



In Black & White ~ January 2008

RINGWOOD BLACK & WHITE CAMERA CLUB INC

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A Word from our President

Snappy New Year Everyone!!!

Well, we are starting another year and looking at syllabus it will be a great year!

The end of year BBQ was a fantastic night and everyone seemed to have a good time. A special thanks to Rosie and Bill for hosting this year's event and transporting the boards. It was a "big ask" to host the event and they did an excellent job.

One of characteristics that I do notice about this club is that there is never any shortage of volunteers when work needs to be done. One of benefits of being a small club is that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the operation of the club and by that contribution feel a sense of accomplishment, belonging and hopefully greater well being.

If you are reading this it's because Jill put it together and chased up all the contributors. Did you enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit at the last meeting? Then thank Matt! This year's syllabus was put together by Chris, John, Matt and Peter W. The Christmas cards were a great success thanks to many including Rose, Chris, Peter W., John W. and John T.

At the end of a meeting night I'm generally chatting to folks, but then I turn around and notice that the boards are gone, the chairs are back, the kitchens cleaned and the lights are done. How did that all happen?

I think the number of prints at the last competition was a record and is an indication that the club is functioning well. Or it may just be because folks like to show off their prize pet! Maybe we should have "grandchild /niece/ nephew" as a set topic!

However it has not been all good news this year. The passing of John Westley deeply saddened all club members. John was an integral part of the club and it's hard to imagine one without the other but that's what has happened. He was an inspiration to all members, not only in his photographic ability but in his eagerness to share his knowledge. I think his greatest example was how to make the most out of your life even if your glass appears to be less than half full.

Tim



John W. leading the critique for the monthly comp

VALE JOHN WESTLEY

We were all very saddened at the sudden passing of John on 15 September. John had been an active member for many years. I believe I can recall the first meeting he attended which was around 1979/80. His membership was short lived as his work as an engineer took him to Indonesia for a few years. On his return to Melbourne he rejoined the Club competing in the competitions with a great deal of success. As well being a committee member John was ever ready to assist members with their photography particularly younger and newer members. Over the years John and Noreen have opened their home for our Christmas Breaks Ups. In his latter years his failing sight did not deter him in his photography still producing winning prints, a credit to his determination and love of photography. John received Life Membership for his service to the Club. Many of our present and past members were able to attend his memorial service.

John Tuckett

CARD PROJECT

John Westley and the Minister for the Uniting Church at Heathmont, Alan Mathews, were great friends and photographers together.

Each year Alan Mathews made cards and sold them at the church fete, as a fund raiser. A while ago he left his Heathmont parish and went to a new parish to work.

John Westley saw an opportunity for Ringwood Black and White Camera Club to take up this project and sell cards at the fete and raise funds for our club. John was always on the lookout for ways to improve our club, raise funds and allow members to enjoy activities and interact.

Knowing that this was an ambitious project for John to undertake alone, with his failing eyesight, Chris Hoare and I offered our help and were instructed by John, in card making. Club members submitted prints of their favourite scenes.

We were working well together on this project, in September, when John had to go into hospital. John telephoned us from hospital, happily, to instruct us to collect the prints and cardboard etc from his house, and to continue making the cards. He felt he would be well enough to man the stall, and sell the cards at the fete on the 5th October.

Sadly John passed away in September, but we completed the cards and sold them at the fete, as he would have wished. So far we have raised over \$150.00 and members are still selling cards enthusiastically.

Rosie Hughes

OUTING TO ST HELIERS, ABBOTSFORD

On the 9th of November, Peter, Chris, Rosie, Yvette, Andrew, Dale and Louise went on an evening / night shoot at St. Heliers Abbey in Abbotsford. There were a lot of opportunities for some great shots, and the evening light set some challenges. There was a little color in the sunset

which, in turn, lit up the old buildings. There were a few spots of rain, but nothing to deter the keen photographers.

An interesting place, St. Heliers. A mixture of oldish buildings, nice gardens and a café or two. Should anyone want to go and have a browse or a walk along the Yarra, there is parking opposite for \$2.00 all day. Refer Melways map 2D 9 C.

