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President's Report AGM 2023



The camera club year is finishing early this year as we have moved forward the year and AGM to be held in June. That means I only have nine months to write about, but we still seemed to have jam packed a lot of things into our club year.

It's been good to have a permanent home at the Warragul RSL after a couple of years on Zoom and then doing a bit of nomadic roaming including the generosity of the West Gippsland Restorers Clubrooms. I think we can all agree that our new facilities are terrific with lots of space and good use of the equipment and kitchen.

It was with great sadness that we lost long time member Andy Tylee in November. Andy was a very active member of the club over many years. Our club members came along to support Marg at Andy's funeral and we were proud to form a Warragul Camera Club guard of honour for Andy.

It was with equal sadness that we also mourned the passing of another longtime member, Linda Keagle, in April. Linda, together with her late husband, Roger, were very active members of our club and gave so much time and energy. Linda had battled through her terrible cancer, this insidious disease, and suffered badly when also losing her beloved Roger through the Covid lockdown period. Fantastically creative, her works of art took photography to a different level and inspired so many people with her skills.

I would like to thank our dedicated committee members who have committed so much time and effort this year. Without their passion and hard work, we couldn't have provided you all with the meetings, events, outings and tutorials that have been on offer this year.

- Vice President and Sponsorship Coordinator: Russell Monson
- Secretary: Jan Bennett
- Treasurer: David Woodcock/Geoff Smith
- Competition Coordinator: Mike Moore
- Newsletter Editor: Rose Bosse/Kathy Burslem
- Membership Coordinator: Robyn Rosenboom
- Special Events Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh
- Outing Coordinator: Ron Paynter

- Webmaster: Des Lowe
- National Coordinator: Jane Woodcock

On behalf of our camera club, I would like to thank you all for your tireless efforts as without you we would not have an operational club. I would also like to thank those members who have volunteered to be part of the committee for the coming year. It is a fantastic opportunity to put your mark on the future of our great club.

We have had a renewed interest in our club membership during the year and welcomed a number of new members. We hope that our newest members find what the club offers in competitions, tutorials, workshops, and outings inspirational and enjoyable.

We had a great start to the year with a very enjoyable BBQ get together at Crossover School and a tutorial night by David Woodcock. We then organised a club online voting session using the website facilities for the January meeting. It was a good exercise for members to vote and self-critique images. This is something we want to continue to do in the future.

The club has continued to provide some quality tutorial evenings with some great presenters throughout the year. A special thanks to Des Lowe and his commitment to bring you inspiring and educational tutorials. In the coming year, we are planning quite a few face-to-face tutorial evenings as we have found an economical venue that gives us this possibility. The RSL, while a great venue, is too expensive to hire out twice a month and with this other venue we can invite you along with your computers and cameras to get more hands-on learning.

Each year we participate in a few interclub competitions, one is the PakWag between the Warragul Camera Club and the Pakenham Camera Club. This competition has been running for a number of years and winning this has always eluded us...until 2022. What wonderful news to announce the winning for the first time of the PakWag Interclub Competition. This has been a long time coming and great that Warragul have finally got over the line by only one point over Pakenham. There were some fantastic photographs by both clubs and what a very talented lot we all are. I was very proud to accept the PakWag trophy on behalf of our club and congratulations to all our creative members for their wonderful images.

The club also participated in a number of other interclub competitions, and we have continued to improve our placings with many members successful with their images. We have a great number of skillful photographers who represent the club in these competitions, and we thank them for their hard work. Along with PakWag, these competitions include:

- Gippsland Interclub Competition
- VAPS Interclub Competition
- 10 Club Portrait Competition

This year we are holding the 50th Anniversary of our National Competition and Exhibition being held at the West Gippsland Arts Centre. At the time of writing this report, we are yet to hold this event but I'm sure it will be fantastic with a great presentation by a renowned documentary photographer. Thanks to our wonderful subcommittee headed by Jane Woodcock for their continued efforts in organising our premiere national event and bringing this fabulous milestone event together. Thanks to the many sponsors organised by Russell Monson and their valuable support to keep this event continuing.

