



Newsletter

Summer 2025/26

A message from the President

This year has been a pretty busy year, we have had three exhibits at the Drysdale Library (and we have another three booked in for next year). From the Library exhibits, our Easter Expo with Rotary and our own exhibition, our members have made a total of \$2,485.00 in sales. Congratulations to all involved.

Our set subjects for the year are (in order) Scapes, Spheres, Action, Still Life and Quiet. Note them in your phone and whenever you are out taking photos, keep those five subjects in your thoughts. It's amazing what you may find. Some set subjects are hard and will get you out of your comfort zone, but this is how you improve and expand, so give them all a go and see where they take you. The definitions of the set subject are on our website with the Syllabus. Spheres was set by Corio Bay Camera Club, the others were the ones that had the highest votes from you on this years questionnaire. So happy snapping.

We have booked the hall for the 5th Monday of the month for more social activities. This was also decided due to what people put down in their questionnaires. It is only four extra evenings in the year. These nights will be run by a sub committee, you will get more details in the new year.

We have been asked to photograph the events at the Bellarine Agricultural Show. Images would include horse events, cows, goats, poultry, shearing, woodchop, kids trail, vintage machinery, handcrafts, horticulture, cooking, art and other event/activities that are on display. The Bellarine Agricultural Society will pay the Club for our images.

Also, [for next year only](#). If anyone wishes to purchase any Club clothing. The Club will subsidise 20% off the cost. This is, naturally to encourage our members to wear our logo. You do have to order online – <https://promote-it.com.au/bellarinecc> - But if you are unsure about sizes, you can visit the shop in Geelong.

You are a great bunch of people and I really love knowing you all. Please have a very happy and safe holiday over Christmas. Take plenty of photos and I'll see you in the new year.

Debbie

Member Profile

Kevin Bardsley



Growing up in the UK Denton near Manchester, I was influenced by my grandfather (fishing) and my father (aircraft and birds) both have been a huge influence on my life. All I wanted to do when leaving school 1974 was work on aircraft, I was lucky to get an apprenticeship with Hawker

Siddeley as an aircraft engineer working on Nimrods, HS748's and

Handley Page Victors. In 1977 I transferred to British Aerospace at Warton on the west coast of Lancashire, where I was in the development section, working on pre production test aircraft. I met my wife Bev there shortly after and we married in 1980. In January 1982 we migrated to Australia, we arrived on Friday the 15th of January 1982, I had an interview the following Thursday and started with H C Sleight

Aviation the following week. After 18 months of study and exams I became a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. I spent 5 years at Essendon airport working on general aviation aircraft before moving to Australian Airlines / QANTAS where I worked for 33 years. 12 years in heavy maintenance then

21 years in line maintenance, working on the tarmac before retiring in 2020. Whilst at QANTAS I was trained on Boeing 737 300/400 series Boeing 737-800, Airbus A300-B4, Airbus A330 200/300 series and the A380-800 series. My interest in birds started with the sea birds observed whilst out fishing, I needed

to know what they were, so I purchased a book, The Australian Bird Guide to help. When I retired I decided to get serious with bird watching or as some say a 'twitcher', working a 4 day rotating 12hr shift sometimes it is difficult to participate on a regular basis with clubs. I found it hard to look through binoculars and record size, colour and behaviour, then look through the book to know which bird it was.

They can be so quick. This is when I took up photography so I could study them later. I started with a Nikon D330 with a 300 mm lens then upgraded to a D7200 with a 150-600mm telephoto. I now use a Nikon D850 with the 150-600 mm lens and a 1.4 teleconverter. There are many bird apps now in which you show a picture and it will give you a suggestion of what it is, I use Merlin. We moved to Portarlington

in 2019 full time, having had a house there for many years due to my other passion fishing. I am a member of Bellarine Birdlife and a bird watching group out of the Portarlington neighborhood house. I joined the Bellarine Camera Club to help me improve my results , the workshops they carry out and competitions with feedback from the judges are certainly helping. Even more, being around people who

have been into photography for many, many years with their knowledge and advice over coffee and a biscuit is one of the best parts of our meetings.

SYLLABUS

JAN 19	Club 'get together' picnic for all members and partners, at Princess Park Queenscliff, near the Jetty - 6 pm BYO – Bring prints for Feb comp.
FEB 2	BYO Gear – back to basics for new members - also filing / photo stacking / bracketing / Cataloguing / Still Life practice for upcoming comp.
FEB 16	Monthly Competition – Open
FEB 22	Club Outing – Indented Head – practice with ND filters / or not!
MAR	Library Exhibit – Kevin Robley & Lynne Pearce 2 nd – 30 th March
MAR 2	Guest Speaker – Gary Smith – The philosophy of photography & composition
MAR 8	Club Outing – Bellarine Agricultural Show - Portarlington
MAR 16	Monthly Competition - Scapes
MAR 30	Social Night TBA
APR 4-5	Rotary Easter Art Show / Photography Exhibit
APR 6	BYO Gear – High Key workshop

**Please check our web site for details, any updates and definitions for Set Subject

Events of Photographic Opportunities



Dec 20th

Jan 10th

Jan 31st – Feb 1st

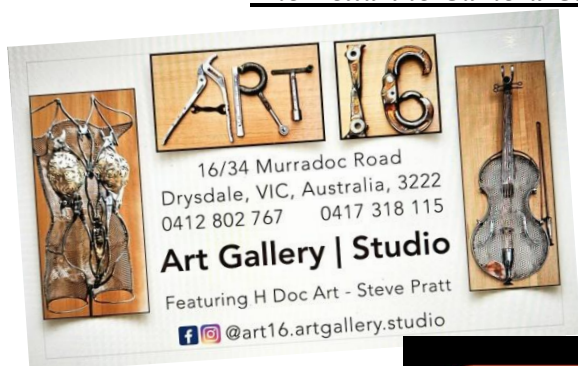
Geelong City Market

Portarlington Mussel Festival 9.30 – 5pm

Cadel Evans Bike Race

Feb 21st – 22nd Jan 24th – 26th Festival of Sails
Pako Festa

The Bellarine Camera Club would like to thank the following sponsors:-



OCEAN GROVE
camera&photo

This Newsletter is proudly sponsored by:-

FLEETWOOD
PRINT GROUP PTY LTD
For all your printing requirements

- Digital Printing • Graphic Design • Offset Printing
- Large Format Printing • Stickers & Labels • A Boards • Pull Up Banners

152 Myers Street, Geelong - Phone 5222 1200 - W: fleetwoodprint.com.au