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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES TO JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER:

28th June

FOR YOUR DIARY....

Club meeting
7.30pm Monday 3 May
Via Zoom or at Marrawa Centre, Percy Street, Warragul.
Click on club calendar entry for details

Entries for Water In Motion
Closes at 11.30pm 7 June

Committee meeting
Thurs 6 May at 7.30pm via Zoom

Tutorial Night
Mon 10 May 7.30pm
Portraits Presentation by Paul Robinson

Nationals (setting up exhibit.)
'Bump-in' Thurs afternoon 13 May at **Art's Centre, Warragul, cnr. Smith & Albert St.**

Exhibition starts Fri 14 May until Sun 16th May 2021. Presentations at 2pm on Sunday

Mid-Week outing
Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens
Thurs 20 May 9am to 9pm

NOTE: Club AGM will be held on Monday 7 June at 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Mawarra Centre REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

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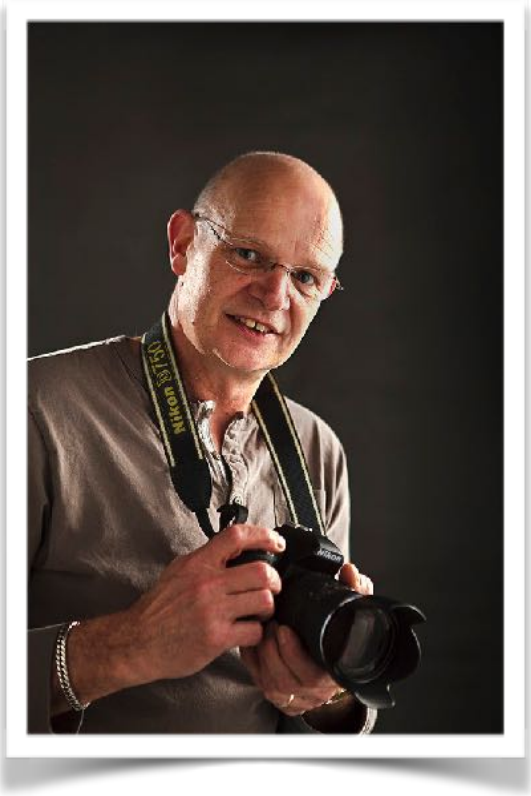
President's Report

May 2021



Welcome to May and the weather is more like winter now as we move closer to June.

Committee Nominations

Talking about June, you will see there are committee nomination forms in this newsletter as the AGM and committee elections are being held next month. Please look at whether you would like to be more involved in your club. You can nominate yourself or maybe someone you feel would make a valuable contribution and would like to be on the committee. The nomination process is pretty straight forward with signatories for nominee, nominator and a seconder required. It is important that we have a committee of passionate members that continue to help our club grow and this can't be just left up to a few. The nominations will close on May 31st so please have a serious think about becoming a committee member. All positions are available and you can nominate for any vacant position. It would be fantastic to have a good old fashioned election for positions this year. It is always an enjoyable experience and a great way to really get to know your fellow members and we always have a fun time as well as making important decisions for the club.

Back at Mawarra

Our next club meeting will be the first in more than a year that we will hold at Mawarra. Testing has been done and we are restricted to 30 members and guests only. You will have received emails about registering for the meeting via the website calendar. Due to the restricted numbers we are going to also present the meeting via Zoom. I would ask that everyone has a little patience as we work through the logistics of bringing this meeting live on-site and also online. It will be a milestone night and one we will remember as we finally get back together again.

Club outings

We had a great end of month outing at Cloudehill Gardens on Anzac Day with a good turn up of members enjoying these lovely gardens in the Dandenong Ranges. Thanks to all who have contributed and to Ron for once again putting together another great AV. Well done to Robyn Rosenboom for organising the last mid-week outing at Yarram during the month and to a great AV put together by Kerrie Matthews. Look out for the future outings announced in the newsletter or by email.

National Exhibition

The 2021 National Exhibition judging was completed on April 10th at the Algie Hall in Neerim South. What a great day this was and many thanks to all who contributed. The day went off successfully thanks to the strategic planning involved and the judges all had an enjoyable day. Congratulations to those members who managed to get their images accepted into this exhibition. Members enjoyed a relaxing wind down with a meal at the Neerim South Hotel afterwards as the wicked weather rolled in while we kept warm by the lovely fire. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes since then with the organising of the printed National catalogue and PDI slideshow as well as the static display at the Arts Centre. Thanks to Jane and David and all involved working on making the 2021 National exhibition a great success. The Exhibition is being held over three days from 14th - 16th May. Bump-in is on Thursday, 13th May and help is needed for this as well as manning the exhibition during the three days. You would have received an email requesting your assistance so please contact Jane with times and days you can help out. More details will be in this newsletter.

eBook Workshop

In July, we are fortunate to have well known photographer, Ewen Bell, present a four week workshop on eBook Curation which will be timely for working on the photo book competition later in the year. This course is a full-on commitment for the four weeks it runs and requires around 3 hours of homework every week. It is important you can commit to this dedication of time as there are only a maximum of ten members per course. For more information and expression of interest, please contact Ruth Burleigh on ruthburleigh1943@gmail.com.

