



## Club Matters

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the Club will be held at Alfred's Homestead, Warrandyte on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

VAPS Muster 2008 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The registration closing date was 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Nhill Camera Club together with Wimmera Shire invite you to a weekend of photography on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Free lectures by Adrian Smith, Lin Richards, and Paul Robinson and various other lecturers and a photography competition. Details will be available at the Club meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Ringwood Church of Christ will be presenting an exhibition entitled "From Small Beginnings" opening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and being exhibited on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 9pm and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 10am to 5pm. Prize categories will be judged by Adrian Smith,,SSAPS SSVAPS President of the Maroondah Photographic Society. Details are attached .

## Competitions for 2008

The Competition Rules are currently under review to bring them into line with changing technology. As part of this review the committee has decided to replace the SLIDE section with a DIGITAL IMAGING section as the number of slides being entered is not sufficient for a competition. Slides can then be scanned and entered as digital images, or prints can be made from them.

Competition tasks for 2008 will be "Sport", "Industry", "Waterfront", and "Doorways" not necessarily in that order, and The Christmas Task Folio of 3 or 4 images with the theme "Heritage", plus the Jack Milton Memorial Landscape/Seascape Trophy. The five tasks will alternate with five open competitions, and five "Creative" competitions will again be held.

### MAROONDAH CITY PHOTO COMPETITION 2008.

This competition opens on 1<sup>st</sup> March and closes on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008. There are valuable prizes to be won, with all entries to be exhibited in the Maroondah Art Gallery, Maroondah Federation Estate. Anyone may enter as long as the photos are taken in Maroondah after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007. Prints may be any size up to A4. Entry forms will be available at our meetings.

## Social

### Theatre Night:

For our 1812 Theatre Fund Raiser we have been allocated 30 seats for a Dress Rehearsal on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008; Sherries 6.30pm curtain up 7pm sharp. The tickets are \$15 each with all the money going to our club. The play is Arsenic and Old Lace an hilarious classic black comedy. For a number of years a group from Maroondah P.S has thoroughly enjoyed the 1812 productions; so why not join us for an enjoyable evening. For those who are unable to attend the fund raising night but would like to see the play seats will be arranged for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the normal price. Bookings for both days are to be made now .

### Outings

#### Report by Yvonne on the April Excursions.

For the month of April, the photography club was offered the chance to photograph 3 games of hockey for the Casey Cannons at their club in Berwick. A good number of people turned up, and some great actions shots were taken by all. The weather was perfect, (as it always is for our outings it would seem) and what also made the day that much more enjoyable was the effort Kevin and his hockey club members put in for us. We were made to feel very welcome, had afternoon tea laid out for us as well as generally people coming up to us for a chat.

As a result of the day's efforts, our shots have been put onto our web site for viewing and purchasing. This fund raising effort is for the joint benefits of both the hockey club and our photography club.

Photographing sport is a challenging topic at the best of times. This was an ideal opportunity to refine our skills in this area and look to ways to further improve for the future.

I think that I can speak on behalf of all those who attended, that it was indeed a very enjoyable day out.

If any members have any ideas for future excursions that would interest them, whether it be sport, architecture, nature, wildlife, vehicles, people, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always looking for new ideas especially ones that maybe unique, unusual, interesting and hopefully of little out of pocket expenses as possible.

Please consider attending our next excursion which for May is titled 'Industry'. Further information is available from Yvonne.

### **Items kindly supplied by John Tuckett for the Newsletter**

#### **Maroondah Leader Your Space**

Recently we have been fortunate in having some of our members featured in the Maroondah Leader along with one of their images. This is good publicity for our club to the wider community. The editor of My Space section of the Leader is keen to have more photos submitted; this can easily be done by going to [www.maroondahleader.com.au](http://www.maroondahleader.com.au) and clicking on Your Space and filling in the details and uploading your photo/s. please mention that you are a member of M.P.S.Inc and the time and day and where we meet.

#### **Defending photographers' Rights**

An email was received from a team from Monash and ANU Researchers to Study Restrictions on Photography in Public. There have been a number of incidents lately where photographers have been asked to put their camera away while in a public place such as South Bank and near the Geelong oil refineries.

The team is keen to hear from anyone who had any of the following experiences

- Been questioned while taking photos in public
- Warned not to photograph particular locations
- Ask to delete photos or had files confiscated
- Been told that taking photos in a public place was against the law

The study is being conducted by Monash and Australian National Universities and the research team wishes to develop a data base of case studies, to inform the research and lead to the production of a book. The team is "concerned that photography restrictions hold the potential to transform the way we experience public spaces and to prevent us from forming a historical record..."

#### **Club Print Exhibition**

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations we have been given space in the 1812 Theatre Gallery from 1<sup>st</sup> June to display up to 30 prints, the committee is thinking of using 40X50 (16X20 inch) black frames do you have any or would be able to buy one or two? There is the possibility of sales.

#### **Nhill Camera Club and Wimmera Shire Photo Weekend**

A weekend of free lectures from Adrian Smith, Lin Richards, Paul Robinson and others on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a night session with an opportunity to photograph star trails. Bookings Cindy McDonald 03 5392 2370 email [cindymed@wimmera.com.au](mailto:cindymed@wimmera.com.au).

### **Item supplied by Peter Wajngarten**

During the pre-presentation discussion at the last club meeting (16/04/2008), there was much discussion about the new website that Mark has kindly constructed. One of the points raised was the display of our digital images on this site. I would like to raise a discussion whether we could use these displayed images as a fundraiser. How would members feel if these images were made available for purchase by the public? Perhaps a percentage of the sale could go to the author and

If we were to embark on such a venture there will be a few considerations that need to be addressed, for example tax implications, the content of the image may have its own copyright, or require the permission of the subject to publish the image. So please feel free to comment/criticise as such a discussion can only benefit your club.

### **Editor's Column**

The exhibition at the MGA entitled "Eastlink: The art of urban design and construction" comprising over 70 works is one that all photographers should see. Marion and I were amazed. We understand that in due course there will be a book published. When it is available we shall certainly grab a copy. After all it, is an historical record of work over a period of four years that has taken place almost on our doorstep. I do urge people to see it before the exhibition closes on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The venue for the 2008 Apscon is Launceston in Tasmania from 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. This appears to be a popular choice and many have said that they would like to go. Think about it, you fellow club members.

VAPS advise in the May "Newsbrief" that registration for the Muster for 2008 is now closed.

Finally, once again I urge those with email access to obtain the monthly issue of Newsbrief. It is free. Apart from any other benefit it will save me having to go through each issue from which I can take some information that may be of interest to members. This is both time consuming and also takes additional ink and paper for any hard copies that members may like – especially potential new Club members.

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