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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The inter club competition with Geelong is next Wednesday night the 28th of February at our clubrooms. This is one of the major events on our camera club calendar and I would love to see a strong show of support from our members on the night. We have an excellent judge coming from Macedon ranges camera club and we have a good range of entries from our members. I am really hoping we provide stiff opposition to Geelong this year and dare I say it perhaps win. Don't forget proceedings start at 7.30pm and please bring a plate of supper to share.

The outing to Bullarto was a great success and members and guests enjoyed photographing the range of vintage cars on display. A big thank you goes to Janette her father Peter and his friends for taking the time to organise such a wonderful display. It was also an added bonus for the people travelling on the tourist train from Daylesford.



We haven't got any more information on the running of the National competition as yet as Stephen is waiting to have a meeting with Fiona Sweet from the Bienalle committee. We will keep you posted when we have some news.

Hugh Lees is going to take some time off the committee after the annual general

meeting so I would like to thank him for his input over his years as a committee member. As a result of this we need two new committee members for the forthcoming year as well as someone to take over as President and Inter Club co ordinator. Our committee meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month and being a committee member is a great way to have an input into the running of the club. Our meetings generally last no longer than two hours and are conducted in a relaxed and casual manner. Please consider joining us as without a strong committee we won't be able to continue to improve and grow our club.



Don't forget our annual camp which will be at The Great Ocean Road Tourist Park Peterborough on the 16th and 17th of March.

Trevor Bibby, President



Annual Convention 2018

The 2018 VAPS Convention and Interclub exhibition will be held at Deakin University Campus in Warrnambool this year. Hosted by the Warrnambool Camera Club it promises to be a fantastic weekend full of learning and photographic opportunities.

Commencing on Friday 25th May through to Monday 28th May the convention will kick off with an official welcome cocktail party and viewing of the Interclub print exhibition on the Friday night.



The Saturday and Sunday programmes are full of excellent speakers and workshops that will have everyone engaged in informative photographic sessions along with photographic opportunities on Monday to round off a great long weekend of photography.

Headlined by renowned Arctic and Photographer of the Year, Joshua Holko, who will present two outstanding talks on his amazing Arctic Circle photography, and Glyn Lavender well known Australian and International photographic coach who will steer us through "Refining our vision among the Chaos" before embarking on a live model shoot to demonstrate the techniques of model lighting.

Denis Smith known as one of the world's most prolific light painters will enthral with his talk and exclusive workshop on the Sunday night. This is an opportunity not to be missed, full details are in the programme and registration forms.

Local speakers and photographers have not been forgotten either with Oat Vaiyaboon aka HangingPixels will present on the latest trend in Drone photography. Another fantastic local is Elizabeth O'Callaghan local author and historian. Elizabeth will take us through the history of photography in Warrnambool and the many changes that this interesting city has experienced.

Photographic opportunities will also be high on the agenda with Ian Rolfe conducting two open landscape workshops and the Warrnambool Camera Club presenting an open Model shoot nearby for all of those who like to just get out and capture great images. Ian will also hold a photoshoot of the iconic Childers Cove on Monday morning. To finish off the weekend you will also have the opportunity to visit one of Warrnambool's favourite attractions, Flagstaff Hill. On the Sunday night you have the option of attending the Light & Sound show, for a small additional cost. On the Monday all delegates and their families will have free entry to Flagstaff Hill. We even have people in period costume walking around the venue.

Deakin University has really great facilities for our 2018 convention, plus the Warrnambool Bowls Club will be the location for the Saturday night Awards Dinner.

Check out the next edition of VAPS Newsbrief for a full run down on the convention, accommodation offers and all of the great 2018 presenters.

[All of the links to the programme and registration form can be found here.](#)

VAPS Convention Bendigo 2015 - Past Convention Article

Written by Betty Bibby - Ballarat Camera Club and VAPS web-administrator

Informal Imaging Night February 2018

We started off the year with good number of attendees who viewed a selection of the recent super moon images. A number of keen members stayed up half the night to capture this wonderful sight. We discussed the various camera settings used to take these photos, giving other members the opportunity to understand the settings and equipment required. We also viewed some milky way photos that the Carroll's have taken recently. Frank went on to discuss his post production techniques.



