

Meeting Venue
 Skills Connection
 96 Pound Road
 COLAC

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

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President's Prattle

Wow! How amazing were the images captured of the recent Aurora Australis. You must be hiding under a rock if you haven't spotted some of the images out there in cyberspace, on social media and on the TV news. It seems one of our club members was quick enough to react to the report of action in the skies on Saturday night. Nina was nimble enough to and get out to one of my favorite spots and grab some fantastic colorful night skies, braving the elements... (freezing cold). I'm a little envious of Nina right now, as opportunities like this Aurora don't come along very often and I'm looking forward to seeing some Nina's images after the editing. The images Nina posted on Facebook already look spectacular. Well done! Hopefully we can have Nina share with us the settings she used to capture her shots!

I've recently seen a post on Facebook giving a heads up to a likely event of solar activity around the 17th of this month. A word of warning though, that's a big jump to forecast that far ahead, however if you're keen on capturing an Aurora, keep an eye out for the forecast or better still have Nina give us a heads up when it's on. Thanks Nina! hehehe.

May brings Vaps to our back door this year. Warrnambool Camera Club is hosting the event which gives us all a great opportunity to get along and have a look at what happens at these well organized shindigs! Lots of things going on, however a lot of the speakers are booked out now. If you haven't registered, you could already be too late for some of the presentations. You will still be able to have a look at all the images entered in the competition. They will be on display at the Deakin University campus. Check the Vaps web site for additional info.

Have you all had your thinking caps on? We have the June comp coming up with set subject being 'Movie Title'. Hope others have a better imagination than me as I'm struggling with this one!

Happy Snapping,
 El Presidente
Wayno

May Meeting 2018

Next Meeting
 Monday May 14th @ 8pm
 CCC Clubrooms

Competition Night -
 Small Prints / Open / Set Subjects

Lots to learn from the Judge's feedback so don't miss this opportunity to further your photographic knowledge.



Duty Roster MAY 2018

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

Linda Laurie / Linda Reinen / Tony Long / Harry Springer

* 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.



Out & About

Who's been up to what? And where?

Long time CCC member Tony Long is currently teaching DSLR basics to a small group of enthusiasts at the U3A in Colac. I popped in to get a couple of pics for the newsletter and enjoyed it so much, I stayed on. Sadly for me I am eligible. They have a great setup for Tony to use, and his lessons are so informative. Great job Tony and judging by the chatter, laughs and smiles, your group are enjoying their lessons also.



More Out & About

Others who have been up to something!

A small group of our members (Lindy, Dale, Tony & Wayne) were commissioned by the Birregurra Community Arts Group to shoot their recent Ballyhoo Ball event for their Enlighten Me project. It was long hours (over 2 days) shooting the full dress rehearsal on the Friday evening and the community parade, red carpet arrivals and the show on the Saturday evening. Whilst Tony, Dale and Wayne had a notion of what to expect, and perhaps how best to shoot it, I had virtually gone in blind, was way out of my depth and flagging by the end. It was very low light, with all subjects moving about, both indoors and out, and lots of different activities going on at the same time. Moving amongst the crowds was difficult and if only I were taller! And did we go through some batteries! Still, it was a great learning experience for the four of us. As I write this we are all currently editing our images for BCAG. At a later stage they will be used for a book which they intend to produce. It was great fun though, albeit a challenging learning curve.



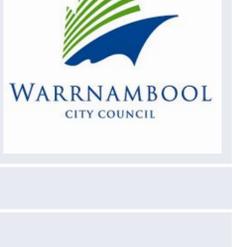
VAPS Convention is almost upon us

VAPS Convention Warrnambool May 25th-28th

VAPSCON is fast approaching. Don't forget to start making your list as workshops and accommodation are fast filling up. It really is a jam packed few days with lots to see and do and lots of photographers to meet.

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



GUYS v GALS 2018

Guys v Gals 2018

It's that time of year again. The battle for our 'rolling pin trophy' is on again and the following members will have to pull out all the stops in an effort to help their team to win.

Gals - Janet, Lindy, Alison, Kerrie, Lyn, Nina, Fiona, Linda L, Linda R, Stella

Guys - Lyndon, Ken, Wayne, Murray, Dale, Arthur, Tony, Mark, Jeff, Zac.

Your matted, small print will need to be handed to Kerrie at our June meeting. Competition night will be our July meeting.

.....May the Best team Win.....



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

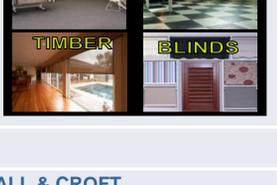
BUY SELL SWAP

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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 45 Corangamite Street COLAC

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 back to the club, so please get behind this



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 245 Murray St COLAC

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 (yet 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 meeting 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.

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.

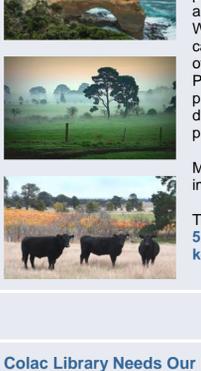


Colac West Rotary Club CALENDAR

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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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