We have continued to provide the club members with some brilliant mid week and monthly outings that has provided some very enjoyable social catch ups and photographic opportunities. Thanks to Ron Paynter and Robyn Rosenboom for organising these great outings.

Thanks to those members who always give up their time to assist when needed and a special mention to Kayren Browne for her advertising and promotional expertise and providing monthly editorial reports to the Warragul Gazette along with some brilliant marketing for our 50th Anniversary National Competition and Exhibition.

These have included visits to some special places including:

- A couple of visits to special places in Melbourne.
- The Channel on the Avon River.
- The Naked Racer in Cheltenham photographing motorcycles and aircraft.
- Geoff Watt Running event in Warragul.
- Hallora Marathon in several locations near Warragul and Drouin.
- Montsalvat Artist Colony in Eltham.
- Melbourne Jail.
- State Library.
- Queen Victoria Market.
- Portrait photography in Warragul.

It has been a proud pleasure to be president of the Warragul Camera Club over the last four years. There have been many challenges including Covid that, thanks to the dedicated commitment of our committee members, have kept the club strong and purposeful and continued to have membership growth. Well done to everyone who, in some small or large way, makes our club a fantastic organisation to belong.

I wish the incoming committee all the best and hope the club continues to grow and improve in 2023/24.

Bruce Langdon
President (2019-2023)

50th Warragul National Competition and Exhibition 2023

I would like to thank all of you who were involved in this year's national. What a wonderful club we have that can come together so willingly and happily to achieve so much. As you saw, many hands do make light work and it was so nice to see the camaraderie that was displayed. Judging day (plus set up) and the exhibition bump-in and bump-out and of course the wonderful receptionists who helped showcase not only the national but also the club, you all played a pivotal role. I do hope you found it an educational and exciting experience.

In case some of the national sub-committee have managed to stay out of the limelight I would like to acknowledge their work and thank them once again. They are, Kayren Browne, Marshall Cock, Bruce Langdon, Russell Monson, Geoff Smith, David Woodcock and Robyn Wright. Thank you for your support and friendship throughout the year. It was very special and absolutely invaluable.

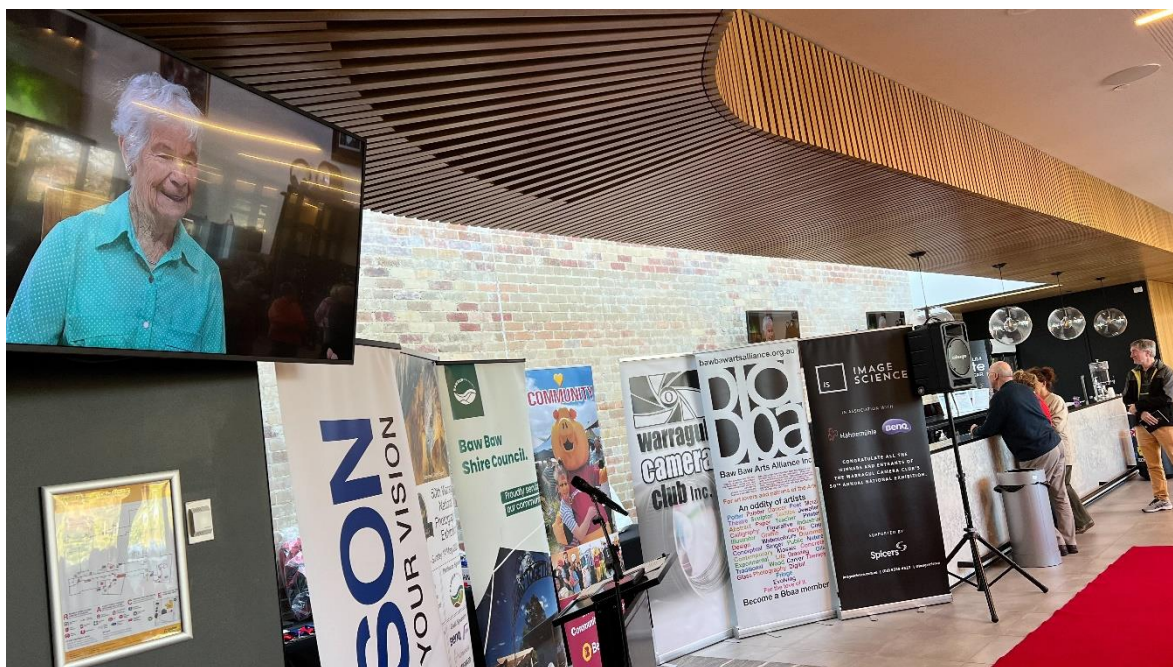
We also had some special helpers: - Ruth Burleigh, Kathy Burslem, Robyn Rosenboom, Cathy Tisdale. A huge thank you to you all.

