

Meeting Venue

Skills Connection
96 Pound Road
COLAC

2nd Monday
of each month (excluding January)
8.00pm

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President's Prattle

Hey guys, welcome to April!

I don't know what happened to March; it came and went with the blink of an eye it seems. A lot of club activity took place during March, with the outing to Williamstown, a monthly comp night which was then followed by the South Western Interclub, all in rapid succession.

I must congratulate our members for another successful result in the SW Comp. It turned out we were comfortable winners by the end of the night, which surprised me a little, looking at the wonderful collection of images on display. I really thought it would have been a narrower margin than it was! Thanks also goes out to the visitors that made the journey from far out west, it was great having lots of people supporting the event. The evening presented people with an unexpected distraction afterward, with the outbreak of a number of very bad fires west of Camperdown. I believe some of our visitors spent several hours on the return trip home avoiding road closures, but gladly all made it home safely.

For those of you that follow our Facebook page, you may have noticed some images from the recent Rodeo held at the Colac Showground's. Thanks to Murray for contacting the organizers. They allowed a few members to go along and have the opportunity to capture some rodeo action, compliments of the house. Being one of them myself, I enjoyed the challenge of trying to capture the action. During the daylight hours was fine for the camera; however once darkness arrived the real challenge began. The floodlighting didn't provide enough intensity to be able to shoot fast enough to capture sharp images. I had to jack the ISO level up to 3200 to be able to achieve mediocre shutter speeds; this still created far too much noise in the images for my liking. Thank goodness for digital is all I can say, after shooting just over 700 images, at the end of viewing on the computer I ended up with a handful I'm happy with! That's what happens sometimes, better luck next time!

We're coming into my favorite time of year for landscape photography. Cool foggy mornings and usually calm clear nights, great times to be out and about doing stuff. Hope to see you out there somewhere soon!

Wayne

Next Meeting
Monday April 9th @ 8pm
CCC Clubrooms

WORKSHOP - Altered Reality

For something different - Please bring along one of your "altered reality" images, which will be judged on the night. This exercise will give you lots of valuable feedback and ideas for future reference, so don't forget your image.



April Meeting 2018

Duty Roster APRIL 2018



Duty Roster

Provide supper / assist with comp set up / organise attendance book / check tea, coffee, sugar supply / kitchen cleanup / assist with comp pack up.

Alison / Emma / Dale

* If you cannot attend a meeting, and you are rostered on duty, please contact someone on committee so that a replacement / swap can be made.

Don't Be Shy

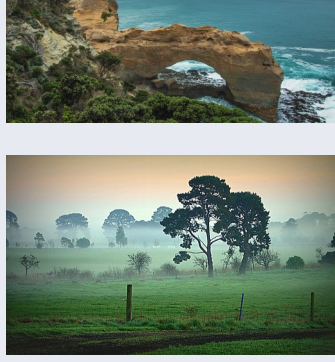
From The Editor

Please Don't Be Shy.

Newsworthy items were very light on this month. If you would like something placed in the newsletter, please email it to me. Some of you may have been out and about with your gear and an image is always great to share with members. It keeps us inspired and sometimes we need that inspirational prompt, do we not.



Colac West Rotary Club CALENDAR



A request from Ken, to all members. It's time to think about 2019 calendar! Seriously! I'm speaking as a member of the Rotary Club of Colac West calendar committee of course. Firstly thank you to those who submitted pictures for the 2018 calendar which is now gracing some 6,000 walls around the Western District and beyond and raised in excess of \$12,000. We have received many complimentary remarks on the quality of the calendars. Pictures need to be on themes relevant to the Western District of Victoria - say from Warrnambool to Geelong and Ballarat to the coast. Pictures need to be in landscape format and high resolution. They will be printed approx. 297mm X 210mm. Pictures can be forwarded to me as digital files. Pictures will be selected on suitability and to cover as many points of interest within the above area as possible.

Might I also suggest you having a folder named "Calendar Pics" to slot images into throughout the year as you find them to be suitable.

Thank you again for your support, Ken Riches.
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VAPS convention 2018

VAPS Convention
Warrnambool
May 25th-28th

Don't forget to start making your VAPSCON list. It really is a jam packed few days with lots to see and do and like minded people to meet.

For those of you that may not be aware, the 2018 VC will be held in Warrnambool, which is so fortunate for all photographers in the SW region, and a must do if you can.

If you are wanting accommodation, word has it that Warrnambool is just about fully booked, so get in quick if you plan to stop over.

For all the details check out the VAPS website www.vaps.org.au



spare time to do a good deed?



