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# AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER



*Quarterly Newsletter for Members*

## **From the Editor**



Hello to all members and a big welcome to all new members.

The Photography exhibition to be held as part of the Easter Art Expo held by the Bellarine North Rotary Club is approaching. We have had a great response from members and will easily reach our goal of 100 images to show at the Art Expo. Advertising flyers are available for download from our club website. Please send these out on your social media in the lead up to Easter.

See the Bellarine North Rotary club website for details of the Easter Art Expo:

**<https://www.bellarinenorthrotary.org.au/artexpo>**

Don't forget to check the syllabus on the club website as it does get updated regularly.

At the rear of this newsletter are some of the local suppliers who provide a discount for members of Bellarine Camera Club. These are printers, suppliers of Matt boards, etc who are used by and recommended by members.

Members input is sought for the newsletter. Please send me articles of interest, photos with a story, ideas for the newsletter in future, feedback - whatever you can do to make this an interesting newsletter to [robyncurtis35@gmail.com](mailto:robyncurtis35@gmail.com)

Thanks and happy reading. Robyn

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## **A Message from our President**

A big welcome back to all our members for the coming year.

The picnic at Queenscliffe was our first outing and was enjoyed by those that attended.

The beginning of this year has given many opportunities for photography e.g. Pako Feta, Rodeo, Disabled surfers, Couta Boats and the Avalon Air Show to name a few. There has also been a number of music events as well. I hope many of you have been able to get out and get some great images. We are very fortunate at this time of year to have so much choice for our photography. The weather has also been kind to us, with lots of cloud cover which helps to filter the bright sun.

This year the VAPS convention is on 16 – 18 June at Colac. This is a wonderful opportunity to see other camera clubs images and hear various speakers on photography subjects as well as meeting with fellow photographers. Registration is now open on the VAPS website and I encourage members to consider going, being so close to home. There are early morning and afternoon shoots available if you are interested.

It would be good to support Colac Camera club. Perhaps consider carpooling, so that Bellarine have a good representation at this event.

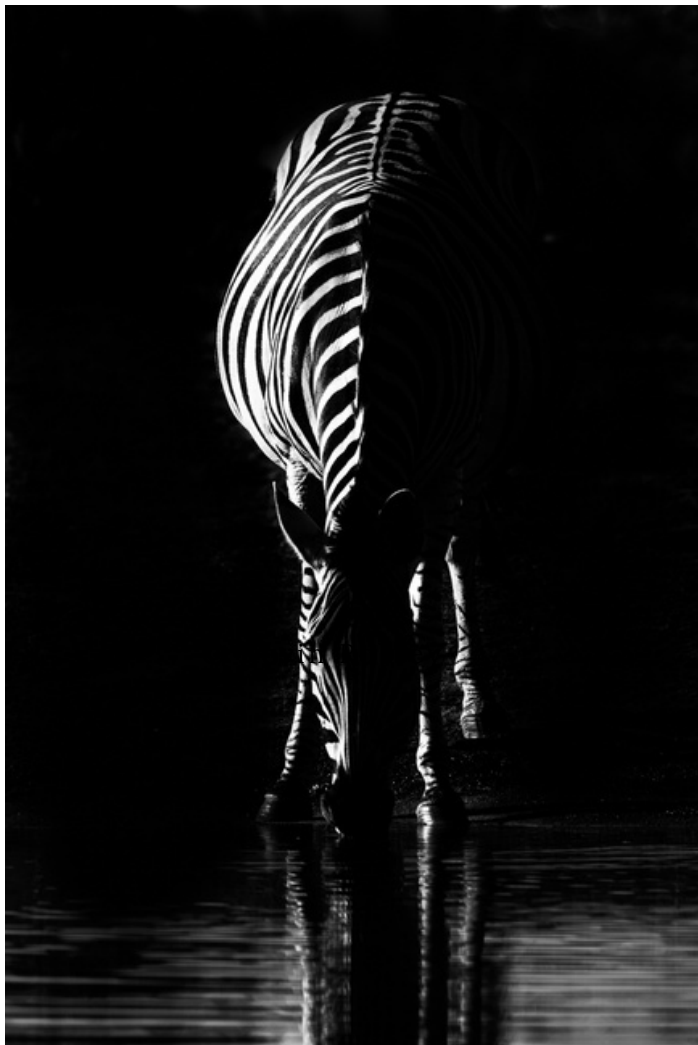
Lynne Bryant  
President

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**“You don't take a photograph,  
you make it.” - Ansel Adams**

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## The story behind the image



Lone Zebra © Neil Smith

Neil has recently joined the club and won Image of the Competition for the February Open Competition.