I hope the national will continue to grow for many years to come.

Kind regards

Jane Woodcock

IMAGES FROM THE NATIONALS EXHIBITION AWARD CEREMONY







50th Warragul National Photographic Exhibition winners

“Baby Barn” by Vikki Templeton is a winner in the animals and wildlife category.

“Escapee” by Paul Robinson, is a winner in the open digital category.

“I’m Stalking You” by Alan Boyd is a winner in the animals and wildlife category. “Eyes on the Ball” by James Ide is a winner in the open digital category.

“Bubble Play” by Helen Cross is a winner in the animals and wildlife section.

“Rubber Boat Race” by John Jiang won the open digital category. The exhibition will open at the West Gippsland Arts Centre from 10am to 4pm

COMING UP ...OUR CLUB HAS SOME WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE OUR PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

VAPS CONVENTION & EXHIBITION 2023 COLAC

The VAPS Convention 2023 will be held at Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre "COPACC" Colac, 16 -18th June 2023

What a wonderful opportunity for our club members to get together for an educational weekend filled by inspirational speakers and hands on workshops. Why not get a group together? The social side is always a highlight where we get to know not only our own members better, but also mix with those of other clubs from around Victoria. The VAPS web site includes all the details of the speakers/workshops as well as suggestions for places to stay. (Often our club stays at the local camping ground enabling non-camping people to stay in cabins and join in the fun!)

What is VAPS?

VAPS is the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies. Most camera clubs in Victoria, including ours, are affiliated with VAPS, who provide a collective support service.

What is the VAPS Convention?

The Convention is an annual weekend for all affiliated clubs which includes the following;

- Guest Presenters over two days. (See web site)
- Workshops
- Exhibition of all competition entries in the Interclub Competition (We will see our club represented)
- Lunches and morning and afternoon teas are included.
- Cocktail Party and Dinner (additional)



Workshops (Sample)

Steve Scalone - Saturday 3.00 pm - 30 places

Continuation of presentation with follow through on architectural based with a practical session and camera walk through the town.

Belinda Richards- Saturday 3.00 pm - 30 places

An introduction to Pet Studio Photography with a practical demonstration using a canine model.

Shelton Muller - Saturday 3.00 pm - 30 places

Putting into practice the exposure calculation techniques discussed in the workshop while simultaneously creating some creative images

Outdoor Shoot - Cressy Aerodrome - Saturday 3.00 pm - 30 places

Ian Rolfe - Sunday 7.00 am - unlimited

A quiet photo shoot along the shores of Lake Colac and Botanic Gardens.

Ian Rolfe & Colac Camera Club - Monday 7.30 am - unlimited

Lake Corangamite, Red Rock Lookout, and Lake foreshore.

And More!

REGISTER NOW via the VAPS website <https://www.vaps.org.au/convention.html>. (Jane Woodcock)

WE ALSO HAVE THE WONDERFUL MEIKE BOYNTON PRESENTING TO US

Mieke Boynton's presentation will be a zoom meeting on Tuesday 13th June her subject will be abstract. Please refer to the club's website calendar for the link details.

Cheers Ruth



Mieke Boynton:

Australian Landscape Photographer.

I'm a specialist landscape and aerial photographer from beautiful Bright in the Alpine Valleys of North-East Victoria (Australia). My partner Matt Palmer and I opened our "[Alpine Light](#)" photographic art gallery here in my home town in December 2021.

