



CAMERA NEWS

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Meetings: 8.00pm 2nd Tuesday each month at clubrooms

Monthly Newsletter

July-August 2008

LAST MEETING COMPETITION RESULTS:

Results are as follows:

Small prints – Off Beat	1. A Black Day 2. Spine Chilling 3. Fish Tales	Ken Smith George Townsend Pam Dellaca
Slides – Open	1. Approaching Storm 2. Ballarat Railway Station 3. Autumn Frost	John Earnshaw John Earnshaw Trevor Parry
Large Prints – Open	1. Arches 2. Reading by Candlelight 3. Shot-Tower Shadows	Ken Smith Anne Earnshaw Carole Townsend

After very constructive comments from our guest judge, Bill Vermeend, on ways to enhance some of the prints and slides exhibited during the meeting, he then spoke of his interests and hobbies that have occupied him since his retirement. His passion for artistic creation has seen him undertake a course in painting since his retirement and he brought along some of his work to show club members and also to demonstrate that 'an old dog can learn new tricks' after all. You can see examples of Bill's work at the Art Show currently being displayed at Radmac, Armstrong Street North.

DIGITAL GROUP:

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 4 August** at the **Midlands Golf Club** at **7.30 pm**. Ken will be away but Mark Bevelander will conduct the meeting.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

The People & Planet International Photo Competition – entries close 25 July 2008

This competition aims to select 55 images of people, places or things, which tell a story about a social-justice or environment issue. You can submit up to 4 prints per entrant.

Prizes for the best 3 photos are:

1st Prize: \$1,5000

2nd Prize: \$750

3rd Prize: \$250

The best 55 photos will also be published in the 2009 People & Planet Social Justice & Environment Diary, which raises money for Australian non-profit organisations, so it's a great chance to have your photos published and achieve international fame!

All photos must be accompanied by 2-5 sentences describing the image and the social-justice or environment issues, which the photo raises.

Entry details can be found at <http://www.peopleandplanet.org.au/>

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Reminder: All prints and slides for selection for the **Interclub competition** with the **Ballarat Camera Club** to be held on 13 September 2008 **must be** submitted by **next meeting**, 12 August.
Subjects:

Slides	Open
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Small Prints	Open
Small Prints	Night study
Large Prints	Open

Our Slide & Print Steward reports that there is a **shortage of Small Prints** for the **Night study** topic.

So **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** search your prints or don your winter woollies and head off into the night with all your camera gear and ideas to capture that award/club winning shot.

Thornton Richards Camera House Photographic Competition – closes 30 August

Take a photo of your favourite furry friend or goldfish etc and win a \$400 gift voucher at 'Pails for Scales' plus a professional grooming session for your pet (might be a bit tricky for the goldfish!)

2nd prize: \$50 in-store digital print voucher

3rd prize: \$25 in-store digital print voucher

Entry fee \$9.95 – includes an 8 x 10" framed print of your image

Be inspired by our Club Members, Trevor Parry – winner of the landscape section of this competition and Darren Hibberd – second place-getter. Well done, Trevor & Darren!

The following Competitions are still open for entry:

Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition – closing 18 July (Contact Pam Allen to obtain a paper entry form or www.pakenhamcameraclub.smugmug.com .

Australian Museum – 'Up Close & Spineless Competition – closing 29 August

For more information on the above two competitions please see May-June Newsletter.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS:

'From Near & Far' Exhibition - Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th July; 19th & 20th July

The Royal Photographic Society Victorian Chapter presents the 2008 exhibition of members' images at the Melbourne Camera Club, Corner of Dorcas & Ferrars Streets, South Melbourne (Melway 2K A3). This exhibition is open from 2pm – 5pm on above dates.

'Melbourne-Scapes' running until the end of July

The Obscura Gallery merges photography with cultural icons and public art. The images on display demonstrate the way in which photography can highlight some of Melbourne's best attributes, exploring what a city's architecture and public art says about itself and its people.

Located first floor, 285 Carlisle Street, East St Kilda

COMING EVENTS:

Reminders:

Club Safari (Port Fairy) 2008 17-19 October 2008

The Club's annual safari is getting closer. Time for us to consider making a commitment to attend this great weekend of socialising, sightseeing, fishing and, of course, some great photography opportunities.

To aid the committed in its organisation of this event please indicate your firm intention of participating in this year's safari at the August meeting. The price for each night's accommodation is dependent upon the number of members attending.

Ballarat Camera Club Annual Awards & Dinner – Saturday 26 July

An open invitation has been extended to all our members to attend the Award Night. See Pam Allen for more details.

Wedding Photographer Course – Sunday 13 July, 10 August & 21 September

Seawind Studios are offering a 3-day course on how to become a wedding photographer. Cost: \$295 per day less 10% discount if you attend all three days. This course is being held at Toorak College, Old Mornington Road, Mt Eliza 9.30am – 5pm each day. For more information contact www.seawindstudios.com.au

Colac Camera Club Judging Seminar – Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 August

Topics: Judging, Flash Use, Composition, Photographic Tips, Digital & Film
Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch on Saturday)
Venue: Colac Neighbourhood House, 23 Miller Street, Colac
Contact Person: Judy Murfitt email: ljmurfitt@aapt.net.au Ph: 03 52315041

BASIC DIGITAL WORKSHOP WITH ADRIAN COOK

Twelve club members and six visitors attended a very successful digital workshop conducted by Adrian. All comments were very positive and people felt that it was a relaxed and informative day.

We all learnt heaps, some found technical functions on their cameras that they didn't know existed (ask the Cannon SLR digital owners for more information if you also own one).

Adrian suggested a follow-up practical photography day for Sunday 9 November so watch this space for more details.



Adrian demonstrates some of the Canon's features to Peta Price & Megan Rayner

2009 SYLLABUS TOPICS

Now is your chance to put forward your favourite photography subjects. The Committee is looking for topics for next year's Club monthly competitions. Please submit your **written** ideas including a definition or explanation of your chosen topic to John or Ann Earnshaw at the next meeting.

CLUB COMPETITION JUDGES

Do you know anyone who would be interested in judging our monthly competitions? If so could you ask them if they would be willing to judge our photos and perhaps give a small talk and demonstration in their field of expertise. Please pass their details on to John Earnshaw who will then negotiate appropriate dates etc. As it is becoming more difficult to find new judges, any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

WEBSITES

Neil Sinclair has put the following useful websites forward for your information:

www.photozone.de

Photozone is an excellent site if you are looking for tests and comparisons on lenses for SLR cameras.

www.dpreview.com

Digital Camera Product Reviews is another valuable site if you are looking to buy a digital camera and want technical information on its capabilities or to compare your choice against other brands.

AUGUST COMPETITION TOPIC ENTRIES:

The following prints and slides are to be submitted at the August meeting.

Small prints:
Slides:

Aussie icons
Open

Zoo Reminder: Don't forget those fantastic Zoo small prints – two mounted photos per person to be submitted for judging at the August meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Dinner at the Pub.

On Tuesday 12 August, the Club will celebrate its 47th Birthday. A Celebratory Dinner will be held at The Atlantic Hotel at 6pm and the normal club meeting will follow at the Kohinoor Community Centre at 8pm.

Guest Judge will be Brendan Cassidy from Thornton Richards Camera house.