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November - Set Subject: Photojournalism
'The Young Remember' by Shane Coles

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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

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Guest Speaker

ROGER GILLARD was our guest speaker at November's club meeting. His topic was 'Trainspotting Near and Far'. His story and photographs were amazing; he spoke of his many trips starting in the early seventies while still at university. He along with a couple of friends were in search of steam trains not only in Australia but also overseas, including China back when westerners were very rare visitors to that country. His images, most of them taken with film, were stunning – steam trains with massive clouds of steam, steam trains on huge bridges, steam trains coming through the desert, the mist and snowstorms, steam trains that are no longer in existence today, and many other steam trains near and far. As a photography club many were in awe of some of the vantage points he had conquered to get his photos, aside from the hours he must have waited for that one shot of the one train passing on that particular day! □



Trainspotting...



Coming soon.....

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Gordon Traill

'A Cook's Tour of Baghdad' and the time he spent in the army

To find more on Gordon's story, click on the links below:

www.theage.com.au/interactive/2008/national/gordon_traill/main.html

www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/nationalinterest/mental-illness-in-the-defence-force-transcript/3327550 (click on 'Show Transcript' for the full interview)

Local Competition Success

by John Gallichan

BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB members win the major prizes at the 2013 St Leonards Yacht Club Photographic Show.

Category 1 - Landscape/Seascape

Winner - Jon Bagge for "Still Reflections"

Prizemoney \$150.00

Category 2 - Subject of Choice

Winner - Gordon Traill for "New York City"

Prizemoney \$150.00

The show this year attracted fifty images and was judged by the noted Pt Lonsdale photographer and judge Mr Jim Thyer.

Jon and Gordon were among five BCC members who submitted entries in this year's event and their success will hopefully encourage more members to become involved in the future.

The Photographic Show is held in conjunction with the Annual Art Show which now attracts a large number of visitors each year and has proved to be very successful, with sales of artworks and now photographs.

The Yacht Club provides great support to our club with their loaning of display stands, free of charge, for our Easter Exhibition and any reciprocal response on our behalf is very much appreciated by them. □



Club Competition: Photojournalism

OUR JUDGE for the Photojournalism competition was David Rendle from Geelong Camera Club. Member entries were down on previous competitions, perhaps because of the perceived complexity of the subject. David did a great job judging this subject, the results of which can be seen on the following pages. After judging David showed two of his A/Vs, one of which was his award-winning 'Keepers of the Crypts' while the other was a fun iPhoto compilation. He also brought along a couple of his photobooks showcasing some of his great images. Our thanks to David for freely giving his time to judge our November competition. □



Competition Results - Prints November - Set Subject: Photojournalism

1

Pt Lonsdale Pier Opens
Darren Henry

&

Image of the Competition

*Image not available
at time of distribution*

2



Image of the Competition & 1st:

Pt Lonsdale Pier Opens Darren Henry

2nd: **New Beginnings** Vikki Gage

3rd: **The Sad Thing of Tree Felling** Ellen McIlroy

Merit: **Earthside** Vikki Gage

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The Sad Thing of Tree Felling
Ellen McIlroy

1

The Young Remember
Shane Coles



Competition Results - EDI November - Set Subject: Photojournalism

3

Is She Catching Me?
Tony Cavanagh



2

Oncoming Storm
Robert Wilhelm

MERITS



1st: The Young Remember Shane Coles
2nd: Oncoming Storm Robert Wilhelm
3rd: Is She Catching Me? Tony Cavanagh
Merits: Inflation Bites Rita Jennings
Concentration Tony Cavanagh

Hong Kong

Phil Swindells writes about his *Eastern Europe Adventure*

In August of this year, my wife Helen and I undertook a seven week adventure to Eastern Europe. It turned out to be one of the most glorious trips we'd ever undertaken. In company with another couple we toured Hong Kong, Helsinki, Tallinn, Porvoo, Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz 1, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Munich. Weather was absolutely wonderful with only four days of rain in an otherwise 25 degree average. Our preparation was greatly assisted by our research on Trip Advisor prior to departure, providing essential advice on accommodation, attractions, transport and proximity to these services.

We spent the first five days in Hong Kong, with overcast and at times monsoonal weather conditions, which ultimately caused the cancellation of the night light show which

emanates from the towering buildings over the Hong Kong harbour.

