

# NEWSLETTER

BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB • ISSUE 012 • MARCH 2014



## Focus on the **VAPS CONVENTION** Geelong 24-25 May 2014

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES/WORKSHOPS GEELONG 2014  
MAY 24/25

NAME:	CLUB:
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One person per sheet please.

In order to cater for your preferences, this form must be returned with your Registration form, via email or post.

This selection will be on your registration label.

Please register early so that we can accommodate everyone's needs.

	ACTIVITY / WORKSHOP	TIMES	Tick your choice
1	Kerry Spokes – iPhonography, Session One, Kerry creates award winning images with her iPhone or iPad, engage in her unique approach to creative and experimental photography in this interactive presentation, bring your iPhone or iPad along to the workshop. Session One	Saturday 1.30 to 3.00 pm	
2	Beth Jennings – Portrait Photographer and writer, join Beth as she talks about capturing the moments of joy and laughter and connection that can easily be lost to memory Session One	Saturday 1.30 to 3.00 pm	
3	Kerry Spokes – iPhonography, Session Two, as above	Saturday 3.30 to 4.30 pm	
4	Beth Jennings – Portrait Photographer and writer. Session Two, as above	Saturday 3.30 to 4.30pm	
5	Barwon Grange Portrait Shoot 1.45pm	Saturday 1.45pm	
6	Queens Park Photo walk 3.00 to 5pm	Saturday 3.00 to 5.00pm	
7	Baiyang Sanctuary 7am	Sunday early start	8
8	Queenscliff Photo shoot 7am	Monday early start	
	FRIDAY, Evening Foreshore Walk with Geelong Camera Club, over three preselected areas of the foreshore, locations will be advised.	6pm, starting points will be advised	

Please refer to the Convention Programme for more information on the Photography Walks and Activities

**IF YOU HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR ANY SPECIFIC NEEDS PLEASE ENTER BELOW.**

PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR NEEDS:

Phone:

email:

see inside for convention details .....



## FRONT PAGE

### VAPS Convention 2014

To be held in Geelong on  
24-25 May

### Bellarine Camera Club Inc.

Member of VAPS

### MEETING VENUE

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre  
17-21 High Street, Drysdale

### CONTACT

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### COMMITTEE

President Shane Coles  
Vice President Roger Northam  
Treasurer John Gallichan  
Secretary Lynne Bryant  
Competition Secretary Val Moss  
Committee Members Darren Henry, Jon Bagge,  
Kerriane Hobbs

### MEETINGS

Twice a month (excluding January):

1st Monday - Club Night

3rd Monday - Judging Night

### NEWSLETTER

Distributed monthly to members via email;  
also available on website.

Newsletter items to the editor (preferably in  
Word format)

Images welcome - please submit via email in  
jpg format as per competition sizing

Articles to be received by the 20th of the month  
Submissions to:

[editor@bellarinecameraclub.org.au](mailto:editor@bellarinecameraclub.org.au)

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## Guest Speaker

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Dean Reynolds - Creating an AV

## Thank you.....

Recently your committee approved a budget, submitted by John Gallichan, for some new cupboards. Springdale has kindly allowed BCC to have some extra space in the storeroom. This means that various committee members will no longer have to take items backwards and forwards on our club nights, which sometimes could be a real pain, so this is very welcome!

After a few weeks of John's preparation, purchasing materials and partially constructing at his home, the date of installation was Friday 23rd Feb, so with a little help from Roger (as gopher/photographer as no-one else was available) the unit was installed.

For a club to function well it is reliant on all its members to assist where they can in these types of club activities to lessen the workload.

I am sure we all thank John for this terrific effort to improve the facilities of our club, and Roger for making time to be available to use his 'gopher' skills!

Pictured is the installed unit which not only looks great, but it also fits perfectly and now allows extra storage space for the club.



## Aggregate Award 2013

### Congratulations....

The results for the inaugural Aggregate Award, announced in December, were as follows:

1st	Jon Bagge
2nd	Kerriane Hobbs
3rd	Roger Northam

The Aggregate Award is calculated by adding the judges points awarded to images that have been submitted into our own club competitions throughout the year. All judged images attract points, which are totalled at the end of the year and winners announced at the Image of the Year night in December.



