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Ballarat Camera Club

FLARE

NEWSLETTER

September 2013



Here I am (your Editor) with daughter Emily, on day 1 of a 3 day hike carrying at least 18 kg of food, water, camping equipment and camera gear (film and digital) including a tripod, though it is still on my backpack. How did I take this self timer photo\*?

Sony Nex-7 CZ 24mm f/1.8  
1/400 sec. @ f/8 iso 100  
(Cropped from the original)

\*Answer next page

\*Answer my walking stick is a monopod (stuck in the sand).

*The following is correspondence from the committee (in order received) to and from me with only minor corrections from me (mostly spelling) Ed.*

***Please read in its entirety***

## **Monthly Competition Summary August 2013**

**Subjects: Rocky Shoreline**

Name	Small			Large			EDPI									
	Open			Open			Set			Open			Creative			
	A	M	H	A	M	H	A	M	H	A	M	H	A	M	H	
Aggett, Keith		5	1													
Bibby, Betty										2	4					
Bibby, Trevor										3	3					
Fowler, Lyn							1			1	1					
Hillman, Brian							1			2	2					
Johnson, Judy							2	1		1	1		1			
Rieniets, Colleen										2	3	1				
Smith, Ken					3		2	1								
Wharton, Jill							1	2		1	2					

**Judge - Ian Pym**

*Received from **Keith** via memory stick*

### ***Email to the club committee***

*High All*

*Sorry I wasn't able to be at the last committee meeting, I'm still recovering from a 3 day hike, was there anything new resolved at the meeting? Do you have anything to say or contribute to the members through the "Flare"? Any contributions will be gratefully received.*

*Regards,  
**Stephen** (Ed.)*

Hi Stephen.

I am travelling back from Adelaide after spending yesterday celebrating my parents golden wedding anniversary. I have not done the minutes as I was getting ready to travel on Friday. The only thing I can think of is to advertise the upcoming inter club comp and for members to

bring a plate of food for supper. We suggested to Ian to put something in as president, perhaps introducing himself.

I will try to get something to you about the national with regards to upcoming dates during my travel today. Will try to send as word document from the iPad.

We won't be home until about 7pm tonight, so ~~agenise~~ *apologise* if I cannot meet your deadline today.

**Kate**

Sent from my iPhone

I just re-read my message from this morning. *Please* change the word 'agonise' to apologise!

*Have done Ed.*

*Thanks for that Kate*

*My Un-official deadline is just before Wednesday night, not that it worked last month, hopefully I'll get enough to fill out the space well before then!*

*Regards,*  
**Stephen**

Hi Stephen.

A 3 day hike sounds fabulous.....if not a tad exhausting!

**Could you please include a reminder that fees are now over 2 months in arrears and need to be paid by Oct 1 in order for members to remain in the club.**

**And that an updated membership form needs to be submitted as well.**

Thank you.

**Colleen**

*Non-paying Members please take note Ed.*

Hi Stephen,

Just sorting through dates etc.

Do we have a workshop activity set for the 23 October?

Also, I have just realised that the syllabus runs out at the end of the year. Should we ask members for suggestions in this months Flare?

**Kate**

*We do have a trip planned for the preceding Sunday the 20th of October to a walk through flight aviary in Melbourne, will have to speak to Jamie to confirm.*

*Members do you have any suggestions for set subjects and outings/workshops for next year?*

*Ed.*

Hi *Stephen*, Please alter as you see fit.

## From the President

Welcome to all members to the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the BCC.

As the new President many members will not have *met* or know *of* me.

A brief introduction, I live at Navigators and work part time in the Golf Shop at Forest Resort Creswick.

I am a novice photographer and use a Nikon camera, My favourite subjects for photography are farm animals and gardens and I also look forward to presenting some of my images later in the year.

I have previously worked as a Newsagent and Tattersall's operator. Sports I have played are golf and currently lawn bowls, both I have coached.

## Ian Andrew

PS- Each edition of our Flare I would like each member send in a brief profile so we all get to know all members, please email to *Stephen* Moten with a brief outline eg. Camera, favourite subjects etc.

Hi Stephen

*Pop* this in if you need something. It's part of an email to a friend. If you do could you please Google the bees, the WA Museum has a good article about them . Sorry *no* photos attached, I haven't processed them yet. Please edit spelling etc

*Have done. Ed.*

<http://museum.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/Dawson's%20Burrowing%20Bee.pdf>

Hi Camera Club Members, We sit by the Gascoyne river junction waiting for our travel companions who are a day behind us. The call of the sea side villages.