Portrait Tutorial

Next month's tutorial night will be held at Mawarra on Monday 10th May and we are fortunate to have club member Paul Robinson run a portrait presentation for us. Paul is an experienced portrait photographer, has run many workshops and has a wealth of knowledge to share. From model positioning and placement, different portrait settings and how lighting can change aspects of your portrait subject, this is a valuable workshop to attend before entering your images into the 10 Club Portrait Competition at the July meeting.

All the best and I look forward to finally catching up with you at Mawarra on Monday

I leave you with this quote by Ansel Adams:

"There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept"

Cheers, Bruce

48th Warragul National

Judging day was on Saturday 10th April in Neerim South. I hope everyone involved enjoyed the day as much as I did. Thank you for the expert way you all undertook your roles. What amazing team work! The day finished at the Neerim South hotel. So nice to relax and enjoy everyone's company. Thank you.

Now …. onto the exhibition!

The opening days are Friday, 14th May to Sunday 16th May from 10am to 4pm daily in the Fountain room at the Arts Centre, Warragul. I hope you are all able to come along at some time to see the amazing images.

To attend the awards presentation at 2pm Sunday afternoon, due to covid please book through 'trybooking'. The link is https://www.trybooking.com/BQHNA

If you are able to assist in any of the following areas and have not yet contacted me please give me a ring on 56281518.

- bump in, Thursday 13th after lunch (time to be confirmed)
- bump out after 4pm Sunday 16th May
- reception (10am-1pm or 1pm – 4pm) during the exhibition.

Thank you.

Jane

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE, PLEASE READ

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS: JUNE 2021-2022

We are currently planning to hold our **annual general meeting on Monday 3rd May** at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Mawarra Centre, Percy Street, Warragul. We are calling for nominations for the executive and committee of the club.

On the following pages you will find the necessary forms for candidates for office to be nominated and seconded.

There will be a three-step process.

1. If **you wish to nominate** fill out **form 1** stating that you agree to be nominated and forward it to the secretary.

2. Contact **someone to nominate you** and **ask them to fill out form 2** and forward it to the secretary.

3. Contact **someone to second you** and **tell them who is nominating you and ask them to fill out form 3** and forward it to the secretary.

These forms need to be delivered to the secretary **Jan Bennett** via email at lozmark1957@gmail.com or posted to the club's post office box - **P.O. Box 436 Warragul Vic 3820.**

The forms must be received by Jan by the 1 June so that preparations can be made for the elections.

Complete this form if you are willing to be nominated for a committee position.
Contact two other members to propose and to second your nomination.
Print out and post, or email, your completed form to the secretary.

FORM 1
ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I, ……(Please print) accept the nomination as a candidate for the

position of PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, COMMITTEE MEMBER for the year 2020/2021.
(Please circle the position)

Made by ……(Please print)

Signed ……..

Complete this form if you are nominating someone for a committee position. Multiple forms are included here for multiple nominations.
Print out and post, or email, your completed form to the secretary.

Form 2

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate…….for the position of

PRESIDENT TREASURER SECRETARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

(circle the relevant position)

	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE
NOMINEE	…….	
NOMINATOR	…….	……..

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Print out and post, or email, your completed form to the secretary.

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Please complete this form if you seconding a nominee proposal. You require a form for each person proposed. Print and post, or email, to secretary Jan Bennett.

FORM 3
SECONDER OF A NOMINATED CANDIDATE

I wish to second ……for the position of ……..
Please print

PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, COMMITTEE MEMBER for the year 2020/2021.
(Please circle the position)

As nominated by ……Please print

Name of seconder……Please print

Signature of seconder……..

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CLUB NEWS

Member Survey

Thanks to the 32 members who took the time (average less than 5 minutes) to complete the member survey. By conducting the survey, the committee hoped to gain a better insight into the background, interests, skills and wishes of our members.

So what did we learn?

1. Nearly 20% of respondents have less than 5 years photography experience
2. Nearly 50% have more than 20 years photography experience
3. *Landscape* photography is the most preferred genre (selected by nearly 20% of respondents)
4. Nearly 40% of respondents did not have a preferred genre
5. The genres that respondents expressed greatest interest in learning more about were *CREX* and *street*, followed closely by *architecture* and *studio / lighting* (Maybe that's a skill rather than a genre?)
6. Canon DSLRs are the most prevalent, but if you include DSLR and mirrorless, Nikon is the most common brand.
7. 63% of respondents use *Adobe Lightroom* regularly. Responses also covered 8 additional packages, some used in combination.

