



Bellarine Camera Club Incorporated
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MEMBER INFORMATION

Visit our website at www.bellarinecameraclub.org.au

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WELCOME TO BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB

I would like to welcome you to the Bellarine Camera Club.

All members are encouraged to enter the monthly competitions as a way to learn new skills particularly with the set subjects, as this is an opportunity to produce images in a style you may have never tried. The open subject competitions allow you to present any of your images from your catalog.

Having images viewed by a judge can help you with making improvements to your image. Listening to the critiques of other members' images can also be insightful. Our images are important to us as they are our memories of where we were at the time and why we took that image. We may not agree with the judge's opinion, but it is important not to take the judge's comments personally. Judges are generally trained and skilled in viewing many images, however their judgment is subjective, and is just one opinion.

Members are also encouraged to take part in the outings and workshops that are organised by the committee and published on the syllabus. Please check the syllabus on the website regularly as changes and updates are made throughout the year.

We would welcome any suggestion you may have in regard to speakers or anything you think could help improve our club. Please feel free to speak to a committee member if you have any questions or suggestions.

I hope you find the club a friendly and inspiring way to enjoy photography.

Debbie Hallows
President

INTRODUCTION

Our club is a keen group of people who enjoy a positive and friendly environment, and share an interest in photography. Our aim is to provide opportunities for all members to learn and improve their photographic skills regardless of their level of experience.

In joining our club you have demonstrated that you have an interest in photography, and you are keen to learn more about the wonderful world of photographic imaging and sharing ideas with other club members. Whatever your level of expertise, Bellarine Camera Club welcomes you.

Club Rules (Model Rules for an Incorporated Association) can be found on our website on the Member Information tab under "Club Rules".

MEETINGS

Bellarine Camera Club meets twice a month - the first and third Monday of the month (no meeting in January), at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street, Drysdale. Meetings commence at 7.30pm.

All members and visitors must sign the attendance register as they arrive; this is required for insurance purposes. A visitor as a prospective member is welcome to attend two meetings after which a membership fee would be payable.

Member name badges are provided and are to be worn at meetings to enable new members to get to know current members. Committee members wear yellow name badges to make it easy to identify and approach them if you have any questions or concerns.

As a courtesy to our speakers, judges and fellow members, all members are asked to switch their mobile phones to silent, or turn them off during meetings. If a call must be taken in an emergency, members are requested to take the call outside the meeting hall.

The first meeting of the month typically consists of a speaker or demonstrator on various aspects of photography where their work will be shown, or a workshop to learn and practice particular skills.

The second meeting of the month is judging night, when images that have been assessed by an appointed judge are presented to the meeting. Images are either mounted on display panels or, if digital, projected onto a screen. The judge analyses each image, giving reasons for the verdict, and awards merit certificates to those images considered deserving. The judge may also present some of his/her own work for discussion and comment to round out the evening.

Competition print entries for the following month's competition are due at this meeting; all digital images (EDIs and those supporting Print entries) to be uploaded by 12:00midnight on this due day via the website, found under the Competitions tab.

There are outings arranged usually at weekends for a casual, common-interest day. Members are notified of these by SMS and email and on our members-only Facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are paid annually and are due 1st July each year.

Fees (Annual):

- \$50.00 Ordinary Members
- \$90.00 Family (two adult members & dependent children under 18yrs in the same household)
- \$40.00 Concession / Student (Concession is for Government Pension Card holders)
- \$25.00 Members who join after 31st December

COMMITTEE

Our club financial year runs from 1st July to 30th June. Our Annual General Meeting is held in August when the new committee for the upcoming year is elected. Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact any of the committee members – see website for contact details.

BECOMING A MEMBER

To become a member, a Membership Application form is to be completed and can be handed to the Membership Secretary at the next meeting – a Membership Application form can be obtained from our website under the “Member Information” tab, or from the Membership Secretary at a meeting. New members will be approved by the committee and then the Membership Secretary will allot a competition number. New members are eligible to enter monthly competitions as soon as their membership fees are paid and a competition number has been advised to them.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Club members are required to be respectful and tolerant of other people’s point of view and interests, including speakers, judges and fellow club members. It is the diversity of our membership that provides interesting points of view, techniques and images to share.

Club members should at all times aim to include all members in activities, conversations and opportunities to maintain a harmonious inclusive environment for all members.

Safety of our members and the public must always be a priority for members. BCC members are required to be mindful of hazards and the environment around them and perform all activities in a safe and acceptable way. All equipment used by the club must be fit for purpose and routinely checked from a safety perspective, with any defects corrected.

SYLLABUS

Our current syllabus (annual program), which runs from January to December each year, can be found on our website under the “What’s On” tab. It may be helpful to plan your photography ahead for the set subjects to allow time to create your images. Our syllabus is updated from time to time so a regular visit to our website is recommended.

The Committee will determine the syllabus for the forthcoming six or possibly twelve months. Members are encouraged to suggest ideas for set subjects for consideration by the Committee in the preparation of the next syllabus. Ideas can be given to any committee member at a meeting.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Club competitions are designed to improve the photography of members by encouraging submissions of their photographs for assessment by nominated judges.

Club competitions are held once a month and each competition is divided in to two categories:

- Prints
- EDI (Electronic Digital Image), which is projected on to a screen.

Each monthly competition is nominated as either:

- Open - any subject of the member’s choice, or
- Set Subject - a nominated subject as per the syllabus

The syllabus, which can be found on our website under the “What’s On” tab, sets out the timetable and competition subjects.

Monthly competitions are run for two grades of proficiency: A Grade, for more experienced photographers and B Grade for novice or new photographers.

For detailed competition rules please refer to “Competition Rules” under the Competitions tab on our website.

JUDGING and SCORING

For all judging information, please refer to “Competition Rules” on our website under the Competitions tab.

SPEAKERS

Club members are encouraged to suggest speakers who could be approached to talk to the club and demonstrate techniques or discuss an interesting topic at one of our meetings. We are always seeking interesting presenters who are prepared to show their work and talk about their experiences in the photographic world. Please send any ideas to the club secretary.

CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Upon presentation of your club card, printing and other discounts for club members are available as follows:

Ocean Grove Camera & Photo – 9/73 The Terrace, Ocean Grove

Telephone: 5255 3311

Contact: Brendan Waites

On presentation of a current BCC membership card, members receive special rates on photographic supplies (excluding lenses) and printing of standard size, square, panoramic and canvas prints:

Ocean Grove Camera & Photo offer a wide range of services and products, including workshops. For discounts offered please call or visit Brendan in store for a friendly chat and great advice.

Camera House – 102 Moorabool Street, Geelong

Members to show current membership card to receive any discounts available.
VIP pricing for printing.

Cavalier Art Supplies - 1 Wright Place, Geelong (next to Little Ryrie St car park)

10% discount, excluding green tag items. Club members to produce their current membership card to receive any discounts.

Aeterna Lab

6/21 Leather Street, Breakwater (Inside Cartel Roasters coffee shop)

A bespoke fine art printing lab dedicated to colour accuracy. A wide range of papers available. Members receive a discount on printing. Michael is very helpful and provides an excellent service.