The following day we made our own way to Hong Kong Island

by ferry and caught the Tram Car, in monsoonal rains, to Victoria Peak which held breathtaking views over Hong

Kong Island and towards the mainland. The next day we undertook a leisurely walk along Nathan Road visiting the shopping district before taking an enjoyable cruise around the harbour. A visit to the 'Big Buddha' the following day was in warmer weather conditions. The architecture was indeed incredible, as was the size of the monstrous Buddha.



Finland

On to Helsinki in Finland we utilised the 'Big Bus' to navigate our way around the city along with the local tramcar. Our visit to the local harbour saw us amidst a trendy and busy local market, mostly specializing in local cuisines and produce.

Being in the vicinity of the harbour, we then undertook a cruise around the bay area and across to 'Sea Fortress Suomenlinna'.

The following day saw us catch a ferry from Helsinki across the straits to Tallinn, Estonia for a walk around this beautiful little medieval city.

Back to Helsinki and we continued our tour of this busy little metropolis,

including a tour of the former Olympic Stadium and other local attractions. Before leaving Helsinki, we took the opportunity of a bus journey to a town called Porvoo which was about one hour from Helsinki central. This old and quaint town was set by the river amongst towering weeping willows affording a real serenity.



A very moving visit was made to the memorial of murdered Jewish people before taking a river cruise.

A visit the following day to the 'East Side Gallery' was a must see of the commissioned graffiti painted upon the 1.2km remains of the former Berlin Wall.



Germany

Flying on to Berlin, Germany, we later navigated our surroundings by way of 'Hop On Hop Off' Bus, before taking a walking tour to the Reichstag, the Topography of Terror and the Berlin Wall remains.



....cont'd *Eastern Europe Adventure by Phil Swindells*

Eastern Europe

On to Warsaw, Poland, our accommodation was excellently positioned in the heart of the old town which was rebuilt to its original condition pre World War 2, with paved roadways and old buildings. Warsaw was a terrific city with quaint shops lining the cobblestone roads with many restaurants which would serve local cuisine followed by a couple of ales. The community were very hospitable and did not hesitate to point us in the direction of local attractions.

Our next destination was Krakow, Poland, and again, in walking distance to town and attractions we navigated our way to the old town with its paved roads and medieval surroundings.



The following day we booked a tour to Auschwitz 1, and Auschwitz-Birkenau, the former Nazi concentration camps, primarily for members of the Jewish community, but also gypsies, polish, soviets and other ethnic groups where a reputed 1.3 million were incarcerated, of which, 1.1 million are said to have perished by way of murder and gas chambers orchestrated by the SS. The following day was spent again touring Krakow, the Jewish Quarter, Synagogues and a visit to the Castle. ▶



Then by overnight train to Budapest saw us arriving in the early morning. Our hotel was centrally located to the town and attractions. The scenery here and its architecture makes it a true paradise for any travel enthusiast. The evening scenery of the Parliament building and castle, from the river cruise provided splendid views and opportunity for the camera to work into overtime.



....cont'd Eastern Europe Adventure by Phil Swindells

Austria

Train across to Vienna was delightful as was our hotel deep into the shopping district. A leisurely walk through this area led us into the old palace where we purchased tickets to an evening show of orchestral and opera magnificence.



The following day we made our way to Schonbrunn Palace for a visit of the exciting architecture and grounds. ▼



A short train journey from Vienna to Salzburg saw our accommodation deep within the old town, stepping from the rear door of the hotel into cobbled streets wide enough for single vehicle access. From Mozart's birthplace the streets wind throughout the town on the southern side



of the river. Crossing the river, adorned with many 'lovers locks' we entered the modern part of town and visited the Schloss Mirabell Palace, the home to parts of the movie "The Sound of Music" encompassing beautifully manicured gardens.



*"....a seven week
adventure to
Eastern Europe."*



Germany

On to Munich by rail we then took the Hop On Hop Off bus to navigate the city and obtain our bearings. Our hotel was situated on Marienplatz, and for those who have not travelled here, it is a shopper's paradise, hence Helen spent a great deal of time in this vicinity before I could budge her into some touring of the city including some former Nazi occupied buildings, the Cathedral, and Hoffbrahaus. The Hoffbrahaus Beer Hall of course took some hours to navigate and get acquainted with a chilled beer or three.

