

#### BELLARINE CAMERA CLUB 2026 SYLLABUS

#### **IMPORTANT**

For the latest syllabus information, competition rules, and image naming conventions please refer to our website: bellarinecameraclub.org.au

JAN 2026	Images Due Jan 19 for Feb Comp
JAN 19	• Club 'Get Together' Picnic Tea for all members and partners, at Princess Park Queenscliff—BYO — at 6:00 pm. Bring your camera if you like! Bring Prints for Feb Comp.
FEB 2026	SET SUBJECT: Open Images Due 16 Feb for March Comp
FEB 2	BYO Gear – Back to basics for new members also
	Photo Stacking/Bracketing/Filing/Cataloguing/Still Life practice for upcoming comp.
FEB 16	MONTHLY COMPETITION - Open
FEB 22	(Outing) — Indented Head - practice with ND filters if you own some.
FEB 23	COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 2026	SET SUBJECT: Scapes Images Due March 16 for April Comp
MARCH MAR 2	• Drysdale Library Exhibit with Lynne Pearce and Kevin Robley – 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> March
	Guest Speaker – Gary Smith – The Philosophy of Photography & Composition
MAR 8	• (Outing) Bellarine Agricultural Show - Portarlington
MAR 16	MONTHLY COMPETITION - Scapes
MAR 23	COMMITTEE MEETING
MAR 30	Social Night TBA
<b>APRIL 2026</b>	SET SUBJECT: Open Images Due April 20 for May Comp
APR 4-5	Drysdale Easter Art Show / Photography Exhibition
APR 6	BYO Gear – High Key Workshop
APR 20	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Open
APR 26	• (Outing) Liberator Bomber Restoration – Werribee \$10 entry
APR 27	COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 2026	SET SUBJECT: Interclub Subject     Images Due     May 28 for June Comp
MAY 4	Guest Speakers/Demonstration – Portrait Lighting / Color Grading
MAY 16	• (Outing) Birds of Prey- Miners Rest – \$60 per person – Limited to 15 people
MAY 28	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Inter Club Comp Set Subject - Spheres
MAY 25	COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2026	SET SUBJECT: Open Images Due June 15 for July Comp
JUN 1	Guest Speaker – Darren Henry
JUN 15	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Open

JUN 22	COMMITTEE MEETING
JUN 29	Social Night TBA
JULY 2026	SET SUBJECT: Action Images Due July 20 for Aug Comp
JULY 6	• TBA
JULY 20	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Action
JULY 27	COMMITTEE MEETING
AUG 2026	SET SUBJECT: Open Images Due Aug 17 for Sept Comp
AUGUST	Drysdale Library Exhibit with David Brewster 4 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> August
AUG 3	AGM & Social Night (bring a plate to share) –Share your photo books, sales tables.
	<b>Members Choice Award</b> - Submit maximum 1 print & 1 EDI by 21 <sup>st</sup> July. Must be no more than 12 months old.
ТВА	Interclub Competition: Corio, Colac and Bellarine Camera Clubs –     Set Subject - TBA
AUG 17	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Open
AUG 24	COMMITTEE MEETING
AUG 31	Social Night TBA
SEPT 2026	SET SUBJECT: Still Life Images Due Sept 21 for Oct Comp
SEPT 7	• TBA
SEPT 21	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Still Life
SEPT 27	(Outing) Botanic Gardens
SEPT 28	COMMITTEE MEETING
OCT 2026	SET SUBJECT: Open Images Due Oct 19 for Nov Comp
OCTOBER	Drysdale Library Exhibit with Debbie Hallows – Portraits - Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> – Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>
OCT 5	VIGEX Images
OCT 19	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Open
OCT 25	(Outing) TBA
OCT 26	• <u>COMMITTEE MEETING</u>
OCT 31	CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION – Set up Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct
NOV 2026	SET SUBJECT: Quiet
NOV 1	CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION – Set up Friday 30st October
NOV 2	• TBA
NOV 16	MONTHLY COMPETITION – Quiet
NOV 22	Outing (Sunday) TBA
NOV 24	COMMITTEE MEETING
NOV 30	Social Night TBA
DEC 2026	Awards Night & I.O.Y. Award
DEC 7	Awards & Christmas breakup – please bring a plate to share

# **2026 Set Subject Definitions**

#### **Scapes - March**

- sea: where the sea or waves predominate. Coastal features, people, boats, & man-made objects may be present but the last 3 should be incidental to the photograph.
- land: natural scenery with land and sky-based elements. Other elements should be incidental, and not dominate the image.
- city: a scene of urban buildings which are the main point of interest. It is not about the individual architecture or structures.

<u>Spheres - May - Interclub Subject</u> - Sphere or Spheres must be the dominant part of the image. The image can contain multiple or singular round objects of any substance, opacity or arrangement.

#### **Action - July**

- an image depicting a person, people, or animals doing something in a non-leisurely manner. Eg sport, an emergency, at play or at work.

### Still Life - September

- the depiction of inanimate subject matter, typically a small group of objects, either natural or artificial. There are 2 types:
- found still life: a random collection of things that are arranged without any outside help. Meaning you don't move them to make your image. Eg. a yellow leaf against brown dirt; products arranged in an outdoor market; oe even junk that has been placed aside a dumpster.
- created still life: inanimate objects (natural or man-made) that have been arranged to look a certain way. Synthetic scenes made up from models/figurines are excluded from Still Life.

## Quiet - November

- a motionless, quiet and tranquil image that suggests peacefulness.