

Flare



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From the Editor

October is shaping up to be another busy month for the Ballarat Camera Club, with plenty of photographic inspiration, activities and events to look forward to.

Last month saw members getting out and about with two very different photographic challenges. Our Light Trails and Long Exposure activity provided an opportunity to experiment with movement, light and shutter speeds, while our outing to Clunes – A Sense of Clunes encouraged members to explore the town through a series of photographic challenges. It was great to see members approaching familiar subjects from different perspectives, sharing ideas and putting their creativity to work.

A quick note about this month's FLARE: We will be publishing a second part of the newsletter featuring the photographs from our monthly competition. Keep an eye out for this additional edition, which will showcase the work of our members.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at our next club meeting on Wednesday 14 October. This is an important opportunity to reflect on the past year and help shape the future of the Club. We encourage all members to consider becoming involved in the committee. Fresh ideas and a few helping hands are always welcome!

Looking ahead to November, we have a special presentation from acclaimed photographer Meike Boynton, who will join us via Zoom to present A Game of Tones. This 90-minute presentation will explore how to improve our black and white photography, with insights into tonal range, contrast and the creative possibilities of monochrome images. It promises to be an inspiring and informative evening, whatever your level of experience.

And don't forget to mark Saturday 21 November in your diary for our Annual Event. It's always a highlight of the Club's calendar and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the photography and achievements of our members over the past year.

As always, thank you to everyone who participates in our activities, shares their knowledge and contributes to making the Club such an enjoyable photographic community.

Happy photographing!

*Jerry
Editor*

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SYLLABUS
14/10/26	Meeting Night	Djila-tjarriu Community Hub	AGM Open / Creative / Set - “Selective Focusing”
24/10/26	Club Outing	Castlemaine	Castlemaine – A Different Perspective
11/11/26	Meeting Night	Djila-tjarriu Community Hub	Activity Focus Meike Boynton - A Game of Tones. A 90 minute presentation on how to improve you Black and White photography.
21/11/26	Annual Competition	Djila-tjarriu Community Hub	

MEETING INFORMATION:

Club Meeting Venue Security Requirements

The Djila-tjarriu Community Centre requires us to lock the entrance to the building at 7:45pm during our meeting, to meet their security requirements.

- Members arriving after this time should phone Tom on 0407 535 420 or another member, to gain access.
- Members wishing to temporarily leave the building during the meeting, will need another attending member to open the door for reentry.

2026 AGM

Help Shape the Future of Our Club

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2026, immediately before our monthly meeting.

The AGM is an opportunity for you to help celebrate another successful year and to look ahead to the exciting activities, workshops, outings and competitions that make our club such an enjoyable place to learn and share our passion for photography.

Our club thrives because members are willing to contribute their time and ideas. Whether you've been with us for many years or have only recently joined, we'd love you to consider becoming part of the Executive Committee. You don't need to be an expert photographer or have served on a committee before—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to help.

Joining the committee is a great way to meet fellow members, have a say in the direction of the club, and help ensure that Ballarat Camera Club continues to grow, evolve and remain a vibrant community for photographers of all interests and skill levels.

If you've ever thought, "I'd like to give something back to the club," this could be the perfect opportunity. We'd love to welcome some new faces and fresh ideas.

OCTOBER OUTING - Castlemaine – A Different Perspective

Saturday 24 October 2026 | 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

Join us for a spring photography adventure in **Castlemaine**, coinciding with the opening weekend of the **Castlemaine and District Festival of Gardens**.

Following the success of our Clunes outing, we're bringing back the popular Six-Photo Challenge, this time exploring the beauty, detail and character of Castlemaine's gardens.

We'll begin at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens before exploring one of the historic private gardens opening especially for the festival.

Your challenge will be to capture six different interpretations of the garden environment, from selective focus and creative lighting to hidden details, minimalist compositions and visual storytelling.

Whether you enjoy macro, landscapes, wildlife or simply experimenting with your camera, there will be something for everyone.

Bring: Camera, comfortable walking shoes, suitable clothing and \$5 cash for garden admission. A tripod or macro lens is optional.

Meeting point: Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, Downes Road parking area, at 10.00 am.

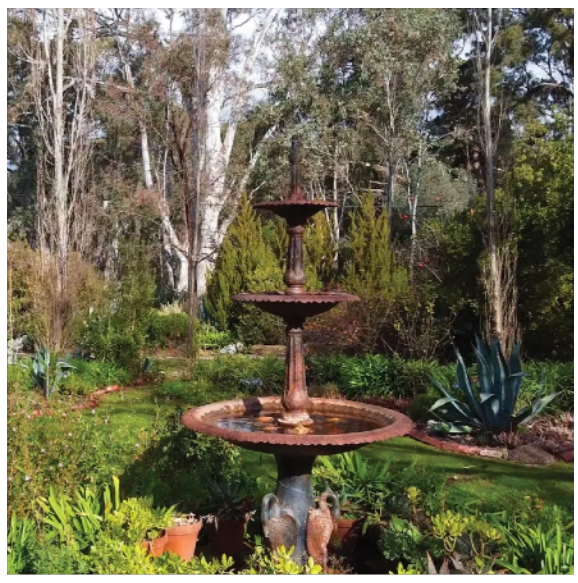
We'll finish around 1.30 pm, with the option of lunch or coffee in Castlemaine afterwards.

