

# NEWSLETTER



Life is like a camera  
Just focus on what's important  
Capture the good times  
Develop from the negatives  
and if things don't turn out,  
- just take another shot!

## ***Your Club needs You!***

***August is decision time - our Annual General Meeting is on October 20, but now is the time to think about what you can offer the Club.***

***If you're keen to join the Committee to bring some fresh ideas and perspective to the Club, we'd love you to join us.***

***Any Member is welcome to join the Committee, either in an office-bearer role, or as a non-executive Committee member, so you can have input into what happens and how. There are 5 vacancies on the Committee. (See the President's Note)***

***Emailed along with this Newsletter is the nomination form required. You can nominate a member to join the Committee (providing they're happy to do so, of course!), then sign the form as the nominator, have the nominee sign it, and ask another member to sign it as a seconder.***

***The completed Nomination Forms must be handed in to the Secretary (Pat Barden) by the end of August. Please note: only fully paid up members are eligible to nominate, be nominated or vote at the AGM.***

***In addition, if there are any matters you wish to have raised at the AGM, in accordance with the Constitution, these need to be given **in writing** to the Committee before the end of August.***

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## *A note from the President's Desk.....*

We are one month into the new financial year so it is time to start thinking about and preparing for the AGM on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

There are four members of the Committee whose places are up for re-election. They are Pat Barden, Marie Barry, Trish McKeown and Wolf Steinke. Sadly, there is a fifth vacancy due to the resignation of Cheryl Burnham who has also decided not to renew her membership of the Club due to health reasons. The Committee wishes Cheryl well in her recovery, hopes she will be back to peak health soon and thanks her for her contribution to the Club. Cheryl is welcome back anytime.

Emailed along with this Newsletter, there is a nomination form which any financial member can use to nominate any other financial member to fill one of the five positions. Please note that the nominee must also sign the form to confirm that she/he is willing to serve on the Committee for two years. The person who will replace Cheryl Burnham will be elected for only one year. Please state on the nomination if it is to be for only one year. The forms must be in the hands of the Committee by the end of August. Of course, if more than 5 people are nominated there will be an election at the AGM.

To re-iterate the Club's rule: These people are elected to Committee and at the first Committee meeting after the AGM, the Committee will elect the office bearers from its eight members. The election at the AGM is not for any specific office even though three of the retiring members hold current offices.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, ten members of our Club attended the VAPS judging seminar held at Melbourne Camera Club. It was an interesting day and most of us learned quite a few things about judging. We now have twelve members who have done the course and as a result for next year we will be forming a judging panel from that group, who will be judging at least one competition next year. If any of them wish to do some judging outside our at a later date they need practice at judging (and getting abuse) so they will be practicing on us.

One month of winter to go before we are back into spring and spring colours to photograph.

Happy snapping everyone!!



## CLUB MERCHANDISE

After seeing a number of Clubs at VAPS proudly wearing jackets with their own Club logo on them, it was suggested that this was something we perhaps should consider.

We are fortunate enough to have a very enthusiastic member in Jill Fidler, who took charge of this project and spent many days researching different options to bring before the Committee for consideration. As a result of all her hard work, Jill found a local supplier in Dromana who will do a superb job in embroidering our logo on to some top quality clothing.

Thanks to Jill, the Committee is proud to offer the following to Club Members:-

**Polo Shirt with Club logo: \$28.50 each**

(With Club subsidy: \$18.50 each)

This is in Light Blue and Navy with Grey piping

Quality "moisture wicking material" in both

Mens and Ladies sizes

**Stencil Soft Shell Jacket with Club logo: \$68.00 each**

(With Club subsidy: \$58.00 each)

Colour: Navy

This is in a quality windproof and water resistant material

Mens and Ladies sizes

**The best news of all is that each member is eligible for a \$10 subsidy for one of EACH garment they order. This means that if you order a polo shirt and a jacket - you will only pay \$76.50 instead of \$96.50!!!**

Jill will have samples of each garment at the next meeting (August 19), so you can get an idea of what size to order. (If you have a favourite polo shirt at home, please bring that along to help compare to the size guide available.)

We will be taking orders for garments at each meeting until Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 30. All payments must be made by this date. You can purchase either a jacket, a polo shirt or both; if you choose not to buy anything, that's fine, too.

Delivery is expected to be two weeks from the end of September.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Fees of \$40  
are now due.

Any members who have not paid by the end of August  
will not be eligible to enter any competitions.

*August Member of the Month:*

***GAIL PENNY***

*Please see the Gallery on our website for some  
examples of Gail's amazing work*

## CHERYL ADAMS - PRINT STEWARD

The role of Print Steward is one of the most important within the Club. Cheryl Adams has kindly offered to take on this role, and without her, the Club Competitions simply would not exist. Cheryl is a very experienced photographer and also a member of the Frankston Camera Club.

In order to make this as easy as possible, it is imperative that all members adhere to the following criteria:

- 🕒 Please **read the definitions** of the subject (available on our website). Make sure your entry meets the criteria of the subject, otherwise it will be rejected.
- 🕒 Each member can enter:
  - 4 Prints, either large or small
  - or
  - 2 Prints and 2 Digital entries
- 🕒 Digital entries will only be accepted if submitted with the correct file name, as below, in the correct format:

**Photo Title - Member Number - Month of Entry, e.g.**  
**My Dog - 0103 - July**

- 🕒 All prints must be mounted and have a label in the **LEFT HAND TOP CORNER**, with the Title, Member's Number and Month of Entry. These labels are available pre-printed at the front desk at each meeting.
- 🕒 Please ensure that an entry form is completed for all entries, whether digital or print format. These forms are also available at the front desk at each meeting.
- 🕒 **As from September 1, any entries not correctly labelled - either digitally, or on the back of the print, or submitted without a form, will not be processed for judging.**

These rules are in place to ensure easy processing, and a fairer competition for all members.

If you need **any** help with any aspect of submitting entries, whether it's renaming or resizing digital files, mounting prints, or clarification of the Subjects, please contact either Cheryl or myself (Trish McKeown), or any Committee member, for assistance - contact details are on the next page of this Newsletter.

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Please feel free to contact any Committee member at any time if you need any assistance, we are here to help you.

## WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST.....

Hopefully, the worst of the cold is over - bud burst is just a couple of weeks away.....enjoy the winter sunshine!

Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest - August 1 - 31

Dinner Plain Sled Dog Challenge - August 9 - 10

Winter Wine Weekend - Dunkeld - August 9 - 10

Victorian Concert Orchestra - Queenscliff - August 10

Kelly Country Pick (String Instruments)  
Beechworth - August 14 - 17

Coleraine Art & Photography Show - August 15 - 17

Merbein Great Vanilla Slice Triumph - August 16

Bendigo on the Hop Craft Beer - August 16

Mallee Almond Blossom Festival - Robinvale - August 17

Mildura Cup Carnival - August 22 - 24

Sam Miranda Tour of the King Valley Cycle Race - Oxley - August 22 - 24

Melbourne Orchid Spectacular - Skye - August 22 - 24

Lorne Festival of Performing Arts - August 29 - 31

Timeline Festival - Leigh Creek - August 30 - 31

Frankston & South Eastern Wine Show - Mt Martha - August 31

