



HILLS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

MAY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our "new" members Des Lavery and Mike Wharton. We seem to be a growing club and with some talented and enthusiastic newcomers to keep us on our toes.

There are a number of exciting things in progress. To get to know each other better, we are now extending the meeting half an hour to 10pm if necessary. This will include a coffee break at an appropriate time. We tried it this week and it made the already night even more successful than they usually are.

We would encourage everyone to add their suggestions on outings, workshops or anything at all that would enhance your experience in this club. Email Paul or myself for your ideas. (See addresses below)

The next competition, slow shutter speed, will also be a new one for some of you as you will be the judge – we've done this in the past and it really adds to your ability to improve your skills!

We will be offering a selection of outings, some impromptu, others pre-organised. See the list below as suggested by Pauline van de Pavoort. Thanks Pauline. Please add any outing ideas that you would like to include.

If we do day trips, we could all meet at the hub and car pool from there, but we would have to make sure everyone that can take people will have a turn at driving. With the cost of petrol and diesel at the moment, it wouldn't be fair to have the same people drive all the time.

In general the recent club exhibition was a great success and we hope to run another with some adjustments, next year. Thanks to everyone who helped and the committee for their contribution and participation

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

- Bendigo Bank \$350 - Jane Lolkema
- Hills Physiotherapy \$250 - Jan Lolkema
- People's Choice – Eric Yates
- Officework \$100 prize – Leigh McLeod
- Brunch on McBride prize \$25 – Wudad Salini
- Public photo – Emerald Custom Framer's Prize - Marilyn Spencer

Do you have some interesting photos to share? On non-competition days we will ask for volunteers to do a 10-15 min presentation of their own work on any topic at the start of meetings. Mike, Geoff and Trish have already volunteered and I look forward to their presentations.

Allan Pan
President

OTHER NEWS

1. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – we are in the process of simplifying the procedure for applying for membership.
2. We will be preparing a Code of Conduct document so that all members know their rights and responsibilities.
3. PRESENTATIONS AND/OR WORKSHOPS to outside organisations. The Committee has decided that if the club is asked to do a presentation to an outside organisation, on behalf of the club, that organisation be charged a fee of \$60, \$10 of which to go to the member doing the presentation.
4. PROGRAM PLANNING
Note the small changes to the published program
May 26 – Competition – Slow shutter speed.
NOTE: Judging this time will be done in-house. In other words those attending will be the judges The procedure will be explained beforehand for the benefit of newer members
June 9 – Workshop - Will now be a follow-up on the earlier Portraiture/Emotions
June 23 - Competition Sport (as already listed)
July 7 - Workshop - Fire Trails. This involves things like photographing someone swinging a small burning mass attached to the end of a short rope.
July 21- Competition – Still Life (to follow up on the Still Life workshop held in April)
5. Outings Thanks Pauline van de Pavoort for her suggestions:
6. Western Treatment Plant- great for bird photography.
Kathie has more info on this, especially about the first trip listed for May 20th. If interested call If you have any questions please do get back to me. And those coming will be on a first response basis.
Numbers: Kathie 0437 889 400 or Pauline 0411 187 072

Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

Redwood forest

Melbourne zoo

Werribee zoo

Street photography in the city- meet at Belgrave and get the train in. .Melbourne city laneways- graffiti and cafe precincts for street photography.

Pirianda gardens, Olinda- autumn visit for next year

Blue Lotus water gardens

Dandenong ranges botanic gardens- formerly Rhododendron gardens - Autumn visit for next year and also whenever the rhododendrons flower

William Ricketts sanctuary

Healesville Sanctuary - include lunch in Healesville or at the sanctuary.

Alfred Nicholas garden- autumn visit for next year.

For bird enthusiasts- Braeside wetlands

Kew cemetery- one of the most amazing tombs there, google Annie

Springthorpe Tomb and it is also a very old cemetery.

St Kilda beach, pier and Acland Street- amazing cake shops

Queenscliff

Sorrento

Phillip Island

Walhalla

Kilcunda- town and trestle Bridge

We are seeking your input on

- Ideas for workshops
- Your opinion on a proposal to have competitions every two months rather than monthly
- Suggestions on other outing
- Any other matters relating to the activities of your club

Email your ideas:

Paul – *secretary@hillsphotographicsociety*

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As the club operates on a financial year basis, July 1 to June 30, the end of this year is not far off. We usually hold our AGM in early August, at which time all committee positions are declared vacant and a new committee is elected. We now have a membership of 34 so many of you will no doubt be keen to be part of the management/planning committee. More information will be available soon.