Come along, challenge your creativity and discover Castlemaine through a different lens!

I suggest that this a non-competitive challenge, with members selecting their favourite three photographs from the outing to share in the November FLARE.

Picture access from Festival program at <https://festivalofgardens.org/the-gardens/> (12/10/2026)

I have written to the organisers of the Festival to seek permission to visit Clontarf and to take pictures using tripods etc.



SEPTEMBER OUTING - A SENSE OF CLUNES

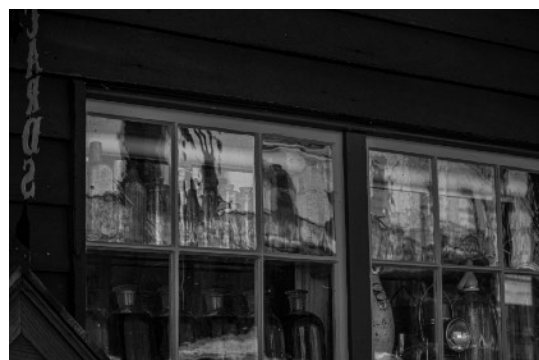
We had a great day out at Clunes getting a sense of the town, getting some great photos and having a lovely lunch in the warm sunshine.

The challenge we had was to return with six photographs:

1. **The establishing shot** — something that immediately says "Clunes".
2. **Architecture** — concentrate on shape, line and form.
3. **A detail** — door, sign, window, brickwork, texture etc.
4. **People and place** — someone interacting with the town.
5. **Old and new** — find a composition showing the two together.

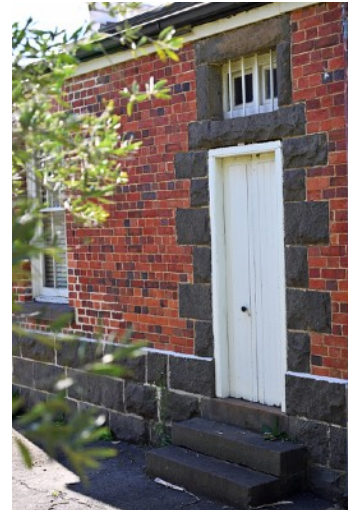


6. **The wildcard** — their best photograph of anything they discover.





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Photos taken with a Laowa

15mm f/4.5 shift lens,

mostly taken at f/8

(no Exif data between lens and camera).

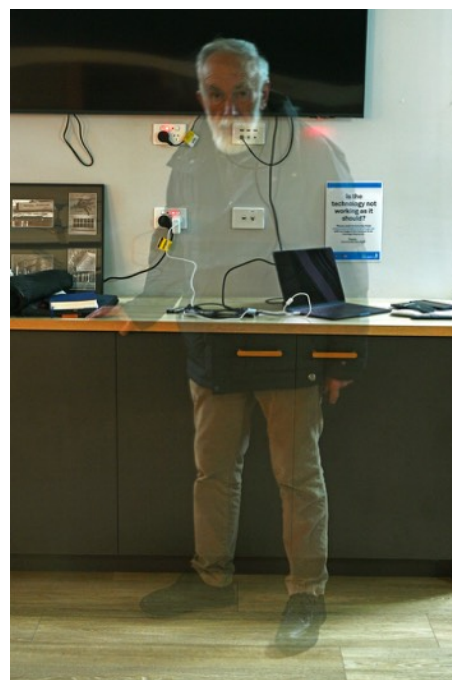
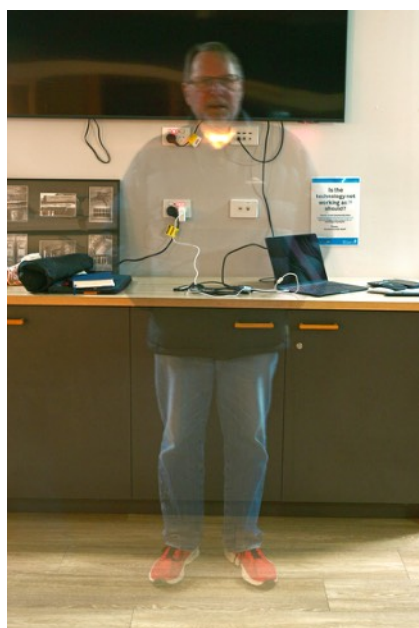


CAMERA CLUB SESSION: LIGHT TRAILS / LONG EXPOSURE.

Members were given the challenge of working in a team of three to experiment with long exposure photography and create images using light, movement and time. The teams experimented with three themes:

1. Write with light
2. Create a ghost
3. Make a photograph

Murray, John, Teresa and Tom created some fine examples that show off their skills in this field.



Vera's team sounded like they had a lot of fun creating their images



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