## President's Report

Shane Coles

Getting into the swing of the new year after our long summer break I hope all have been busy with your cameras. I hope you all had a great break and enjoyed your family and friends. Me, I went to the United States again to visit family. Great time, great memories, great expense.....

The year started with the Queenscliff evening walk and for those who attended I hope great images were taken. Mid-February the Festival of Glass held its annual event. Three members from our club had images presented with no prizes, only to be upstaged by my dear wife who picked up second prize of \$50 - well done to her. Members should note that first prize was \$100 - hopefully next year we may scoop the whole \$\$\$'s.

This year is well on the way and I am sure our guest speakers and competitions will enthrall you all.

On the 19th April the club will run its annual Easter Exhibition. Last year was an outstanding success and I strongly urge ALL members to be part of it. Don't be scared about displaying your talents. Information will be supplied and I hope all take part and help out with this great club event. An opening night will be held on Friday 18th April for members and family to attend.

This month I have included an image showing my adventurous side. This image was taken three years ago -

no they are not my daughters. The photo is of one of the most intriguing overseas adventures I have ever taken - a trip to the Playboy Mansion in LA. I had the chance to go to the opening night of Brooke Shields new play, with drinks with her after the show. I thought this was a great event to go to when Curtis, my stepson, whispered in my ear that we had been invited to the Mansion. I then felt this first invitation was not such a great event to go to after all and quickly gained permission from my lovely wife and assisted one of Curtis's mates seek permission from his lovely wife on the condition that I protected him. The end result - goodbye Brooke, hello Hugh. Yes, they are bunnies; good-looking bunnies, but that was about it. It is one of the most out-there places in the world. Full of beauty, but short of brains. The lady in the background must have thought I fitted the image by giving me some bunny ears!

Each month I leave you with a meaningful quote that sums up photography:-

*"There is only you and your camera. The limitations in your photography are in yourself, for what we see is what we are."*  
- Ernst Haas

Until next month ....

Shane



## FEBRUARY OPEN COMPETITION Results



**The Blue Ocean Front Door**  
John Gallichan

### Prints

- 1st:** **In the Forest** Ellen McIlroy  
**2nd:** **Oasis** Janetta Green  
**3rd:** **The Blue Ocean Front Door** John Gallichan  
**Merits:** **Star Trail Tree** Roger Northam  
**Fishing Boats** John Gallichan



**Merits:**  
**Star Trail Tree - Roger Northam**



**Fishing Boats - John Gallichan**

*Some winning print images were not available for inclusion at time of newsletter issue*

### EDIs

- 1st:** **Iguana** Bill McCall  
**2nd:** **Tide** Jon Bagge  
**3rd:** **Kiosk** Bill McCall  
**Merits:** **Twins** Martin Young  
**Fresh Rose** Roger Northam



**1**  
**Iguana**  
Bill McCall



**2**  
**Tide**  
Jon Bagge



**3**  
**Kiosk**  
Bill McCall



# Success in Auckland Botanic Gardens Photographic Competition

by Tony Cavanagh

While we were in New Zealand last November, we visited the Auckland Botanic Gardens which are in South Auckland on the road to the town of Hamilton. The gardens occupy some 64 hectares in the middle of outer suburbia and feature a wide range of garden types, from kids gardens and home vegetable plots through a full range of New Zealand native bush and exotic plantings, with a very lovely Rose Garden. They claim to have over 10,000 plants. I was surprised to learn that the gardens were only opened to the public in 1982 but they are a delight to visit and it will easily fill in half a day.

They have a very active Friends Group and one activity they have promoted in recent years is Sculpture in the Gardens. There is a range of small and large sculptures scattered throughout the Gardens, some donated by the artists, others purchased by the Friends. This year there was also a sculpture competition and visitors were invited to vote for the various entries; pictures of some are included here. From November to early February, a photographic competition was run in conjunction and the entries were judged in mid February. I picked up an entry form at the Visitors Centre and decided to enter the competition in late January. Fortunately, only EDIs were accepted, in two categories, Botanical and Open, limit of one per section, and the images had to have been taken in the Auckland Botanic Gardens. I could meet these requirements and was very surprised to receive an email in mid February telling me that I was one of three finalists in one of the sections. Three days later, I was notified that my entry had won the Open section. The results were announced on their web page and can be seen at: <http://www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz/sculpture-in-the-gardens/whats-on/photography-competition.cfm>

The surprising thing for me was that the picture which won was not the one I considered my best. It was called "An alien among the roses" and was actually part of one of the garden sculptures so that may have been in its favour. I have included copies of my two entries and several others from the Gardens. If you are ever in Auckland (which is a surprisingly large city with a population of nearly 1.5 million), it is worth making a trip to the Gardens which are about 30 minutes south.