We also have copy of last years Vigex DVD and we viewed two sections of the winning entries, the rest of these will be shown at club shortly.

Stephen Moten brought a vast array of camera filters for us to view. He explained in detail the uses for each series of filters. It was a very interesting discussion. Thank you Stephen for all the trouble you went to bring these along.

Betty Bibby

Ballarat Selection for the 2018 Geelong Interclub Competition

EDPI	Maker
1848	Judy Johnson
Aztec	Chris Crossley
Bailed Up	Steve Demeye
Birds Nest	Judy Johnson
Blacksmith at Andersons Mill	Betty Bibby
Blue Wren	Hugh Lees
Dave	Chris Crossley
Female Red Capped Robin	Trevor Bibby
Icelandic Reflections	Carol Hall
Kneading the sour	Anne Wilson
Lone Gull	Judy McEachern
No Water Today	Trevor Bibby
Norwegian Coast	Carol Hall
Rocky Inlet	Steve Demeye
Ruffled Feathers	Mark Bevelander
Seaside Concept	Brett Keating
Sleeping Darcy	Rebecca Nicolandos
Tom & Basil	Lorraine Lees
Turkish Dancer	Kate Both
Where Are My Dancing Shoes	Greg Tate

Large Print Open	Maker
African Sunset	Jill Wharton
Alessandra	Chris Crossley
Consternation	Steve Demeye
Cuddles	Jill Wharton
Dawn Over the Blue Pool	Frank Carroll
Double Trouble	Anne Carroll
In Flight	Trevor Bibby
Journey to the Centre of the Earth	Kate Both
Mamma	Kate Both
Moyne River	Trevor Bibby
Olga	Greg Tate
Photographers Wife	Greg Tate
Polychromatic	Brian Hillman
Rebecca	Chris Crossley
Remi 6 days new	Rebecca Nicolandos
River & Island	Murray Mc Eachern
Separation	Frank Carroll
Stream Surfing	Judy Johnson
Waiting for the Next Cruise	Anne Carroll
What the Seagull Saw	Steve Demeye

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

- February 28 **Inter-Club Competition with Geelong** in our usual club rooms at 616 Barkly Street, Golden Point at 7:30pm start. Please remember to bring a plate to share for supper.
- March 5 **Informal Imaging Night** 7.30pm at the Bibby's home 9 Handford Court, Invermay (activity to be advised).
- March 14 **Club Meeting and Competition Night** (Prints & EDPI) 7.30pm at 616 Barkly Street, Golden Point. SET TOPIC (for photo competition) Open/Set 'Junk' The image must feature cast off items arranged in an interesting and pictorial manner.
- March 16,17 **Camera Club Camp** at Peterborough (more details to follow).
- March 28 **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm at the Bibby's house, 9 Handford Court, Invermay.
- April 21 There will be the **National Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition display** at Geelong. This is the club's outing for April.
- April 25 **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm (venue to be advised)

- May 7 **Informal Imaging Night** 7.30pm at the Bibby's home 9 Handford Court, Invermay (activity to be advised).

- May 9 **Club Meeting and Competition Night** (Prints & EDPI) 7.30pm at 616 Barkly Street, Golden Point. SET TOPIC (for photo competition) 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles'. Moving or stationary, all or part of the subject.

- May 30 **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm (venue to be advised)

- June 4 **Informal Imaging Night** 7.30pm (venue and activity to be advised).

- June 13 **Club Meeting and Competition Night** (Prints & EDPI) 7.30pm at 616 Barkly Street, Golden Point. SET TOPIC (for photo competition) 'Iconic Ballarat' an image of anything unmistakably Ballarat.

- June 27 **Committee Meeting** 7.30pm (venue to be advised)

- July 2 **Informal Imaging Night** 7.30pm (venue and activity to be advised).

- July 11 **Club Meeting and Competition Night** (Prints & EDPI) 7.30pm at 616 Barkly Street, Golden Point. SET TOPIC (for photo competition) 'Seaside' Can include man-made structures.