Colac Library Needs Our Help

I have 1 member so far. This could be a valuable exercise for those of you wanting differing photographic experiences. Our local Library is in the process of implementing and installing an electronic information board which, from time to time, will need some picture perfect images to showcase the facility. That is, when they host special events and happenings they would love it if someone from our Club could pop along and take a few photos. Just a few, and it wouldn't take up much of your time. They realise that it's the good quality images that will best serve the display and unfortunately nobody at the Library has the skills. It would be on a voluntary basis and if we had a few togs on the list we could spread the load and help them out. If you are interested contact - [Lindy - kelowna1890@bigpond.com](mailto:Lindy-kelowna1890@bigpond.com)

mat board & foam core

Black or white mat board is available to purchase from CCC member Wayne Alexander. It is now available in handy take home sheets of 40cm x 50cm. \$10 for 4 sheets. Contact Wayne before club night if you wish to make a purchase so that he can bring your items to the meeting. A big thank you to Dale for cutting the mat boards up into much more manageable, and convenient to transport, sizes.

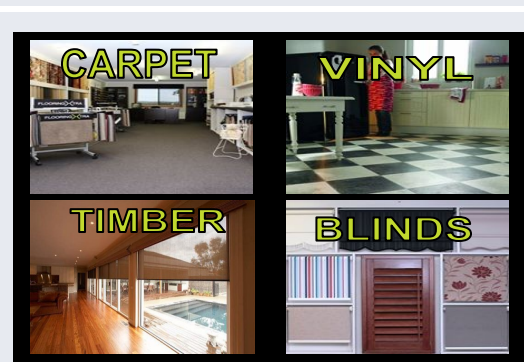
FoamCore for print backing is now available to members for the fantastic price of \$6 for a 4 sheet pack. Each sheet is large enough to back a 500 x 400mm mat.

SHOW & SELL

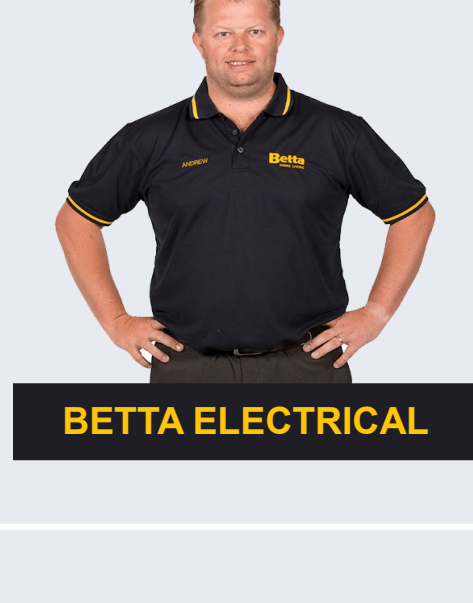


Hear ye! Hear ye! Got some camera gear you wish to buy, sell or swap? This is the place to list it if you have. A photo, some details and a contact number is all you need. Email me the details and I will list it for you. It's that easy. And there are no selling fees!

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BALL & CROFT
BETTA ELECTRICAL
45 Corangamite Street
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Ball and Croft (Betta Electrical) have been kind enough to offer some great discounts on their photo enlargement prices. Simply tell the salesperson that you are a member of the Colac Camera Club and they will adjust the price accordingly.

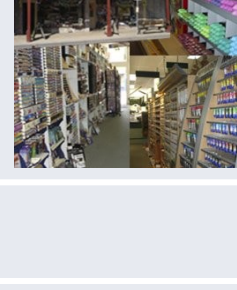
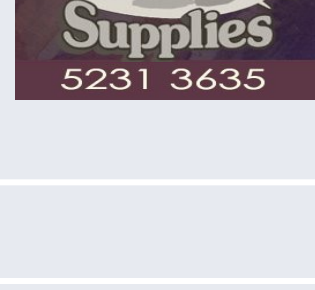
Ball and Croft will be providing us with discount cards for the coming year and these are to be presented when making a purchase.

10% of all enlargement sales will be donated to the club, so please get behind this

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Millman's Paperie & Art Supplies
245 Murray St
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For all your photographic mounting & framing needs. Double sided tapes, specialised mat board, brown backing tape (highly recommend over anything else you are using), glassine, etc. Just politely mention to the shop assistant at point of sale that you are a member of the Colac Camera



Laughter is the best Medicine



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

This month's "Joker" is

ANONYMOUS (again)

If you have an appropriate photography joke for this newsletter - don't be shy. Send it in. And if you don't - you can google them. There are loads of them on the www.

Memberships

Single Membership - \$60
Family Membership - \$80
Primary/Secondary students - Free

A reminder that some 2017 / 2018 membership fees are overdue. Catch up with Dale at the next meeting or perhaps a Bank Transfer might be easier for you. Don't forget to put your name in the reference box. * You must be a financial member to compete in Club competitions.

apologies

The Newsroom apologises for the late delivery of your newsletter, yet again. Have been away and only just returned.