*Alien among the roses*

**".....the picture which won  
was not the one I  
considered my best."**



*Another view*



*The giant knife*



*The colourful house sculpture*



*Botanical roses and granny bonnets*



*One of New Zealand's classic plants,  
Renga Renga*



*The incongruity, roses and cabbage trees*



# OCEAN GROVE camera & photo



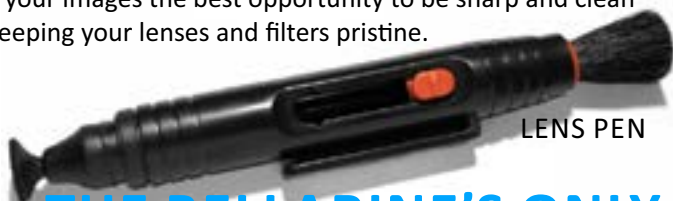
## Your monthly photography tip from Ocean Grove Camera & Photo:

Maintain your gear!

By taking just a few minutes after you have finished a shoot, you can save yourself a lot of trouble down the track simply by giving your gear a quick clean. Fine dust, sand and general grit can easily make it's way inside your camera's body or lenses if left uncleaned. There are literally thousands of cleaning products on the market, but we recommend a few basic item you shouldn't leave home without.

- A blower or blower brush for dislodging sand and dust from those hard to get to places.
- A lint free cleaning cloth to wipe over your LCD screen.
- A Lens Pen. Probably the most useful tool a photographer can own to clean your lenses and filters.

Remember, a dirty lens or filter will affect the light path, so give your images the best opportunity to be sharp and clean by keeping your lenses and filters pristine.



LENS PEN

## 13th BEACH SUNSET SHOOTOUT THURSDAY MARCH 6TH FROM 6.30PM

Ocean Grove Camera & Photo have once again teamed up with Olympus to bring you an exclusive hands on demo evening, featuring the all new Olympus OM-D E-M10.

Come and try this awesome new camera along with ANY Olympus lens you'd like to test out. We will also have the full range of Olympus binoculars for you to have a play with.

We will have two Olympus experts on hand to field any questions and, with any luck, we'll have an awesome sunset to photograph.

As an extra incentive, Olympus will be offering 10% off for any lens ordered on the night and a few give aways.

You'll find us in the first carpark on 13th Beach, just after you round the first bend out of Barwon Heads. Call us if you need more info. This will be a great event, we'll see you there!

## THE BELLARINE'S ONLY CAMERA STORE

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## VAPS Convention

This year the Geelong Camera Club will host the annual VAPS convention and also celebrate their 125th year of camera club service.

A full range of innovative presenters and workshops along with an abundance of outdoor photographic opportunities await participants at this year's convention. See the VAPS Convention Programme for further details of what's on and when.

Bellarine Camera Club will host a self-drive excursion to the Clifton Springs area on Sunday afternoon, and on Monday morning will host an early photo-shoot at Queenscliff and surrounds.

There is also the 2014 Print and EDPI Interclub competition, with entries to be submitted by 23rd March. It would be great to see many Bellarine Camera Club members involved in this competition.

Further information on all the convention activities and costs, including the interclub competition, can be found on our website under the 'VAPS Convention 2014' tab.



The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies Inc

in conjunction with the Geelong Camera Club is proud to present

### The 2014 Annual Interclub Exhibition & Convention



Saturday the 24th and  
Sunday the 25th of May 2014  
at the  
Mercure Hotel, Geelong  
with  
Friday night and Monday  
morning photo opportunities



Enrolment  
Registration forms are available at  
[vaps.com.au](http://vaps.com.au)

General enquiries  
Heather Prince: 0400 144 017

All correspondence to  
Geelong Camera Club,  
P.O. Box 781,  
Geelong,  
3220



General Overall Times:  
From 8am Saturday 24th May to Sunday  
5pm  
Friday Night Photo Walk 6pm  
Monday Queenscliff Photography Shoot 7am

Venue:  
Mercure Hotel Conference Centre  
Cnr Gheringhap St & Myers St, Geelong.  
75 km west of Melbourne.

