



# Newsletter

Autumn 2026

## Notices

### BELLARINE SHOW CLUB FUNDRAISING DAY

Our club has been offered \$250 to take publicity images of the activities at the 2026 Bellarine Show at Portarlington on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great opportunity for all available members to help our club raise some money and help out the show organizing committee with some great images while doing what we enjoy. The committee would like us to provide images of as many events as possible. There are sections for Art, Cattle, Cookery, Fleece, Handcrafts, Horticulture, Horses etc. There will also be demonstrations of Wood chopping, Sheep Shearing, Working Dogs, Vintage Machinery to name a few. Some activities will be inside - so a flash may be helpful if you have one.



Please put your name down for a couple of hours to join this great club activity. It will be a fun day so make some time to come along to help out.



### CLUB STUDIO LIGHTING

Don't forget, we have studio lighting equipment for members to borrow, just see a Committee Member to get the gear.

### \*EASTER EXHIBITION\*

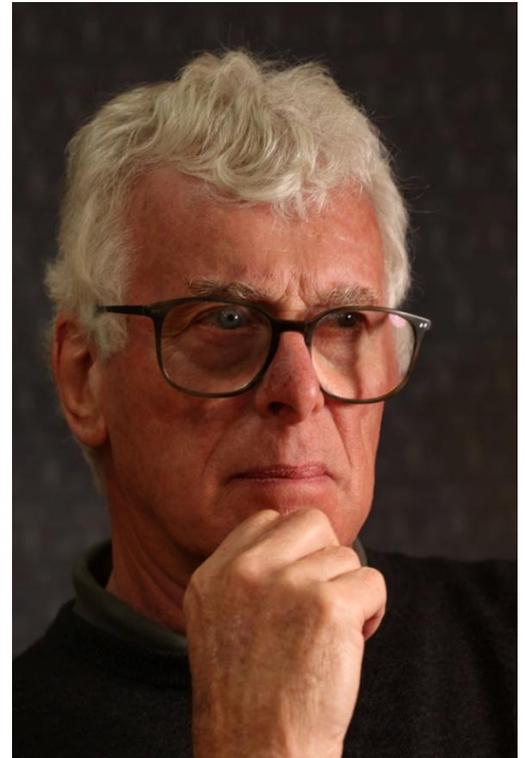
We are anticipating to be invited to join the Rotary Art Show again this Easter. So, in preparation, those who wish to exhibit their images need to prepare, as we will have 8 large boards to fill (both sides). And to have our images catalogued in their booklet, we will need the information of the exhibits one month prior, for printing.



# Member Profile

## Gordon Barfield

I was introduced to photography by a close friend in secondary school in England, probably around 15 years of age, but did not venture into any special equipment other than a point and shoot camera until into my thirties. That was when I purchased my first Nikon SLR, a model FM which was a 35mm, lever wind-on action capable of shutter speeds to 1/1000 second and ASA up to 3200. Although possessing what was then a very capable camera, I did not fully utilize it. Having migrated to Australia about this time, my lifestyle changed and my interest took second place to establishing a household and family and investing in my career as an engineer at Ford. However, following retirement in 2013, I became a much more avid photographer combining it with my interest in birds and wildlife and adding a Nikon DSLR, a 400mm lens and a macro lens. I was now getting the digital bug, being able to take many photos and having many failures and to discover the art of finessing my photos using the computer with various software packages. I quickly discovered I had a lot to learn about how to take photos that were not just snapshots and to attempt to add some artistic flair. This I am still trying to achieve! Also the digital world was expanding out of sight, and my photographic hobby was fast becoming the art of keeping up with the progress of technology. Again this is an ongoing challenge for me.



Where am I today in my pursuit of photographic capability? Answer, still trying!! When I retired, my partner and I were living in Research, a suburb on the outskirts of Melbourne, and having joined the Eltham Men's Shed there, several members were keen to get involved in photography. So we formed a photographic interest group that created situations where some of us including myself, would assist in teaching novice photographers some of the basics of photography, particularly the theory of the exposure triangle and other relevant aspects of camera controls. This motivated the learning process for me to assist my fellow "shedders". We then moved to Point Lonsdale in 2022 and that was when I joined the Bellarine Camera Club and have since learned so much by taking part in the competitions and undergoing the scrutiny of the judges. Like all of us, I am still learning a lot and am very grateful for the energy and camaraderie of the club that keeps the learning process happening with fun.



# **20% OFF ALL CLUB APPAREL !**

For this year only, the Club will subsidize 20% of all purchases, so why not check out the Promote it Trophy and Clothing Co website and look at the range of Bellarine Camera Club items we have available.

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You do need to order online: <https://promote-it.com.au/bellarinecc>



## **SYLLABUS**

<b>MARCH 2-30</b>	Library Exhibit by Lynne Pearce and Kevin Robley
<b>MARCH 2</b>	Guest Speaker – Gary Smith – The philosophy of photography
<b>MARCH 8</b>	CLUB OUTING – Bellarine Agricultural Show – Portarlington – 10am
<b>MARCH 16</b>	MONTHLY COMPETITION - Scapes
<b>MARCH 30</b>	SOCIAL NIGHT – Bare Foot Bowling
<b>APRIL 4-5</b>	Drysdale Easter Art Show / Photography Exhibition
<b>APRIL 6</b>	BYO Gear – High Key Workshop
<b>APRIL 20</b>	MONTHLY COMPETITION - Open
<b>APRIL 26</b>	CLUB OUTING – Liberator Bomber Restoration – Werribee \$10 entry
<b>MAY 4</b>	Guest Speakers / Demonstration – Portrait Lighting / Color Grading
<b>MAY 16</b>	CLUB OUTING – Ballarat – Birds of Prey \$60 per person (non refundable) must book and pay in advance. Limited places available.

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



**Craig Watson** (Watto) offers many services from scanning of prints, negatives & slides, any size or format and restoration of old images to mentoring and training. The shop offers a small boutique gallery, quality printing services up to A1 size. You can also buy anything you need for analogue photography including darkroom equipment. Many books of great photographers and more. You can google Focal Point to find out more but definitely worth a visit. 10% disc for Club Members on all Merchandise & services.

Situated in Little Malop Street near the corner of Gheringhap Street in Geelong.

## **Events of Photographic Opportunities**



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| Now – 17 <sup>th</sup> May              | Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition<br>National Wool Museum \$13 entry                             |
| March                                   | Yellow tailed Cocky's in Queenscliff  |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> | Look up Geelong – Hot Air Balloon Fiesta<br>Launching 5am to 8am each morning<br>GMHBA Oval Settlement Road |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>                   | Bellarine Agricultural Show   |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>                  | Iron Man Event – Steampacket Gardens  |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup>                  | All Ford Day – Eastern Park   |
| April 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | The Big 80's Party – Geelong Racecourse \$95  |

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