Travelling home I accounted for some 3500 images of many joyous and lasting memories. Now it's time to prepare for the next adventure..... □



A Trip to Canberra *by Tony Cavanagh*

During late September, on a trip to Queensland for a family reunion, my wife and I stayed in Canberra for five days. 2013 of course is Canberra's Centenary and there were literally hundreds of events and functions spread throughout the year. There were many one-offs, such as the opening of Government House and many of the Embassies to the public, even the Australian Clogging Association held their 18th National Convention there (and in case you wanted to know, a brochure tells us this about clogging, which has little to do with Dutch clogs except as footwear) – "Clogging is a dance form originating in the USA; dancers wear leather dance shoes with jingle taps on the heels and toes. Not to be missed!" (Sadly, I did). A regular event which we had wanted to see for years is Floriade, a month-long garden and horticultural display in Commonwealth Park on the north side of Lake Burley Griffin; another which we just missed was "Turner from the Tate" at the National Gallery. In the following, I will talk about a few places we visited and include some pictures. There is much to do and see in Canberra and you really need a week so accommodation can be quite costly. We stayed in a self-contained cabin in a caravan park which was ideal. It is also worthwhile to get a good visitors' map and the latest "This Week in Canberra" when you arrive and a GPS system takes all the stress of finding your way around what can be a very busy city.

Most members know that I have a strong interest in gardens and plants and flowers so we visited the Botanic Gardens, Floriade, The National Arboretum (I'll bet you've never heard of that) which also houses the National Bonsai Collection (everything in Canberra is bigger and better than anywhere else and is always called "The National"), but also took in the



Canberra, from Black Mountain Tower

National Library, The National Gallery and the War Memorial (an absolute must), as well as The National Mint and Black Mountain Tower (aka the Telstra Tower) with its restaurant and observation platform for stunning views over Canberra, the National Capital Exhibition and the relatively new (2002) National Museum of Australia, stunningly located on the end of the Acton Peninsula in Lake Burley Griffin (needed our GPS to get there). We were busy beavers but did find time on Sunday morning to see the Old Bus Depot Markets, the centre of a Craft Complex in what was once a bus maintenance depot. Canberra is geared for tourism and there are not too many places you can't go. We had seen Old Parliament House previously (well worth a visit) and next time hope to see the National Zoo and Aquarium. ►



Above: National Arboretum with Canberra in the background; below, with newly planted forests



Part of the National Bonsai Collection



Intricate bonsai wattle

The Mint, press line for special coin production



".....I have a strong interest in gardens....."

...cont'd A Trip to Canberra by Tony Cavanagh

The Botanic Gardens are entirely native and cover some 35 hectares but there are several short trails which take visitors on loop walks to “sample the flora”. Many of their special plants are on display in large tubs. A new feature about to be opened is a large, open central Australian garden complete with red sandy soil. By contrast, Floriade “gardens” are artificial – mainly tulips and other exotics, growing in pots (many thousands!!) and arranged to produce spectacular colour patterns in “beds”. The whole lot is pulled up after the month and the land reverts to Commonwealth Park. Canberrans like to think that Floriade is “the best” but while the displays are quite spectacular, the Melbourne International Flower Show in April is much more interesting. Something we did not know about previously was the National Arboretum, even though it was part of the Griffins’ original plans for the new city. The aim is to have 100 “forests” of rare and endangered tree species from around the world, growing in forest plots of up to 100 plants rather than as single plants. Sounds pretty boring but there were hundreds of cars there the day we visited, and you can drive or walk around and visit the sculptures and some areas give a great view of Canberra. The new Gumnut playground is a mecca for kids. We found the many hundreds of Bonsai on display intriguing and it really is a “national” collection, all items are on loan or commissioned and are the work of some of Australia’s best practitioners.

The War Memorial is worth devoting at least half a day to. It has wonderful research facilities if you want information on military ancestors (not open on weekends) and hundreds of dioramas, re-enacted scenes and equipment including large planes and one of the Japanese midget submarines which attacked Sydney in WWII. It also covers the social aspects of war.

The relatively new National Museum of Australia looks mainly at “modern” Australia but also has a major section on all aspects of aboriginal history. They tell stories around “everyday” events, a large collection of model trains, a Malvern Star bicycle that was ridden around Australia, the first Holden car prototype, an early bucket scoop from the Mt Newman mine. Two displays particularly intrigued me. One dealt with buffalo hunting in the Northern Territory in the 1990s when they used to chase them down with open Toyota land cruisers. So dangerous, and they had film and also a very battered truck on display. The other was the story of an Italian migrant cane cutter who was a keen photographer and documented the workers in the industry, very rare footage. In the 1950s, he came to my old home town of Ingham and the display featured his camera and his cane knife. Brought back many memories.