Images above by Heather Prince, Geelong Camera Club



## Notice Board

### *New Members*

Late last year and early this year we welcomed new members Ain Utt, Daniel Walker, Susan O'Connor, Brendan Waites and Bruce Grant.

Susan has recently volunteered for the committee, replacing Kristy Wiffen who has been unable to continue due to other commitments.

Brendan is the owner of Ocean Grove Camera & Photo and will be supplying photographic tips to our newsletter each month.

Welcome to all....

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### *Competition Secretary*

Kerriane Hobbs has stepped down from the very busy position of competition secretary due to other commitments, but will stay on the committee until the next AGM. Thanks to Kerriane for the great job she has done as competition secretary.

Val Moss is now the new competition secretary. We ask that everyone be vigilant in the correct naming of both print and EDI images for competitions to ensure the competition secretary's role runs smoothly.

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### *Newsletter Articles*

Thanks yet again to Tony Cavanagh for submitting another interesting article this month for members' enjoyment. When the emails were checked a week ago there were no member articles at all - the day before the newsletter was completed the emails were checked again and thankfully there was Tony's article for publishing.

Members who would like to share their photographic stories, please refer to the details on how to submit, which are in the left-hand column on page 2.

### *Award Winning Prints - EDIs Required*

Apologies but again we have not been able to include some award winning images on our results page for our last competition as these were submitted as prints and therefore no electronic copy available for inclusion in this publication.

It would be greatly appreciated if members, who receive an award for a printed image, could send an EDI for inclusion in the newsletter as soon as possible after receiving the award -

please submit to:

[editor@bellarinecameraclub.org](mailto:editor@bellarinecameraclub.org)

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### *175th Year Commemoration of the Eastern Cemetery Photography Competition*

This photography competition is open to members of Geelong, Corio Bay and Bellarine camera clubs only. Each entrant may submit up to 3 images.

The competition opens on 1st March 2014 and closes at 4:00pm 1st September 2014. Images must have been taken after 1st March 2014.

For full competition brief and guidelines please go to our website to find in the dropdown Competitions tab.



## Notice Board

For further information on Ian Rolfe's photography tour, please email [ianrolfe@bigpond.com](mailto:ianrolfe@bigpond.com)

# Southern Lightscapes Photography Tour with Ian Rolfe Norfolk Island

*Come and join Ian Rolfe on an 8 day photographic workshop of our magical and alluring island*


**From \$2349 per person**

**01 - 09 August 2014 ex Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane**

*\*Departures from other cities available, contact  
The Travel Centre for more information*



**The Travel Centre**  
*Norfolk Island*

AIR NEW ZEALAND 

*\*photo copyright & courtesy Ian Rolfe,  
Southern Lightscapes*

### Holiday Package price includes:

- ✓ Return economy 'seat & bag airfare' to Norfolk Island
- ✓ All necessary connecting domestic flights for travel from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane (forward journey to Norfolk via Sydney and return journey from Norfolk via Brisbane)
- ✓ All pre-paid Airline taxes
- ✓ Meet & Greet at the Norfolk Island Airport
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation at Polynesian Apartments
- ✓ 6 continental breakfast + 2 fully cooked breakfast
- ✓ Car hire (car surcharge \$20 per day plus petrol payable direct)
- ✓ New workshop addition: 4 x 3 hour Adobe workshop with specialised Adobe tutor Tiana Hall
- ✓ ½ Day Island Orientation Tour
- ✓ Progressive dinner to island homes
- ✓ Cliff-top Island fish fry at sunset
- ✓ Sound & Light show at historic Kingston
- ✓ Mutiny on the Bounty Show
- ✓ Entry to World of Norfolk photographic Gallery
- ✓ Discount Norfolk Shopping Card with free gift
- ✓ Complimentary Miniature Golf "Golf your way through Norfolk Island's history"
- ✓ Complimentary "A Walk in the Wild" – A unique rainforest walk

