



Spring 2019 Newsletter

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I've just returned from 5 weeks in Western Australia. What a huge state this is. Firstly I did a trip down the Canning Stock Route. This route was through the Great Sandy Desert, the Gibson Desert and the Little Sandy Desert. It was originally surveyed by Alfred Canning, and opened in 1911 so that cattle from the east side of the Kimberley could be brought down to Wiluna to be sold. It was planned so that there was no longer than a day's walk between water wells. There were only 20 droves that took place down this route between 1931 and 1959. The route had a checked history with disputed and mistreatment of the local aboriginal people.

Today it is seen as one of the great four wheel drive experiences. The track is not maintained and has lots of corrugations, rocky areas and numerous sand dunes. A few of the wells have been restored and you can get water from them. Everything else you have to carry with you.

The colours of the desert are amazing and the scenery changes constantly, from sand dunes to rocky mountains to salt lakes and clay pans. And the stars are amazing. This is definitely the place for astrophotography.

Whilst taking photos on trips like this can be very challenging, they still represent memories of where I've been. Yes, they are out of focus as they were taken from a moving vehicle or the windows were dusty. Hopefully there will be some good ones amongst the hundreds taken.

Remember that taking photos is about creating memories, whether it is a holiday or family events etc. It's important to try to get the best image possible but not all are for judging and competitions. Take photos for yourself and be your own critic, trying to improve all the time.

Something to remember is - "A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away." – E. Welty
Lynne Bryant



EVENTS OF INTEREST

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| <u>24th Aug – 20th Oct</u> | Ballarat International Foto Biennale – Look up ballaratfoto.org |
| <u>Sunday 6th October</u> | Festival of sport GMHBA Stadium Kardinia Park – 11am to 4 pm - Free entry. |
| <u>Saturday 12th October</u> | Crusty Demons GMHBA Stadium 6pm to 9pm. |
| <u>Thursday 17th October</u> | Royal Geelong Show 9am to 5pm 79 Breakwater Rd Breakwater |
| <u>Thursday 24th October</u> | Geelong Cup – Geelong Racecourse |
| <u>Saturday 26th October</u> | Studebaker Show & Shine weekend – Geelong Waterfront |
| <u>Sunday 27th October</u> | Surfcoast Kite Festival Fishermans Beach The Esplanade Torquay 10am to 2pm |
| <u>Saturday 2nd November</u> | St Leonards Market – St Leonards Foreshore |
| <u>Sunday 17th November</u> | Run4Geelong – Barwon Health University Hospital Geelong 7.30am to 1pm |
| <u>22nd -24th November</u> | Geelong Revival Motoring Festival – Geelong Waterfront |
| <u>Saturday 30th November</u> | Geelong Japanese Summer Festival – Arunga Ave Norlane 9.30 to 3.30 |

MEMBER PROFILE

Ian Chalmers

Ian has been a member now for over two years and joined the Committee last year. He organises our monthly outings, so if anyone has any ideas, he would be happy to listen. With his Nikon, Ian has travelled to Bali, New Zealand, Thailand, Italy, Laos, Singapore, Turkey, Spain, Croatia, Nepal, Dubai and India. Apart from travelling, his other hobbies are walking and bike riding. Having grown up in Geelong, he is now living in Ocean Grove.



Syllabus

Sept 2nd:	Information and planning night / plus film if we have time.
Sept 15th:	Sunday – Trip to Trentham Falls – Meet at Bunnings Car Park at 8.45am Departing 9am
Sept 16th:	Monthly Competition ‘Movement’
Oct 7th:	Guest Speaker –How to create an AV
Oct 12-13th:	Annual Exhibition Hand in images for ‘Landscape/Seascape’ Comp
Oct 18th:	Friday – Club outing – Geelong Botanic Gardens – Meet at front gates 10am
Nov 4th:	Guest Speaker – Composition
Nov 16th:	Saturday – Club Outing – Pt Lonsdale Lighthouse – 7pm – Sunset around 8pm
Nov 18th:	Monthly Competition ‘Landscape/Seascape’
Dec 2nd:	Awards Night & Christmas Break up

CLUB OUTINGS: It is important to always make sure you sign the Outings Sign In book for insurance purposes.
Meeting at Bunnings is for those who wish to car pool or travel in convoy.

INTERESTING FACTS!

- * The ‘Kodak Moment’ – you must remember the commercial, don’t you? Popularly known as Kodak, the Eastman Kodak Company that was founded in 1888 by George Eastman and by 1976, the company captured 90% of market share in terms of sales of photographic films in US. [\[Wikipedia\]](#)
- * Kodak was really slow to make a transition into digital photography and by late 90s, even the sale of photographic films dropped so significantly that Kodak almost became bankrupt. In 2012 (January), the company filed for bankruptcy protection as per Chapter 11 of US bankruptcy law and was forced to sell several of its patents at a price of \$525 million to companies like HTC, Adobe Systems, Samsung, Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook, Google and Apple by 2013. This helped the company to emerge from bankruptcy on September 4, 2013. [\[Wikipedia\]](#)
- * It is very ironical that the core technology used in digital photography today was actually invented by Kodak. [\[Wikipedia\]](#)

Focal Point Gallery - Exhibitions – 46 Douro Street North Geelong

Aug 2 nd – Sept 1 st	Watto’s Wanderings – A one man’s perspective
4 th – 29 th Sept	Open Exhibition
30 th Oct – 1 st Dec	Full Throttle – Motorsport Photography
29 th Nov – 1 st Dec	Oxygen College End of year Exhibition
6 th – 24 th Dec	“See the music” – Music Photography