I love being alone in Nature and photographing its stunning beauty. When I go out into the landscape, I try to clear my head of all the clutter and simply "listen." I try to immerse myself in the moment and be guided by the sounds and the atmosphere of that particular place. When I process my photos, I'm very careful about honouring the authentic reality of that moment.

DON'T FORGET OUR DAILY FACEBOOK CHALLENGE



June



From a Distance 1	Empty 2	Look Up 3	Messy 4	Mother 5	Dog  6	Half Empty/ Half Full 7
World Ocean Day 8	Stop 9	Macro 10	Vehicle  11	Transport 12	Insect 13	Food 14
Mail 15	Butterfly  16	Street Light 17	Closed 18	Kitchen 19	Made from Wood 20	National Selfie Day 21
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Action 29	Lens Flare 30					

AND LASTLY, DON'T FORGET THE GIPPSLAND INTERCLUB EXHIBITION 2023.

EXHIBITION INCORPORATES WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY WHICH IS 19th AUGUST each year.

HOSTING CLUB is the East Gippsland Photography Society in Bairnsdale.

- CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES **JUNE 5th our normal meeting night.**
- **Two** images per member requested to then go to a selection panel for the ultimate selection of 10 prints to represent our club. It's a **print only exhibition but please submit a digital version on our club website.**
- The **mounted image must measure (16" x 20") 406 x 508mm to fit the plain black 16"x20" frames our Club hold for this event each year.**
- **OPEN** subject.
- **MATT** colour is only **BLACK** for 2023
- **IMAGES** must have been taken in Gippsland.
- Entries must be taken/made entirely by the entrant.
- Entrants must be current financial members of the club submitting their entry. An individual can submit entries from more than one club if they are a member but only a maximum of two entries per member in total.
- Images must be mounted the total thickness of image including matts must not exceed 5mm thickness.

· **LABELS on back of image we require, Title, Entrant Name, Phone, Location of shoot, Camera, Focal Length, ISO, Aperture, Speed.**

Ruth and I look forward to receiving your prints on 5th June.

Cheers

Mike Moore

Competition Coordinator

WCC RED TREE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Red Tree Gallery is now open to all. In fact it is never closed, so no excuses to not check out the Clubs amazing images, many of them first time viewing.

Terrie O'Dwyer has made a 2-minute video which will be played in the gallery, it features some of the photographers speaking!

[The Official Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 2pm Sunday 11 June. Drinks and nibbles will be available.](#)

A big thank you must be made to Laurie Collins who has so generously assisted the Club on this occasion, and to make this fantastic display possible

Photos taken by Kayren Browne of club members setting up the exhibition





APOLOGIES TO THE CLUB AND RUTH BURLEIGH FOR THE OVERSIGHT IN NOT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE TO LINDA KEAGLE IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER.



Linda Keagle

Long time Member of the Warragul Camera Club

Linda passed away peacefully at the Korumburra Hospital on Easter Sunday 2023.

Some of you may not have had the pleasure of knowing Linda but for those of us who have will understand when I say how grateful we are to have known her and the love of her life Roger, who was also a member of our club. We will miss her so very much.

Linda and Roger worked for many years helping with the sorting of the National prints and instigated many updates on the methods we used at the time to streamline the process.

Linda was a respected judge and presenter especially in her speciality field of creative image making. Linda also was the leading force in creating and administrating the Warragul Camera Club's Facebook page. She posted the daily calendar challenge for us right up until last month.

Linda was a very creative image maker and that is something she did right up until the very last days of her years battling bravely against her illness, her strength and courage was a witness to us all.

Our love goes with her on her journey to reunite with Roger.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors!

The Warragul Camera Club appreciates the continued support of all our sponsors for the National Competition and Exhibition. The competition and exhibition would not be possible without their support, and we encourage members (and other readers) to consider them when making purchase decisions.



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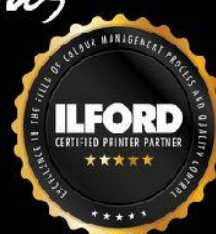
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