



HILLS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

JUNE NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone

Well, the AGM is nearly upon us and it's fair to say that the last year has been a challenging, but rewarding year. We have had to deal with all the covid restrictions and alterations, a major exhibition and numerous other different scenarios and come through stronger and better than ever. Our membership has grown from 19 to 34 in one year and the pool of talented and enthusiastic new photographers have really enhanced our club. The exhibition was a roaring success and we have had overwhelming positive feedback from all quarters. This was despite the fact the carpark was closed for most of the time. No doubt next year's will be just as or even more successful. If you are wondering why our programs after August and shown in the other news it's because the survey you filled in indicated that you wanted a change in how we structured our events. It was clear that the following was by far the most popular (see result below)

Have two workshops (WS) to one competition i.e. WS, WS, Comp, WS, WS, Comp

This new structure will be implemented by the new committee and no doubt one of their first jobs is then to work out a long-term calendar. We deliberately did not want to plan too far ahead, but as soon as the new committee has been formed, I would strongly recommend that you forward suggestions as to what workshops/outings/competitions you would like to see and any other matters that you wish to bring up.

I must say that the club is becoming better every week (although there's always room for improvement) and that's because we have such a fantastic committee and members. In the meantime ...keep photographing and never stop learning!

Allan Pan
President

OTHER NEWS

1. PROGRAM PLANNING

As noted by Allan, the majority view from the recent survey was to change the schedule re workshops and competitions. Therefore, **from September**, the ratio will be two workshops to one competition.

June 23 - Competition Sport (as already listed)

July 7 - Workshop - Fire Trails/Painting with Light.

This involves things like photographing someone and/ swinging a small burning mass attached to the end of a short rope (depending on suitable weather) and moving torches and the like.

July 21- Competition – Still Life (to follow up on the Still Life workshop held in April.
Entries are due

Aug.11- Annual General Meeting

The meeting will be followed by a forum to talk about the club, it's purpose, affiliation With VAPS (Victorian Association of Photographic Societies), and the future.

Aug 25- Competition – Portraits

Sept 8- Workshop – TBA

Sept 22-Workshop – TBA

Oct 13 -Competition – TBA

Oct 27 -Workshop – TBA

Nov 10- Workshop

Nov 24- Competition

Dec 8- Christmas wind up outing.

NOTE RE THE AGM

You will receive a formal notice re the AGM in a few weeks. The notice will include nomination forms for positions on the HPS Committee. All positions from the President down (11 in all) are declared vacant, so members are encouraged to consider nominating. At least two current members are not standing again. As we have a great range of abilities in our club it shouldn't be difficult to start the 2022-2023 year with a well-credentialed and dedicated committee. Be prepared to have your arm twisted in the near future people.

2. Outings

FRIDAY 24th June - PUFFING BILLY WITH LIGHTS OUTING

Anyone interested in making a date to see and photograph Puffing Billy all lit up?, please call me on the number below.

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Thanks Pauline for organising it.

Keep your eyes on the website and on Facebook for information on other "spot" outings as planned by various members, especially for a weekend one being considered.

3. Facebook changes

We have created a New Facebook Group for the Members of the club to communicate with each Other. Please follow the link to join if you are a paid member

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/571415011201987/>

If you are not a member you are still welcome to remain a member of our original group which has now been renamed [Friends of Hills Photographic Society](#)

4. Your input.

Thank you to those members who have made suggestions about the program, about outings and general running of the club. Remember, the club exists for you, so don't be afraid to make your thoughts known.

SURVEY RESULTS

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| • Have two workshops (WS) to one competition i.e WS.WS. Comp, WS, WS, Co, | 44.44% | 12 |
| • Have competitions every 2 nd month | 22.22% | 6 |
| • Replace one of the competition dates by a workshop evry 3 months | 3.70% | 1 |
| • Keep the staus quo – equal workshops and competition – 1 WS, 1 Comp | 29.63% | <u>8</u> |
| | | 27 |
| • I get equal fulfillment out of competitions and workshops | 25.93% | 7 |
| • I like both but fee I enjoy/learn more with competitions | 25.93% | 7 |
| • I like both but fee I enjoy/learn more from workshops | 48.15% | <u>13</u> |
| | | 27 |

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