We went out to the Kennedy Ranges from Canarvon, about 260 Km's and it took us all day due to those pesky wildflowers that make you stop and stop and stop. Gascoyne Junction a little town that has no supplies at the moment, population 149. It was flooded severely in 2010 and a lot of the infrastructure has been washed away. Their now is a new shiny shop pub with credit card 24 hr fuel. Trouble is the shop is bare, dare say it will be open soon. The entrance to the town has been realigned away from the river. The Gascoyne River only flows above ground 120 days per year, the rest of the time it hides under the sand beds and forms great artisan springs and an underground river.

Kennedy Ranges National Park while not a big place to visit has great towering rocks and honeycomb gorges. Lots of wildflowers growing in the surrounding bush, easy short walks, The camp ground is nestled against a towering rock face facing east ,so you only need to walk our your door to take sunrise shots. Good clean toilet, camp fire- communal and a terrific volunteer camp host. He and his wife have been camp hosts for 6 yrs doing 6 month stints around wa. They do all sorts of *stuff* from collecting money to helping build new toilet blocks. Not to mention the Eremophilas in flower everywhere but what really topped it off was a large nest, ground nest of Dawson's Burrowing bees. The bees feed exclusively on two varieties of these bushes. Wow, never heard of them. Great fun trying to photograph them but not only are they large( for bees) but do they fly fast. They have up to 10,000 individual holes in the ground and each female bee knows her own house. I saw a bee go in the wrong hole and did she get curry from the other bee. I presume they have a stinger but we didn't feel threatened watching them, they sound like

supersonic hornets flying past. Very difficult to photograph flying, I had the camera set on 6400 ISO trying to get enough speed to freeze frame the bees,

Tomorrow we leave this magic setting and wander down towards Mt. Magnet and the goldfields. We are surrounded with large gum trees with Galahs, ring neck Parrots, Noisy Miners, Pelicans, Darters. It's been about 35 here today, too hot - time to go south.

Regards,  
**Betty & Trevor**

Hi Stephen,

I have just put a few things down in a word document for the Flare. Please see the attached.

**Kate**

### **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

- YMCA Interclub will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, beginning at 7:30pm.

Please bring a plate of supper to share with our friends from the Y.

- The syllabus is due to be set for the months from May 2014. Please let a committee member know if you have any ideas for set subjects.

### **BALLARAT NATIONAL EXHIBITION – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are getting to the serious end of the National Competition and help is needed in different ways.

Please let me know if you can give you time on the following dates:

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm – Data Entry and checking entries @ Kate's House
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm - Data Entry and checking entries @ Kate's House
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1pm - Data Entry and checking entries @ Kate's House
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, time TBA - Data Entry and checking entries @ Kate's House
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, time TBA – Set up for Judging Day @ Ballarat Uni. Mt. Helen
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, time TBA – Judging Day @ Ballarat Uni. Mt. Helen
  - Lunch will be at a cost of \$15 per person, with the Club having subsidised some of the cost already. We need a minimum number of 30 people to have lunch catered for.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, time TBA – Image Check @ Kate's House
- Framing Day, date to be decided.
- Times may be negotiable, so let me know what you can do to help.

The Exhibition will be held at Ballarat Art Gallery and the official opening is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The National Competition will not run in the future without your help, so please put your hand up.  
Remember, many hands make light work!

*Many thanks to the committee members who contributed to this edition of the Flare I wouldn't be up to page 6 without you. Any member can contribute to the Flare. The official deadline is the Sunday prior to the 2nd Wednesday of the month but I may be able to squeeze your article in just prior to that 2nd Wednesday. Ed.*

***(Would love to see your images)***

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Competition Night** - Prints & EDPI - **“Young Boy’s Fun”** - **September 11th** - Clubrooms from 7:30 pm. Definition: *Image depicting boy/s at play. The object is to capture the spontaneity of the event, without the subjects showing awareness of the camera.*

**Outing/Workshop** - **Sunday September 22nd** - To **Serendip Sanctuary** near Lara - This was intended as a chance to take some **“Raptor”** images but is a great chance for you to take other subjects as well. This will be from 10.00 am till afternoon depending on the weather don't forget to take some lunch and a drink as well as your camera.

*Please see me if you want a lift, I can car pool at least 3 others plus your gear. Ed*

**Ballarat ~ YMCA Interclub** - **25th September** - **8:00 pm** at our clubrooms - members to bring a plate of supper to share with our guest.

**Committee Meeting** - **October 2nd** - **7:30 pm** - venue to be confirmed?

**Digital Night** - **October 27th** - to be confirmed?

**Competition Night** - Prints & EDPI - **“Raptors”** - **October 9th** - Clubrooms from 7:30 pm. Definitions: - *“Raptors” Image featuring live raptor/s (Eagles, kites, hawks), either static or in flight.*

**Outing/Workshop** - **October 20th** - Walk through flight aviary in Melbourne - to be confirmed