Russell Monson
Vice President

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Why a Strategic Plan, and what's in it?

The 2019/20 Committee began the process of developing a strategic plan for the club as there was a desire for the club to be prepared to move forward with appropriate new initiatives, rather than just keep repeating the annual cycle year on year. In preparing for the plan, a comprehensive SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis was undertaken in order to review club activities and plan for the future.

The 2020/21 Strategic Plan resulted in the introduction of the Interest Groups which have provided new forums for members to pursue specific aspects of their photography.

In the draft 2021/22 Strategic Plan, three areas have been targeted for development:

- Develop a member education strategy focused on helping members become better photographers making stronger images.

  There are three aspects to this:

  - Image design and generic manipulation
  - Software skills
  - Genre / image appreciation
- Refine the club's end of year awards to include encouragement, improvement, contribution / participation, as well as overall aggregate
- Develop a communication and promotion strategy, including raising understanding of behind the scenes work (this includes the National, VAPS, committee roles, judging, …) This links to succession planning.

The committee would appreciate your feedback or questions regarding the plan.

Russell Monson
Vice President

BenQ

Images from the Sunday 25th April trip to Cloudhill Gardens.

Nigel Beresford

Nigel Beresford

Both images by Marshall Cock

Club Special Interest Group Reports

Competition Interest Group

Big congratulations to all members of our club who were successful in the recently judged Warragul National. There were many outstanding images and it's great to see our members having success at this level.

In overseas news, the German International Photocup 2021 was held recently. One member of the interest group submitted entries into this competition and was successful in receiving a total of 11 acceptances from the 4 judges for 6 of the images they entered. A great result!

The next competition that the group are looking to enter is the VIGEX 3rd International Digital Salon 2021. VIGEX is a word derived from Victoria Geelong Exhibition and is currently the only international photographic exhibition conducted in Victoria under the patronage of Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique, Photographic Society of America and Australian Photographic Society Inc. Our very own Gary Smith is one of the judges for this competition. Entries close on **24 May 2021**. More information can be found by visiting their website vigex.org.au

If you wish to be part of this interest group please contact me by email at wright@dcsi.net.au
Robyn Wright, group convenor.

Interest Group	Convenor / Contact
Audio Visual	Ruth Burleigh
CREX	Geoff Croucher
Competitions	Robyn Wright
Drone	Kayren Browne
Mid Week Outings	Robyn Rosenboom
Print	Russell Monson

CRUMPLER

Members' images from the April Mid-Week outing to Yarram

above: Victoria Hotel**: Kerrie Matthews**

below: Pub sign: **Robyn Rosenboom**

Hayley: **Hayley Veli**

Old Camera: **Cathy Tisdale**

Yarram Courthouse:
Laurie Snowball

Whether you walk city streets or wander bush trails, you can indulge your imaginative self with club members and individuals from all around Australia. What an amazing opportunity to connect through photography and to interpret the good and the bad of Environmental Impact. Images must be captured on the day, and metadata must be included when the images are uploaded for judgement. Individuals do not need to be APS members.

Lisa Kurtz, a well-known and much respected Brisbane photographer, will hold a Zoom Session before and after the event. More information closer to the date.

COST: **$20 per club or $5 if you are participating as an individual.**

REWARD:

- The winning club will receive a $500 MOMENTO Pro Photobook voucher (to be divided at the club's discretion). All participating clubs will have their images displayed in a gallery on the APS website.
- All participating clubs will receive a certificate of participation to place on their website.
- The individual with the most points will receive a $150 MOMENTO Pro Photobook voucher and certificate.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:
secretary@a-p-s.org.au

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PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES

Lens Culture

https://www.lensculture.com

A great website that presents various topics on contemporary photography

RAW passion for photography

https://www.photography-raw.com/?awt_a=p08.&awt_l=GNqK3&awt_m=fv77YtU2kEDdC8.&utm_source=Aweber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=blogbroadcast

An informative site that has articles and guidance on various aspects of photo editing using various photography editing software.

David duChemin

https://davidduchemin.com/

Always a very thoughtful read, with plenty to inspire you.

Club Calibrator for Hire

Colours and brightness of computer screens and monitors change over time. In order to see images correctly screens and monitors need to be regularly calibrated.

To save club members the expense of purchasing a calibrator (in excess of $600) you can hire the club X-rite i1Studio calibrator for $15 per week. If you are unfamiliar with its usage, a helpful tutorial is available on YouTube. Details of this tutorial have been document and will be in the calibrator case.

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