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REWARDED: Since arriving in Ballarat with his family, Neelavannan Paramanathan has dedicated himself to volunteer work and made many friends in the community.

Neil recognised for going above and beyond as a volunteer

written by Siobhan Calafiore from The Courier (article supplied by Hugh Lees)

When Neelavannan Paramanathan and his wife Suganthini were asked to attend a school assembly, they assumed it had something to do with one of their daughters. So it came as a huge surprise when Mr Paramanathan, known as Neil Para to many, was called on stage to receive an award along with a standing ovation.

Mr Paramanathan, who arrived in Ballarat with his young family in 2013, was presented with the Catherine King Award for Community Service for volunteer work at Black Hill Primary School. While the refugee family from Sri Lanka continues to hope and wait for a visa, Mr Paramanathan is not allowed to work or study.

“I never expected this award, because I feel like there are a lot of people doing more than me,” he said. “When I came to Australia I had an opportunity to do something, and whatever I can do I’m very happy rather than sitting at home – volunteering is my passion.

“The Ballarat community is awesome, I feel at home here.”

Black Hill Primary School assistant principal Penny Westlake said the school nominated Mr Paramanathan for the annual award because he went “above and beyond” for the community. “He has always volunteered in any capacity he can since his children started at the (Black Hill) kinder in 2013,” she said. “He is the first person to put his hand up for anything.” Mr Paramanathan was recognised for his involvement at school events, including walkathons, concerts, sports carnivals, excursions and the Anzac Day march.

A passionate photographer, Mr Paramanathan is known to take photographs for the school newsletters, magazines and website. He was also voted on the school council this year and participates in every school working bee and fundraiser such as sausage sizzles. “Neil is known by many for his enthusiastic and determined volunteerism in our community,” Ms Westlake said. “He is often spotted at school among the garden beds on weekends, weeding, pruning and whipper snipping to help keep our grounds and gardens looking neat and attractive.”

Mr Paramanathan also does volunteer work outside of the school, including landcare with Friends of Black Hill Reserve, as a member of the State Emergency Service unit in Ballarat, and through his graphic design and photography work.

Do you have any questions or good ideas about photography?

If so, please write them out and place them in the suggestion box. This box can be found on the table near the Attendance Record at each club meeting.

February 2018 Competition Results

Topic: Monochrome Judge: David Curelea

Image Title	Maker	Score	Honour/Merit
Creative (EDPI)			
Ali	Chris Crossley	14	Honour
Dave	Chris Crossley	15	Honour
Michael	Chris Crossley	14	Honour
Still live	Chris Crossley	12	Merit
The Boat Shed	Ian Robinson	9	Acceptance
The Shard	Ian Robinson	10	Acceptance
Open (EDPI)			
A mouse for tea	Carol Hall	9	Acceptance
Australian Dragonfly	Jill Wharton	8	Acceptance
Baby Jacana	Betty Bibby	11	Merit
Bali in Victoria	Lyn Fowler	10	Acceptance
Beautiful Lotus	Lyn Fowler	13	Honour
Bedroom View	Murray Mc Eachern	9	Acceptance
Blooming Close	Brian Hillman	9	Acceptance
Boobook Owl	Carol Hall	13	Honour
Bottle Brush cream	Leo Ryan	8	Acceptance
Crossing the Yarra	Anne Carroll	10	Acceptance
Devil Boy	Judy Johnson	8	Acceptance
Flower Shop	Judy McEachern	8	Acceptance
Gathering for Sunset	Mark Bevelander	14	Honour
Geelong New Years Eve	Frank Carroll	9	Acceptance
In the Autumn of her years	Jill Wharton	9	Acceptance
In Mid Air	Greg Tate	10	Acceptance
It's Broke	Murray Mc Eachern	11	Merit
Kolugljufur Falls	Judy McEachern	12	Merit
Lake Sunrise	Steve Demeye	12	Merit
Looking back	Janette Richards	9	Acceptance
Magnolia	Jill Wharton	9	Acceptance
Melton Weir	Greg Tate	9	Acceptance
Misty View Point	Steve Demeye	13	Honour
Murchison	Greg Tate	8	Acceptance
New Year at Eastern Beach	Anne Carroll	8	Acceptance