Away from gardens and museums, the Mint is worth a visit (though not at lunch time) to see where our coins come from, what happens when things go wrong in the presses and to learn a bit about the history of our money. And to see Canberra in panorama, the observation deck on Black Mountain Tower is a must. It is best on a sunny day, and if you can afford it, the restaurant will give you similar views at night. □



Botanic Gardens, plants in pots



Striking wattle in the Rockery



Floriade Flowers



Black Mountain Tower



Part of new Central Australian garden



Floriade, an appreciative audience



The Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial



Carmello Nirrabelli's Zeiss Ikon camera, cane knife and canvas water bag



Buffalo Catcher, Northern Territory

Notice Board

New BCC Sponsor Announced

It is announced with great pleasure that Ocean Grove Camera & Photo is now a major sponsor of our club. Along with club sponsorship, Brendan has also offered our members savings on prints and photographic supplies (excluding lenses) - all you need to obtain member-only pricing is to produce your newly issued BCC membership card (current membership cards available at club meeting).

Member only pricing for printing services:

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- 6x4 - .15c (more than 200 prints)
- 5x7 - 6x8 - 6x9 - \$1.00ea
- 8x10 - 8x12 - \$4.50ea
- 10x15 - \$5.00ea
- 12x16 - 12x18 - \$15.00ea
- 16x20 - 16x24 - \$20.00ea
- 20x24 - 20x30 - \$35.00ea

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- 6x6 - \$1.00ea
- 8x8 - \$3.00ea
- 10x10 - \$5.00ea

PANORAMIC PRINTS

- 8X24 - \$15.00ea
- 10X36 - \$22.00ea

CANVAS PRINTS

- 20% off for club members



Ocean Grove Camera & Photo offer a wide range of services and products, including workshops. For discounts offered please visit the store and chat to Brendan.

Visit their website: www.cameraandphoto.com.au

Brendan also has a very active Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OceanGroveCameraPhoto/timeline

On in Geelong...

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

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| Dec 7 | Denis Walter Carols by the Bay (website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/) |
| Dec 8 | Geelong Harley Owners Group Toy Run
(website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/item/8d09e4a17621c5f.aspx) |
| Dec 24 | Geelong Carols by Candlelight (website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/) |
| Dec 31 | The Pier Festival Geelong (website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/) |
| Jan 2 | Mitchelton Bay Cycling Classic (website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/) |
| Jan 24 - 27 | Festival of Sails (fireworks approx 9:20pm Australia Day)
(website: www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/) |

Notice Board



Image of the Year, Aggregate Award & End of Year Club Break-Up



Our club meeting on 16th December will be our last until next year so come along and enjoy the awards night, which includes the announcement of the Image of the Year and the presentation of the Aggregate Award for 2013.

It will be the last opportunity for BCC members to get together until February. Members are asked to bring a small plate to share, and enjoy refreshments and chatter after the awards.

Thank you to Darren Hobbs, who in the last two club meetings, has given a brief visual overview on some aspects of Photoshop. I'm sure we all learn something new from these little gems!

President Shane has been very busy and away with work this month so there is no president's report, but I'm sure we are all looking forward to his next report, particularly the memory photo - so cute!

This month we have two great articles from members who have shared their travels with us. Thank you Phil and Tony - it was a pleasure to receive your articles. Also thank you to John who submitted an update on the St Leonards Yacht Club photographic competition, where two of our members scooped the pool! 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 of this publication.

Our new secretary, Lynne Bryant, has taken over the reigns from Val Moss. Val is no longer on the committee but will still be helping out behind the scenes.

Apologies but we have not been able to include the Photojournalism Image of the Competition this month as the winner is away. As it was submitted as a print there was no electronic copy for inclusion in this publication.

Syllabus - December & February

December 2013

- 2 - Guest Speaker - Gordon Traill about his time in the Australian Army
- 2 - Prints & EDIs due Image of the Year
- 16 - Image of the Year & End of Year Break-Up

*** IMPORTANT**

Please refer to our website for IOY competition rules

February 2014

- 3 - Night Walk - Queenscliff (details to be advised)
- 3 - Prints & EDIs due for Open Competition
- 17 - Judging - Open Competition
- 24 - Committee Meeting

For Sale

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:

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org.au

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:

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