Neil explains how this impressive low key image was created:

The image was taken mid-morning in full sunlight across a small waterhole in southern Africa from a hide (a large steel shipping container partly sunken in the ground). It was taken with automatic exposure metering and there was considerable work done post processing. Most of this was done in Lightroom, with some finishing done in Photoshop. I have printed this image on various media, but the best result was on a Baryta type stock, as that paper is designed for black and white images.

This is a technique that only works well for high contrast subjects such as the zebra. The inspiration came via my wife when she saw some high key and low key images printed on canvas and admired their simplicity.

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## Image of the Year 2022

The 2022 Image of the Year is chosen by a judge who reviews all the first and second place winning entries for the year. The winner for last year was Gordon Barfield for his "Nature's Textures".

Congratulations Gordon on your fabulous close up image highlighting the beauty of nature.

This image was used by Sheridan La Peyre to create the advertising flyer for the club photography exhibition at Easter.



Nature's Textures © Gordon Barfield

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## About Bellarine Camera Club

Bellarine Camera Club offers members a chance to learn, grow and share ideas with other like minded photographic enthusiasts.

The Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street Drysdale.

The syllabus of all competitions and events is on the club website and is updated regularly with new information. Please refer to the syllabus for information about competitions and club events.

<https://bellarinecameraclub.org.au/>



*Bill loved to shoot in the morning rain,  
then go surfing in the afternoon*

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## Bellarine Camera Club Committee

- President Lynne Bryant
- Vice President Vacant
- Secretary Suzanne Fatchen
- Treasurer Vikki Gage
- Vice President Robyn Curtis (Publicity)

### General Committee

- Geoff Evans (Competition Secretary)
- Stan Coath (Outings)
- Helen Brooks (Library)
- Debbie Hallows
- Jenny Warren
- Andrew Leece (Syllabus)
- Colin Burrett



### CLUB APPAREL

A wide range of Club Apparel is available to order On-line.

With the club logo embroidered on a range of clothes, hats, bags in a variety of colors members can order items online. The link to the web page is <https://promote-it.com.au/bellarinecc>

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The flyer for the Photographic Exhibition is available on the club website. Please download copies and post on your local social media to help promote the exhibition.



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## Past Events

- Bellarine Agricultural Show at Portarlington
- Club Outing to Point Lonsdale at low tide
- Presentation of the Vigex Salon Print finalists
- Picnic at Queenscliffe

## Future Events

- Club Outing 18th March to the Redwood Forest, Beauchamp and Hopetoun Falls. Meet at the Binns Road carpark, Beech Forest 3237
- Rotary Art Expo including Photography Exhibition with Bellarine Camera Club. Easter 8th and 9th April at Christian College, Drysdale
- Visit by Southern Suburbs club April 1st and 2nd
- Focal Point Gallery - changing exhibitions
- Camera Club outing 22nd April to Roraima nursery
- Interclub Competition with Corio Bay, Colac and Bellarine Camera Club
- VAPS Convention at Colac 16th to 18th June



## Information and Sharing

Following on from our very successful club night where members shared information and ideas about their cameras here are a few ideas:

- YouTube favourite from Suzanne: Photography Online Top Ten Views  
[https://youtu.be/sMYbn\\_OyQjs](https://youtu.be/sMYbn_OyQjs)

- A tip from Andrews notes last week:

### **Auto Focus Lock (AF-ON) / Back Button Focus**

There are situations where you need to take multiple shots of a subject (for example portraits) which is off-center. The most common method to do so is to either select a specific focal point or to use your center focal point to achieve focus and then recompose. That becomes tedious pretty quickly, not to mention error-prone when you need to act quickly to catch a moment, for example at weddings.

Using back button focusing or auto focus lock you can skip the refocusing, as long as you're careful to keep the same distance to the subject, especially when shooting with a wide aperture (and therefore narrow depth of field).

There are multiple options to set your DSLR up for back button focusing, depending on your model.

Please provide your favourite tips for the next newsletters

## **Community Photography**

The Drysdale RSL has asked if anyone from Bellarine Camera Club could take photos of their Anzac Parade to provide to them for their website. See the Drysdale website for contact details.

The Queenscliff History Museum is looking for volunteers to assist in several projects. The QHM has state of the art research and archival facilities. Volunteers are needed to help with a range of projects including photographing and digitising collection items and working with the audio visual team. Contact QHM or talk to Robyn if you are interested.

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