



# In Focus

Newsletter of The Mandurah Camera Club Inc.

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## President's Report February 2007

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2007. The competition topics this month are 'Photo Journalism' (a record of any event which tells the story of what has happened, is happening or is about to happen, the visual sight of which excites or stimulates one of the many human emotions) and 'People'. Our Judge will be Saul Frank from Camera Electronic Service. Please make Saul welcome.

### EXCURSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The new committee met on 18 January, and a topic high on the agenda was the review of feedback you provided on the future direction of our club from the member's survey conducted at the AGM. It was of no real surprise to learn that most responses to the survey pointed to more workshops and photographic excursions, providing opportunities to indulge and hone our craft. And so over the course of this year we will be planning and hosting a number of events which I hope will offer members varied opportunities to advance their photographic skills in a range of different areas.

The first event will be a Night Photography session (including a social cup of coffee) on the evening of Thursday 15th March 2007. The plan is to meet at Nino's Fish Bar at 6.30pm, and then divide off and work in small groups, photographing in and around the Marina. As sun will set at 7:32pm on this day, there will be plenty of opportunity to try your hand at capturing images in rapidly changing light. I will elaborate with some tips for our newer (and more experienced) members to try a little closer to the date.

A picture framing workshop is also planned for later in the year. We are hoping to engage the time of a professional framer, in Perth, who can demonstrate the finer techniques of picture framing. For this workshop it was suggested that we car pool to Perth.

Other suggested workshops include a presentation on image composition, and also one on fill-flash techniques for daylight photography. The committee will decide on future workshops and excursions at the next committee meeting. So if you have any great ideas, or would be willing to share your knowledge with others by hosting a workshop, please contact me so that I can table your suggestions at the next committee meeting. The club currently enjoys a healthy financial position, and these funds are available for offsetting the costs of workshops and excursions etc.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Memberships are now due, and was agreed at the AGM that the Annual Subscriptions remain at \$40.00 per single member and \$60.00 per family and paid in accordance with Section 5 of the Club's Constitution. Fees must be paid in full not later than three ordinary club meetings after the Annual General Meeting to remain eligible for competition. So please pay your fees to John Oliver (Treasurer) by the April club night.

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## STRETCH FESTIVAL

I am currently collecting images for our Photo Mosaic project that we hope to include in the Stretch Festival this year. To create the mosaic, I need your photographs (preferably digital images) of the Mandurah area. If you could format/crop these images to 1200(W) x 900(H) pixels (4 x 3 in) it would save me a lot of time. We need at least 2,500 images in both colour and mono to create this rather large mosaic.

## FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

There is a Fellowship weekend being hosted by the Albany Photographic Society over 17-18 February. On the Saturday afternoon, an excursion to a photogenic section of the coastline has been organised. This area is only accessible by 4WD so car pooling will be necessary. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Les or Dorothy Bail on 9844 4042 before Tuesday 13 February. This is a great opportunity to meet and discuss photography with other like-minded people, and is certainly one that I plan to be attending. A BBQ has also been organised for the Saturday evening. Coinciding with this weekend, the West Australian Photographic Federation will be conducting their AGM on the Sunday at 10:00am in the Bob Thompson Annexe, Marshall Pavilion, Centennial Oval, Lockyer Ave, Albany. This is an important meeting that will decide the future of the WAPF, and has implications for all affiliated camera clubs, including ours. Please attend if you can.

## CLUB NIGHT FORMAT

I will opening the hall at 6.45pm on club nights and strongly encourage all members to arrive by 7:00pm. We have a rule that prints and slides must be tendered by 7:20 pm to be eligible for that night's competition. To ensure that the meetings are not delayed, this rule will be more stringently enforced this year. Please make all efforts to be on time.

It was also agreed at the last committee meeting that Alex Cairnduff, Moira Wills and Heather Woodland will meet and greet visitors and advise new members on club nights. All other members are encouraged to participate in setting up prints for judging, setting up boards, chairs, tables, writing competition sheets, etc. and helping to clear away and tidy up at the end of the meeting.

An intermission of 15 minutes, with coffee, will be held between the judging of the prints (judged 1st during daylight saving period) and the judging of the slides. This will offer members a better opportunity to interact, rather than only during the busy clean up at the end of night.

## SENIORS CALENDARS

I would appreciate if members who have been selling calendars for the Senior's Recreation Council could return the unsold items and any proceeds to me on the February club night so that I can forward the calendars and money back to the SRC.

Greg

## Mandurah Camera Club Competition Results

January 2007

Judged By: Ray Carlisle

Topic: Open

	Place	Author	Title
Colour Prints	1	Heather Woodland	Tomorrow's Dream
	2	Roy Bolton	The Fox Glacier NZ
	3	Daphne Knapp	Beach Colours at Sunset
Mini Prints	1	Betty Kent	The Pottery
	2	Cheryl Vidulich	Abstract #1
	3	Moira Wills	Woman of Dali
Monochrome	1	Greg Perry	Performing Arts Centre
	2	Donna Oliver	Low Key
	3	Cheryl Vidulich	Harvey Dam #1
Slides - Open	1	Roy Bolton	Mauve Beauty
	2	Geoff Bauer	Sand Dune
	3	Trish Davies	Yellow & Red Tulips



# **WAGIN 2007**

## *Easter Convention* *April 6 to April 9*

### **Wagin offers:**

Friendly people  
Art Deco and early 1900s architecture  
Accommodation choice  
Wagin Motel 16 rooms 98611888  
Country style hotels: Palace Hotel 98611003, Moran's Wagin Hotel 98611017  
Budget hotel: Mitchell House 98612000  
Caravan Park: Phone 0419 611 057 to book in  
Private billets (call Wagin secretary on 98611354 to arrange)  
Good Food at a reasonable price  
Country Hospitality  
Photographic exhibition hanging space  
Local places of interest: Emu farm, Bird Park, Historical Village

### **Convention Details:**

Watch the Reflex for details and registration form.

#### Local suggestions for activities include:

Enough time to get-together with others.  
Enough free time to persue local photographic opportunities.  
Excursion: Farm visit? Walk a section of Waitjen trail around Parkerring Lake?  
Possible get-together with local aboriginal elder.  
Optional Easter Sunday sunrise service held annually at Lake Norrington.  
Capture "Wagin in a Day/Weekend" photo shoot challenge.  
Possible workshop on a desired topic.

Partners very welcome to join in all activities.

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