On the fence	Janette Richards	10	Acceptance
On the Move	Trevor Bibby	10	Acceptance
Shelter	Janette Richards	12	Merit
Shooting Stars	Frank Carroll	9	Acceptance
Spiderwebs in the Dew	Mark Bevelander	9	Acceptance
Spillway	Murray Mc Eachern	8	Acceptance
Standing Tall	Janette Richards	9	Acceptance
The Dumping Ground	Betty Bibby	13	Honour
Walking the Baby	Leo Ryan	8	Acceptance
Walking with Giants	Lyn Fowler	9	Acceptance
Wedgetailed Eagle	Carol Hall	13	Honour
Working Bee	Brian Hillman	10	Acceptance
Section Slide - Set - "Monochrome" (EDPI)			
Abandoned EJ Holden	Trevor Bibby	13	Honour
New Earth	Ian Robinson	13	Honour
Set - Monochrome (EDPI)			
Abandoned Wigwam	Lyn Fowler	9	Acceptance
Beach Reflection	Trevor Bibby	8	Acceptance
Bug Out	Steve Demeye	10	Acceptance
Burnouts	Brett Keating	14	Honour
Calm Burrumbeet	Mark Bevelander	8	Acceptance
City Power	Anne Carroll	10	Acceptance
Collapsed Chimney	Murray Mc Eachern	9	Acceptance
harley davidson	Brett Keating	12	Merit
Hill End General Store	Kate Both	11	Merit
In Need of Repair	Judy McEachern	9	Acceptance
Lonesome Cowboy	Ian Robinson	13	Honour
Look Out	Anne Wilson	12	Merit
Looking for the Light	Anne Wilson	12	Merit
Magnolia	Kate Both	8	Acceptance
Majestic Magy	Anne Wilson	14	Honour
Maryborough Steps	Kate Both	12	Merit
motorcross	Brett Keating	14	Honour
Old Cart	Judy Johnson	9	Acceptance
Old Garage	Trevor Bibby	13	Honour
Rhino	Brett Keating	10	Acceptance

Salmon Fishing	Frank Carroll	10	Acceptance
School	Greg Tate	9	Acceptance
Scooterlab	Frank Carroll	12	Merit
Snow	Judy McEachern	8	Acceptance
Still Standing	Anne Wilson	11	Merit
Stony Rises	Mark Bevelander	12	Merit
Swept Away	Judy Johnson	11	Merit
Tools Down	Betty Bibby	14	Honour
Tracking North	Steve Demeye	13	Honour
Undulation	Kate Both	9	Acceptance
Creative (Large Print)			
Abstract Architecture	Steve Demeye	14	Honour
Trees	Judy McEachern	11	Merit
Open (Large Print)			
Back to Front	Brian Hillman	13	Honour
Gone Fishing	Jill Wharton	10	Acceptance
Help it's Stuck	Betty Bibby	10	Acceptance
Hinchinbrook Sunrise	Murray Mc Eachern	10	Acceptance
Hooter	Murray Mc Eachern	12	Merit
Twiggy	Judy Johnson	10	Acceptance
Wattlebird in Callistemon	Jill Wharton	10	Acceptance
Windswept	Judy McEachern	10	Acceptance
York Peninsula Wreck	Betty Bibby	8	Acceptance
Set - Monochrome (Large Print)			
Ballarat's Old Post Office	Betty Bibby	11	Merit
Fun at the Bubbler	Anne Carroll	13	Honour
Kat	Greg Tate	14	Honour
Separation	Frank Carroll	13	Honour
Sunrise Silhouette	Steve Demeye	11	Merit
Waterworn	Judy Johnson	9	Acceptance
Youth Not Wasted on the Young	Anne Carroll	9	Acceptance
Zhum	Greg Tate	12	Merit
Creative (Small Print)			
Fireworks in the Garden	Brian Hillman	10	Acceptance
Open (Small Print)			
Pelican Poles	Frank Carroll	13	Honour

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