Em's Eye", Bill Vermeend for "Red Rose", David Grigg for "Funny Band", Carol Hall for "Halloween Spirit" and Lorraine Lees for "Cup Cake".

2009 Ballarat Camera Club - Ballarat YMCA Interclub Competition

Slides – Open	No.	Title	Maker	Club	Score
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	21	Morning Fog	David Grigg	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	22	Last Rose of Summer	Ron Downs	YMCA	12

Slides – set subject	No.	Title	Maker	Club	Score
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	23	Menindee Lakes	Bill Vermeend	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	24	Aerial Artistry	George Townsend	YMCA	13 3 rd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	25	Sculpture No.3	Betty Bibby	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	26	The Musician	Anne Earnshaw	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	27	Red Rose	Bill Vermeend	BCC	14 2 nd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	28	Walk Through	Judy Johnson	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	29	Monument Valley Sunrise	Carol Hall	BCC	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	30	Heart of Gold	Trevor Parry	YMCA	15 1 st
					BCC 61
					YMCA 64
Small Prints - Open					
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	31	Conquering the Devil	Philippa Wells	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	32	James Melon	Jake Bolten	YMCA	14 2 nd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	33	Potty over Flowers	Liz Cocks	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	34	In Deep Thought	Helen Kennedy	YMCA	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	35	I wonder	Deborah Buckland	BCC	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	36	Fish Tales	Pam Dellaca	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	37	Bright Church	Jill Wharton	BCC	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	38	To The Point	Judy Johnson	YMCA	13 3 rd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	39	Eureka!	Hugh Lees	BCC	15 1 st
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	40	Gardensphere	John Allen	YMCA	12
					BCC 61
					YMCA 61



Liz and Ann.
Taking care of the supper



The audience

2009 Ballarat Camera Club - Ballarat YMCA Interclub Competition

Large Prints - Open	No.	Title	Maker	Club	Score
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	41	Hamersley Gorge	Betty Bibby	BCC	15 1st
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	42	Reach for the Sky	George Townsend	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	43	Imelda	Lorraine Lees	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	44	Native Bee	Ken Smith	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	45	Jack	Margaret Freeman	BCC	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	46	Morning Light	Neil Sinclair	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	47	Agamemnon	Lorraine Lees	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	48	Bright Eyed	Helen Kennedy	YMCA	10
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	49	Em's Eye	Jenny Leith	BCC	14 2nd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	50	Fiery Sands	Carole Townsend	YMCA	11
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	51	Eucla Sand Dune	Trevor Bibby	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	52	V.W. Art	Judy Johnson	YMCA	13 3rd
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	53	Eucalypt Track	Jill Wharton	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	54	Looking through the Bubbles	Anne Earnshaw	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	55	Vintage Visitors	Jenny Leith	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	56	Ballarat Railway Station	John Earnshaw	YMCA	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	57	Betty Bibby	Shepherd's Hut	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	58	Sewing Kit	Ken Smith	YMCA	9
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	59	Wilson Waterhole	Carol Hall	BCC	12
Interclub BCC/YMCA 2009	60	Sandy Track	Judy Johnson	YMCA	12
					BCC 123
					YMCA 113

Totals BCC 367

YMCA 353

Winners:

Slides – Set Subject
Small Prints – Set Subject

Trevor Parry *Fun Festival*
Carol Hall *Lavender Harvest*

Slides – Open
Small Prints – Open

Trevor Parry *Heart of Gold*
Hugh Lees *Eureka*

Large Prints – Open

Betty Bibby *Hamersley Gorge*



Hugh receiving his winning medallion

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 14th - Print and Slide Night –

October 25th (Sunday) – Outing to Serindip Meet at 9am. Car pool to Serindip

Please enquire at the general meeting for the travelling arrangements and directions to Serindip or contact Carol Hall on 5339 2255. Bring your own lunch, chair and all your camera gear.

November 11th Print and Slide Night

This is the last general meeting for the year.

November set subjects are:

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

Creative 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.

November 21st (Saturday) interclub competition with the Geelong Camera club
Meal at the Park Bistro 6pm sharp. Carol needs numbers by the 16th.
We are hosting the event this year so we need food for supper please.
Club rooms at 7.30 pm if you can't make it for the meal.

November camp 27th 28th at Lake Fyans Holiday Park
Phone the park for bookings on 5356 6230

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

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Contributions for the Flare - To the Editor no later than the Sunday prior to the second Wednesday of the month