
NEWSLETTER



*“Beauty can be seen in all things,
seeing and composing the beauty is
what separates the snapshot from the
photograph”*

Matt Hardy



Nepean Camera Club Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday, October 21 – all members are encouraged to make the effort to attend this meeting, as your vote is important. For those who can't make it, a Proxy Vote form will be sent along with this Newsletter.

OCTOBER means: Daylight saving begins; Christmas is only a few weeks away and the weather is slowly warming up. There are plenty of events on around Victoria, which means more chances for great photography. However, don't forget the everyday opportunities that exist for all of us – from insects, flowers and birds in our gardens, to family and friends getting together for barbecues, etc... Try to have at least a point-and-shoot camera with you at all times, for that “once in a lifetime” shot. Spontaneous shots of people enjoying themselves sometimes make the best photos of all (especially if they're unaware of your activity).

Please don't forget to bring any monies owing for uniforms to the October 7 meeting – it's your last chance to take advantage of the Club subsidy!

Please see Jill Fidler.



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

Spring has well and truly sprung and we have also seen the first signs of the coming summer. That means of course that it is easier to get out and take photos. Something to keep in mind this time of year is that the midday light is much 'harsher' than in winter. If you want softer light, remember to shoot before 10am and after 3pm. At the height of summer, I would be inclined to expand that time to even 4 or 5pm. This will take daylight saving into account and you will not be taking the photos at the hottest part of the day. Slightly overcast days will also give a softer light.

For those who are interested in flowers, there will be lots of those out as well. Did anyone get to Silvan for the Tulip festival? The fields of tulips do make a colourful landscape. If you like a morning search the Dandenongs should also have some native wild flowers in bloom.

This month is also our AGM month. At the AGM we will be electing five members to the committee. Four of them will be elected for two years and one for one year to replace Cheryl Burnham who resigned from her position.

I have seven nomination forms with one person being nominated twice. This means that there will be an election. The nominees are: Pat Barden, Bjorn Baklien, Marie Barry, Trish McKeown, Cheryl Adams and Wolfram Steinke. If you wish to vote and are not able to attend on the night, you can complete a proxy form, which will be sent with this Newsletter, and give it to another member to take along to the AGM and vote on your behalf.

Happy snapping everyone!!



October

Member of the Month

ANDREW RAFF

Check out Andrew's wonderful
work on our website.

Don't Forget:

For our December meeting, we'd like you to bring along your favourite print - any subject, large or small.

The most popular print will be chosen by each member voting for the one they like best.

“RAW OR JPEG? WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?”

TERRY LANE

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This spontaneous photo was taken with an Olympus OMD E-M1, recording simultaneously in JPEG and RAW. That means that the image is duplicated on the memory card and the photos are identical except that one has been processed in-camera and the other has to be converted in a computer program, such as Adobe Camera RAW, Adobe Lightroom, Corel Aftershot Pro or Apple Aperture, amongst other proprietary and open-source converters.

How you feel about the images may come down to a matter of taste. Even though Olympus has a deserved reputation for producing the best jpegs in the business it still seems to me that the camera-processed picture is over-sharpened and the noise reduction, although quite discreet, blurs skin detail resulting in a plastic look. Saturation has been increased in-camera, changing the colour of the hat.





The RAW image, converted in Adobe Camera RAW, has had the sharpening and noise reduction set to zero. The result is more natural looking skin, although some may prefer the sharpening effect added in the camera jpeg processing. Again it is a matter of taste. I prefer the softer, more realistic and what we might call “film-like” look of the RAW image. If I needed to sharpen it there are more subtle controls available in ACR and Photoshop or Lightroom, Aperture etc.

The JPEG image was recorded in Olympus’ JPEG SUPER FINE format and the file is 7.29mb. The RAW version of the same image is 13.7mb. That degree of compression inevitably results in some loss of picture information. However I don’t consider the compression loss as important for picture quality as noise reduction, sharpening and saturation – these are functions I prefer to control by fine adjustment and inspection. And there is one other good reason for using the RAW format where it is available – exposure latitude. There is usually a plus/minus two stop exposure adjustment latitude in the RAW conversion process. Images that would be irretrievable in JPEG because of over or under exposure can be adjusted in the conversion process to recover detail in highlights and shadows. Many a poorly exposed image has come up looking fine in the computer.

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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER.....

The Spring Racing Carnival is on until November 23.

Archibald Prize Exhibition - Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
Now till November 16

Gardivalia Festival of Gardens - Warragul - till October 26

World Rowing Masters Regatta - Lake Wendouree
October 9 to 12

Spring into Nature - Peninsula Gardens, Boneo - Oct. 11

Spring Festival - Garden of St Erth - Blackwood
October 11 & 12

Birregurra Festival and Art Show - October 11 & 12

Horsham Spring Garden Festival - October 10 to 12

Beechworth Oktoberfest - October 11 & 12

Gippsland Baw Baw Garden & Home Expo
Lardner Park - October 11 & 12

Merbein Community Rodeo - October 11

Blacksmithing Show - Mont de Lancey - Wandin - October 12

Wangaratta Agricultural Show - October 10 & 11

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER.....

Tastes of The Goulburn - Seymour - October 18

Royal Geelong Show - October 16 to 19

Victorian Billycart Championship - Broadford - October 19

Motorcycle Grand Prix - Phillip Island - October 17 to 19

Wool, Wheat and Wine Festival - Loddon - October 19

Naturally Loddon Photographic Nature Walk
Melville Caves Picnic Ground - October 19

Rockabilly Country Train @ Puffing Billy Railway - Belgrave
October 18

Como Gardens Open Garden - The Basin - October 18 & 19

BUPA Round the Bay Cycle - October 19

Stawell Orchid Show - September 25 to 28

Main Street Festival - Mornington - October 19

Vintage Tractor Stomp - Hamilton - October 18 & 19

Annual Licola Trout Fishing Competition - Licola - October 17 to 19

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER.....

Cloudehill Spring Festival - Olinda - October 25 & 26

Cuban Jazz Festival - Coldstream - October 26

Bendigo Agricultural Show - October 24 & 25

Ballarat Gardens in Spring - October 25 & 26

Maffra Agricultural Show - October 25 & 26

Sunbury Wine & Food Festival - October 26

Warrnambool Agricultural Show - October 24 to 26

Open House Geelong - October 25

Looking for photos in the Newsletter???

Me, too!

**I would love to show off your work in the
Newsletter - please send me digital copies of your
photos!**

**They don't need to have been competition entries,
just whatever you'd like to send me.**