**Conditions apply. Prices are current today, subject to availability & change without notice. Travel insurance strongly recommended**

Please send me further information about the 'Southern Lightscapes Photography Tour with Ian Rolfe - Norfolk Island', August 2014

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact: [karen@travelcentre.nlk.nf](mailto:karen@travelcentre.nlk.nf) The Travel Centre, PO Box 172, Norfolk Island 2899  
Ph: 0011 6723 22502 or fax: 0011 6723 23205 Toll free from Australia 1800 1400 66  
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## For Sale

### HELP SUPPORT YOUR CLUB BY PURCHASING READY-MADE PHOTO MATS

Mats are available for sale at each meeting for a very reasonable price. All profits go back into the Club.

Colours are black, charcoal and off-white to suit the following print sizes:

5" x 7"	\$2.00 each
6" x 8"	\$2.50 each
8" x 10"	\$3.00 each
8" x 12"	\$4.00 each

Special sizes can be made to order  
(up to the maximum mat size of 40 x 50cm)\

FOR ALL MATS SEE JOHN GALLICHAN, OUR 'MASTER MAT MAKER'

### ORDER YOUR MATS FOR THE EASTER EXHIBITION NOW

John Gallichan is cutting mats now for the Easter Exhibition.

To ensure there is enough of the correct sizes for your needs, it would be a great help if you pre-ordered your mats now.

#### FOR SALE: Four beautiful Nikon Lenses, all in A1 condition.

AF NIKKOR 28mm F2.8. New Price \$359; sell for \$150

AF NIKKOR 35mm F2 D. New Price \$499; sell for \$200

AF-S NIKKOR DX 18-200mm F3.5-5.6 G ED VR  
New Price \$1,099; sell for \$450

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New Price \$1,799; sell for \$650

Contact Hugh Peters. Phone: 5257 1681  
21 Seaview Avenue, St. Leonards



#### NEW, MATS WITH HINGED FOAMCORE BACKING Available in BLACK, CHARCOAL, OFF-WHITE



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5" X 7"	\$4.00 EA
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8" X 10"	\$6.50 EA
8" X 12"	\$7.00 EA
12" X 16"	\$10.00 EA

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### DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT OR ACCESSORIES FOR SALE?

If you would like to advertise your pre-loved photography equipment or accessories here, please submit a detailed article, preferably with a picture, via email to:

[editor@bellarinecameraclub.org.au](mailto:editor@bellarinecameraclub.org.au)



## Syllabus - March & April

### March 2014

- 3 - Guest Speaker - Dean Reynolds (BCC Member) - Creating an AV
- 3 - Prints & EDIs due for Set Subject: Queenscliff
- 17 - Judging - Set Subject: Queenscliff
- 23 - VAPS Print and EDPI InterClub Competition entries due (see website for details)
- 24 - Committee Meeting

### April 2014

- 7 - Workshop - members invited to submit 3-minute AV
  - 7 - Prints & EDIs due for Set Subject: Night Shot
  - 19 - Annual Easter Exhibition at SpringDale (Easter Saturday)
  - 28 - Committee Meeting
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## On in Geelong...

*Events coming up in the region that may provide some good photographic opportunities:*

Until April	Cape Otway Lightstation - Otway Dinosaurs Exhibition (website: <a href="http://lightstation.com">lightstation.com</a> )
Mar 6	13th Beach Sunset Shootout (for details see Ocean Grove Camera & Photo article, Newsletter Page 6)
Mar 6-9	Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong (website: <a href="http://rgyc.com.au">rgyc.com.au</a> )
Mar 9	Bellarine Show (website: <a href="http://bellarineshow.com.au">bellarineshow.com.au</a> )
Mar 14-16	Barwon Heads Festival of the Sea (website: <a href="http://www.barwonheads.net">www.barwonheads.net</a> )
Mar 23	Lara Food and Wine Festival (website: <a href="http://larafoodandwinefestival.com.au">larafoodandwinefestival.com.au</a> )
Mar 23	Family Fun Runs in Drysdale (website: <a href="http://www.GreatRailRuns.com.au">www.GreatRailRuns.com.au</a> )