Chris Hoare

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

September

Open Section

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 st | John Tuckett | Safe Harbour | 12.17C |
| 2 nd | Peter Wallace | The Abbey | 11.50 |
| =2 nd | Matt Moore | Town Hall | 11.50 |
| =3 rd | Chris Hoare | Collins St #1 | 11.07 |

Set Subject "Technology"

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|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 st | Andrew Fraser | F18 | 11.50 |
| 2 nd | Rosie Hughes | Swing Bridge | 10.33 |
| 3 rd | Peter Wallace | Resting Power | 11.00 |
| =3 rd | Rosie Hughes | Loy Yang Power | 11.00 |

October

Max Pascoe Memorial Portrait Trophy

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| 1 st | Yvette Scott | Anne | 11.44 |
| 2 nd | Louise Wolfers | Five O'Clock Shadow | 11.33 |
| 3 rd | Yvette Scott | A Good Looking Guy | 11.22 |
| =3 rd | John Tuckett | Paul | 11.22 |

There was no Open Competition in October.

November

Open Section

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|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 st | Peter Westley | Yokohama Art | 12.11C |
| 2 nd | Yvette Scott | Hidden Shed | 12.00C |
| 3 rd | John Tuckett | Swiss Alps | 11.89 |
| =3 rd | John Tuckett | Bold Lines | 11.89 |

Set Subject "Pets"

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 st | Chris Hoare | Jamie #1 | 11.78 |
| 2 nd | John Tuckett | Banjo | 11.33 |
| =2 nd | Yvette Scott | Scooby's Paw | 11.33 |
| =2 nd | Chris Hoare | Jamie#2 | 11.33 |
| 3 rd | John Tuckett | Vern | 11.22 |

December

Open Section

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|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Tim Hughes | Rocky Road Ahead | 12.00C |
| 2 nd | John Tuckett | Rose & droplets | 11.67 |
| 3 rd | Peter Westley | Blossom | 11.11 |

Set Subject "Trees"

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 st | Chris Hoare | Snow gum #1 | 12.00C |
| 2 nd | Peter Westley | Big Gum | 11.44 |
| 3 rd | Matt Moore | From Hyde Park | 11.11 |

C Commendation 12-13.9 points

H Highly Commended 14-15 points

SILVERSHOTZ JOURNAL OF FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

Iford is now the only company in the world that produces the entire range from film, chemistry and paper for B&W photography. Iford recently purchased the photographic division of Kentmere and plans to keep producing its range of B&W papers.

John Tuckett

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO BE A PHOTOGRAPHER, BUT...

Ever thought photographers were a little crazy? Then the article "Photography on the Couch" by Neal Matthews in an old issue of Popular Photography may provide the answers. Read it at

<http://www.popphoto.com/popularphotographyfeatures/3365/photography-on-the-couch.html> and I have some hard copies)

Tim

THE NEXT MEETING

At the next mid-monthly meeting on **February 8**, Chris Hoare will be presenting some of his images and talking about his recent trip to Canada. Ron Cork will now be doing his Wedding Photography workshop on the 11th of April.

*** COMING UP IN 2008 ***

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| Jan 25 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Stone Work" |
| Feb 8 | Workshop: Canada Trip – Chris Hoare |
| Feb 22 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Water" |
| Mar 14 | Workshop: Pin Hole Photography – Steph Tout |
| Mar 28 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Reflections" |
| Apr 11 | Workshop: Wedding Photography – Ron Cork |
| Apr 25 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Light and Shade" |
| May 9 | Workshop: TBA |
| May 23 | Competitions: Open and set topic "People in Landscape" |
| June 13 | Workshop: How to Hold an Exhibition – Gaynor Robson |
| June 27 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Nightscape" |
| July 1 | Annual Dinner and Print of the Year |
| July 25 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Rocks" |
| Aug 8 | Workshop: Entering National Exhibitions – Matt Moore |
| Aug 22 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Seascape" |
| Sep 12 | Workshop: Night Photography – Long Exposures |
| Sep 26 | Competitions: Open and set topic "In the Kitchen" |
| Oct 10 | Workshop: Macro Photography |
| Oct 24 | Competitions: Set topic "Portrait – Max Pascoe Memorial Trophy" (no open) |
| Nov 14 | Workshop: Model Night |
| Nov 28 | Competitions: Open and set topic "Domestic Animals" |
| Dec 12 | Christmas BBQ – Venue TBA Competitions: Open and set topic "Texture or Patterns" |

For updates on workshops, please contact our Club Secretary, John Tuckett, or check our website:

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ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please email items for the next newsletter to Jill at atc@bigpond.net.au (Deadline 31 March)

RINGWOOD BLACK & WHITE CAMERA CLUB NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 8TH 2008

Meetings are held at Heathmont Uniting Church Rooms, Canterbury Rd, Heathmont (Melways map 50, B11) at 8pm on the second and fourth Friday of the month

VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME