

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Tuesday 21st November Activity Night - Richard Tatti **Saturday 9th December** BCC End of Year Dinner and **Competition Presentations**

Editor's Desk

The month of November finds us enjoying the warmer weather and extra daylight hours, leading up to our End of Year Awards Night in December. The Committee has finaly decided on the Set Subjects for next years competitions and have listed them here in the newsletter so that you can all get an early start on planning your shots. Don't forget The first Competitions Set Subject is **Action/Movement** and is due on our first week back, at the Club Picnic, Tuesday 9th January. Happy snapping everyone, cheers Mark.

SET SUBJECTS 2024

BCC Photo Competition Set Subjects 2024

The committee looked at the list created by members at the brainstorming session and selected the following set subjects for the BCC Photographic Competitions coming up in 2024:

Due Tuesday 9th January 2024 Action/Movement **Due Tuesday 13th February 2024** From Behind • Wine/viticulture **Due Tuesday 11th April 2024 Due Tuesday 11th June 2024** Doors and Windows **Due Tuesday 13th August 2024** Steam/Vintage **Due Tuesday 10th September 2024** Macro/close-up

Esther has created the definitions for each Subject along with some very helpful tips to get our creative juices flowing.

ACTION / MOVEMENT

Definition: "Freeze dynamic moments or convey a sense of motion in your photographs."

Tips/ideas:

- Capture scenes where subjects are in action, whether it's sports, dance, everyday activities, or any moment that exudes energy and vitality.
- Use a fast shutter speed if you want to freeze action. Use Continuous Shooting Mode to increase your chances of getting the perfect action shot.
- Use a slow shutter speed if you want to create a sense of motion. Adjust your settings based on the speed of your subject. Pre-focus on the area where the action is likely to occur and be ready to press the shutter button at the decisive moment.
- Use panning to track your subject's motion with the camera while using a slower shutter speed. This technique can create a sharp subject against a blurred background, emphasizing movement.

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Activity Night: Studio Lighting



On Tuesday night Daniel & Tara, who modeled for our portrait photography session earlier this year returned to show us simple and effective studio lighting techniques for portraiture work. It was a great presentation, a lot of the members found it very informative especially the tips and tricks that help make it a little easier to get right. The feedback was excellent and we will be asking Daniel back in the new year for more again. You can see some of Daniels work at these links:

https://www.instagram.com/daniel soncin/

https://danielsoncin.video/

https://www.facebook.com/daniel.soncin/

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER: 7:30PM



Activity Night – Richard Tatti

Our Guest Speaker Richard Tatti who we booked for our Night Photography Activity Night back in July is returning to give us the benefits of his expertise in low light photography. This is an event not to be missed, to see samples of Richards work please see his website: https://www. nightscapeimages.com.au/

POSSIBLE CHANGE IN START TIME TO 7:00PM

Starting time for club nights 2024

Discussion was made about how our meetings end quite late and if we should try a 7pm start time. Survey on FB showed that of the 21 responses, 61% would like to start at 7pm, 14% wanted to stay at 7.30pm and 23% didn't care. The Committee will trial a 7pm for meetings starting next year to see if it helps us all get home a little earlier.

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER: 6:00PM (FOR 6:30 START)

BCC END OF YEAR DINNER 2023

Lakeside Hotel, opposite Lake Weeroona VIC

As a committee, we have researched and discussed venues and in the end, Lakeside Hotel still offered the best deal and venue facilities. We do realise in 2022, there was a lack of bar service and some people were not happy with meals, but after consultation with the venue, we will be put back in the original room we had in 2021 where bar service was fantastic and there has also been a change in catering managers, menu and chefs. They have also given us a 50% discount on fees for room hire. Unfortunately, through the year and like many venues, the price per person has gone up \$10. Partners/family are most welcome.

RSVP and payment (\$60 per person) by Friday 24th November can be done via two methods:

- 1. Come to next week's activity night and fill in the paper form, or,
- 2. Email Felicity Johnson at fjp.images@gmail.com

We need to know names and dietary requirements please.

Payment via Direct Deposit to: Bendigo Camera Club,

BSB 633000 Acc No. 5613500,

Description: EOY (followed by your name, so we know who paid) or by cash on our meeting nights paid directly to Felicity or Pauline.

Kind regards: Felicity (Flic) Johnson, BCC Secretary

TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2024

Evening Photo Walk 2024

The committee is currently working on choosing a venue somewhere close and handy to members so stay tuned.

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

Australia Day 2024

Set-up will be on Thursday night 7-9pm. The committee be asking for volunteers closer to the event and details for Friday are yet to be Confirmed.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas Break

and looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year





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YOUR BCC COMMITTEE 2023 / 2024

All BCC Members are encouraged to get to know their Committee Members so they can approach them with any enqiries, complaints or suggestions. So we have put together a little photo board below so that new comming members may easily recognise and get to know us better.



Pauline Moore President email pauline



Felicity Johnson Secretary email flic



Karen **Sutherland** Vice President email karen



Mark Friswell **Newsletter Editor** email mark



Esther Andrews Webmaster <u>email esther</u>



Brian Hinneberg Treasurer email brian





Jason Archer **Committee Member** email jason

DO YOU HAVE A POST FOR THE NOTICE BOARD

Just a friendly reminder to members of our new Notice Board Section, where members can add event invitations, ask questions, or sell old equipment they no longer need. If anyone has anything they want to add to the Notice Board, please don't hesitate to contact Mark by phone: 0439 655 695 or email: <u>frissy33@gmail.com</u> or in person at any of the meetings. If at any stage I'm not available please contact Flic via email: secretary@bendigocameraclub.org.au

PRESIDENTS MONTHLY MONOLOGUE

My Fellow Members

We did it! Ten people managed to go to the long planned trip to Phillip Island. Although it was cold and windy a great time was had socialising, eating, laughing, sightseeing, oh and of course some fantastic photos were taken. Thanks to everyone who came and made the weekend a special one.

Our last judging night for the year was held the judge Sally was very good, trying to see the perspective that the photographer may have been using. Sally have many good ideas as how we could have tried thing's differently.

Our activity night was a bit different this month as we had some guidance on how to re size an image, and a reminder of how we should be entering images for our competitions. This was followed up with a question and answer session. Thanks Mel for making us start talking about AI, so many different ideas.

We were very privileged to attend the opening night of Richard Tatti's exhibition, Land and Sky many of us were inspired by what we saw. We now look forward to listening to Richard in a couple of weeks at the club rooms for our Astro Activity Night.



Our social dinner at the end of October was full of chatting and laughing. A beautiful meal was served at Tyson's Reef with a delicious dessert, thanks for the lead Mark.

The committee has been working hard on the schedule for next year and I am pleased to say you should have it by the end of the month. You may notice a few different things for next year. The Jo committee hopes you will all embrace the changes and understand that to offer you all some of these activities we will have to ask for a small donation to help cover the costs. This will be a user pays system so as to keep the annual fees to a minimum.

A reminder that December is our annual awards presentation night tickets are available for purchase now. It is shaping up to be a great night.

November will see two presentations, one from Daniel Soncin (one of the models from our Portrait Activity Night ealier this year). Daniel will be showing us three lighting set-ups and some advice on posing models, gleaned from his experience as the theatre company's photographer.

The other is Richard Tatti who will be chatting to us about Astro photography. I am looking forward to seeing two very different presentations. See you all there.

Pauline Moore BCC President 0413 968 793

BCC MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

SECONDHAND EQUIPMENT - \$350

Nikon D3200 DSLR Camera

Nikon D3200 bought new 2012. Some paint wear on camera body. 2 lenses, NikkorDX 18-55 VR and Nikkor DX 55-300 VR (purchased new in 2020). Works well. Dirt speck in view finder - needs a clean. Does not effect photos. Offer also includes:

Set of 4 closeup lenses

Battery charger with 2 batteries

1 x SD card

1 x Carry bag

If you require more info or wish to purchase please contact: Max Elliott 0400 744 289

53 Intervale Drive, (PO Box 303) Mallacoota VIC 3892

W: https://500px.com/p/maxelliott555?view=photos

VAPS PRESENTATION VIDEO

Al and Photography with Lyn Haywood











At the VAPS Annual General Meeting held last month Lyn Haywood from the Australian Photographic Judges Association gave a talk on Ai in Photography, covering a brief history of it's development and a possible direction and some of the complications that will likely ensue for Camera Clubs & Photographers, but also some of the possible opportunities that some photographers are already embracing and the issues that is also bringing to the table.

This is by no means the entire picture, nor is it totally current, but it is most certainly worth a watch, and gives valid thought to an ongoing process that will become a very long journey.

To view the Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-XluSyPBSI



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CURRENT - THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

BLOOM - Bendigo's Spring Program of Events



Various Times & Locations - Bendigo VIC

Bendigo is celebrating the 20th year of its famous Tulip display with over 53,000 tulips blooming along Pall Mall, the Conservatory and various gardens. Some of the events included this Spring are: Bendigo Annual Tulip Display, Bloom After Dark, Street Art, BendiGnome Hunt, Sidewalk Astronomy Session, Bendigo Wine Week, Vegecareian Festival, Zinda Multicultural Festival, MQ Oktoberfest Dinner, and more. Please see website for further details: https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/bloom

17TH NOV - 31 DEC 2023: VARIOUS TIMES & DATES

Christmas Festival of Lights

Adventure Park - 1249 Bellarine Hwy, Wallington VIC

See the magic of Christmas and fairy tales brought to life in 3.3 million lights over 1000 dazzling light installations and displays, with theme park rides, performances, Santa and more. It's 4.5 hours of Christmas fun and entertainment for the whole family. Please see website for further details: https://www.adventurepark.com.au/lights

FRI 17TH - SUN 19TH NOV: 10AM - 8PM

African Music and Cultural Festival

Federation Square - Melbourne VIC

Friday will be the ideal opportunity to pop by with friends and colleagues, enjoy a delicious African street food lunch, dinner and drinks in a great festival atmosphere. A multi-layered program delivering 12 hours of non-stop live entertainment each day. Showcasing cultural band performances, music, dance, fashion, arts, shopping and a swag of market stalls selling African wares, free drumming lessons, along with authentic mouthwatering African street food. Please see website for further details: https://fedsquare.com/events/african-music-cultural-festival

FRI 17TH NOV 2023: 7:00PM - 10:00PM

Hanging Rock Night Walk

Hanging Rock, South Rock Road, Woodend VIC

Experience the mystery of Hanging Rock at night, with a guided night walk of the Reserve. During the tour with our experienced ranger, you may discover gliders, wallabies, native birds, bats, possums, and other native animals. If you're lucky you may even spot a koala! Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. This walk is not suitable for children under the age of 8. The cost is \$75 per family (two adults and two children), \$30 per adult and \$15 per child. Bookings are essential. Children's tickets must be accompanied by a paying adult. The regular Park entry/parking fee is not applicable for the Hanging Rock Night Walk. For further information and bookings please call (03) 5422 0387 or 0457 605 462

EVERY SATURDAY: 5:30PM - 7PM & 8PM - 9:30PM

Groove Tram



Alexandra Fountain Tram Stop - Charing Cross, Bendigo VIC

Step on board one of Bendigo's iconic trams and be transported to a world of pure entertainment, where live music, local brews, and fine wine, are all enjoyed against the picturesque backdrop of Bendigo's rolling vistas. PRICES \$20 per person. Drinks + nibbles at bar prices. No BYO.

Saturday 18th November - Toli Saturday 25th November - Sam Pollock Saturday 2nd December - Amy Tie Duo Saturday 9th December - Jess Lorraine

Please see website for further details: https://www.bendigotramways.com/tours/groove-tram

CURRENT - SAT 18TH NOV: 12PM - 12PM

YAPENYA 2023

View Street, Bendigo VIC

YAPENYA – means to dance, to celebrate! It's been a transformative decade for DJAARA (Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation), ten years after signing a first-ever whole-of-Country Recognition and Settlement Agreement with the Victorian Government. So, it's only fitting that we come together to celebrate the progress made in our community with YAPENYA 2023. Please see website for details: https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/yapenya-2023

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER: 3AM - 5:00AM

Leonids Meteor Shower

Bendigo VIC, Night Skies on Sunday 19th November 3am - 5am sees the return of the Leonids Meteor Shower Peak. At it's peak this annual event can produce up to 10 meteors an hour. For those brave enough to face the early hours of the morning leading into Sunday 19th November and are willing this is the prime time to give it a try. If you feel like giving a it go, give Mark Friswell a call he's always up for an astro shoot.



SAT 18TH, 24TH, 25TH NOV: 6:30PM - 11:15PM

Blues Train Queenscliff



Queenscliff Railway Station - Cnr Hesse & Symonds St, Queenscliff VIC

Best described as a mini music festival on a moving heritage train, this one of a kind experience departs from the seaside town of Queenscliff and will have you rocking and rolling all the way along the Bellarine Railway. Take in the picturesque views of the sun setting behind Swan Bay, plus interval stops at railway platforms along the Bellarine Peninsula for you to rest, refresh and swap carriages for a totally new artist, duo or band. At 7.55pm we blow the whistle and call 'all aboard' for an 8pm departure rolling back into Queenscliff station between 11.15 & 11.30pm. Please see website for further details: https://www.thebluestrain.com.au/the-experience/



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18TH - 19TH NOVEMBER: 10AM - 4PM

Victorian Medieval Festival



Kryal Castle - 121 Forbes Road, Leigh Creek VIC

Step back in time and join in for a full weekend of spectacular family fun at the Victorian Medieval Festival, held at Kryal Castle! A world-class medieval re-enactment event that boasts activities for all ages; spectacular jousting knights, an action-packed combat tournament, reenactor's village and Birds of Prey on the arena, plus much more! Please see website for further details: https://www.victorianmedievalfestival.com.au

SAT 18TH - SUN 19TH NOVEMBER: 10:00AM - 4:30PM

Open Gardens Victoria – 'Melrose'



33 Clowes Street, Malmsbury VIC

Designer Deborah Hambleton's inspirational Malmsbury countrystyle garden is built around an 1860s bluestone cottage. Formality and symmetry, romance and wildness, ornamental and productive plants all mingle to create a sense of character throughout. Please see website for further details: https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/Melrose-2023

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER: 12PM - 4PM

Free as a Bird Fiesta

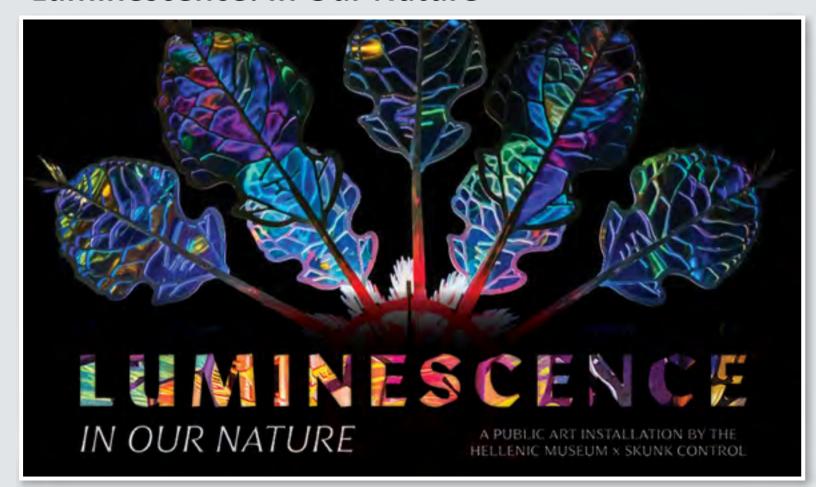


Bridgeward Grove - 170 Englishs Rd, Goornong VIC

After a very successful event last year Bridgeward Grove Olives and Art will be hosting their Annual 'Free as a Bird Fiesta' event on the 19th November 2023, 12pm til 4pm. This year we are honoured to launch the commissioned work of Wiradjuri and Kurni artist Kiera Long for the Axedale Goornong Locals and also showcase the commissioned 'Peace' work of accomplished metal sculptor Andre Sardone. The event will also exhibit the fine works of local artists, and photographers such as: Felicity Johnson, Matt McCoy, Darryl Kirby, Bridget Farmer, Robyn Clarke. Please see website for more details: www.facebook.com/events/1419502895204363

CURRENT - SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER: ALL DAY

Luminescence: In Our Nature



Hellenic Museum - 280 William St, Melbourne VIC

Luminescence: In Our Nature is a series of eight tall, organically styled sculptures that have taken root on the Hellenic Museum forecourt, using dichroic optical filters to cast coloured light at all hours of the day and night. Developed by Skunk Control for the Hellenic Museum, the installation reflects upon the ancient Greek legacy of scientific advancement through the magnificent forms of Australian native flora and fauna – inspiring a sense of wonder and respect, and illuminating the importance of continuing to steward our natural world. Please see website for further details: https://www.hellenic.org.au/exhibitions

SUN 19TH NOVEMBER: 1PM - 5PM

Castlemaine Highland Band 70th Anniversary

Rotunda, Castlemaine Botanical Gardens - Castlemaine VIC

The Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band is holding a 70th Anniversary Celebration at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, at the rotunda. Entry and entertainment is free, so come along and bring your picnic blanket. Please see website for further details: https://castlemainehighlandpipe.band

FRI 24TH NOVEMBER: 6PM - 8PM

Christmas Shopping Night at Sovereign Hill



Sovereign Hill - Bradshaw Street, Ballarat VIC

Sovereign Hill's Main Street turns into a Christmas market with stalls featuring iconic traditional goodies, such as creamy fudge, jams, sauces, soaps, chocolates, creams and other locally made products. Personalised raspberry drops are also back, perfect for the sweet tooth in your family. A fully licensed café and hotel bar will be open for food and drinks. While you are here, head over to the Hope Bakery for a full range of Christmas treats. Please see website for further details: https://www.sovereignhill.com.au/events/christmas-shopping-night

CURRENT - 26TH NOVEMBER: VARIOUS TIMES

Downtown Dumpling Market



Lower & Middle Terrace - Birrarung Marr, Melbourne VIC

At Downtown Dumpling Market you can enjoy authentic delicacies from Asian cuisines and premium drinks in a lively, open-air environment, with free, live entertainment to amuse and delight all ages. Downtown Dumpling Market is run by the team behind Adelaide's Lucky Dumpling Market and entertainment destination Gluttony. Please note: all purchases need to be made by card. Please see website for further details: https://downtowndumplingmarket.com/melbourne



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FRI 24TH NOVEMBER – MON 25TH DECEMBER

Christmas in the City



Various Times & Locations - Melbourne VIC

Christmas in Melbourne is a special time, with decorations and projections adorning the city. Traditional favourites like the giant Christmas tree at Fed Square and the Myer Christmas Windows draw visitors from near and far. Malls and markets offer inspiration for Christmas gifts, Santa makes an appearance for the kids, and the city's bars and restaurants provide the perfect backdrop for Christmas catch-ups. Please see website for further details: https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/christmas

FRI 24TH - SUN 26TH NOVEMBER: VARIOUS TIMES

Geelong Revival Motoring Festival



Geelong Waterfront - Ritchie Boulevard, Geelong VIC

This action-packed motoring festival held on Geelong's picturesque waterfront is truly an event not to be missed. With 300 classic cars & motorcycles, 600 quirky vehicles, classic boats & vintage aircraft it promises to be a huge weekend of motorsport. Please see website for details: https://geelongrevival.com.au

SAT 25TH NOVEMBER: 10AM - 9PM

Lankan Fest



River Terrace (Fed Square) - Melbourne VIC

Enjoy the sights, sounds and spectacular dance moves of this exotic 'culture of wonders' emanating from a land often called the pearl of the Indian Ocean - Sri Lanka. Visitors can experience a cultural explosion of ethnic diversity right in the heart of Melbourne overlooking the Yarra River. Melburnians are invited to taste the magic of this tiny island nation and its own rich, ethnic diversity at our city's cultural and community heart – Fed Square. Featuring a variety of Sri Lankan food, arts, crafts, spices, tea, produce as well as promoting an array of delightful tourism options, Lankan Fest 2023 is a celebration of the culture and heritage of Sri Lanka. Please see website for further details: https://www.lankanfest.com.au/#home-2-section

SAT 25TH NOVEMBER: 10:30AM - 04:00PM

Spring Garden Tour

Mount Macedon VIC, Australia

Mount Macedon shines in spring with a wash of bulb drifts, dazzling blooms, gentle blossoms, and many happy colors. This tour showcases some of the most special gardens on the mountain. Please see website for further details: https://www.mountmacedontours.com.au

SAT 25TH - SUN 26TH NOVEMBER: 12PM - 9PM

HHA & Larsen's Castlemaine Rotary Truck Show

37–40 Fryers Road, Campbell's Creek VIC

There will be live music all weekend. Saturday night's on-stage entertainment will feature multi-award winning Country Music Singer and Songwriter, Craig Lloyd, whose singles have topped the charts in 2023. Crowd favourites, Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters and The Jim Hermel Band, will also be returning with the support of R&R McClure. On Sunday morning a Truckie's Breakfast sponsored by Muscat Trailers will fuel us up for the 9.00am convoy through town. ADMISSION: \$15 Adults, \$25 Family, Children U16 free. Tickets available at the gate. Please see website for further details: https://rotarycastlemaine.org.au/page/truck-show

CURRENT – SUN 7TH JANUARY 2024

Christmas in Geelong



Various Times & Locations - Geelong VIC

Christmas is going to be special this year, with a program of events and activities including traditional favourites. Please see website for details: https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/christmas/default.aspx

SUN 26TH NOVEMBER: 11AM - 9PM

Melbourne Italian Festa

Royal Exhibition Building - 9 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC

The Melbourne Italian Festa is a magical gathering where the Italian community and anyone who loves and appreciates Italian culture come together for mouth watering food, delicious wines, beers and lively music. It's a celebration of everything Italian. Please see website for details: https://www.melbourneitalianfesta.com.au

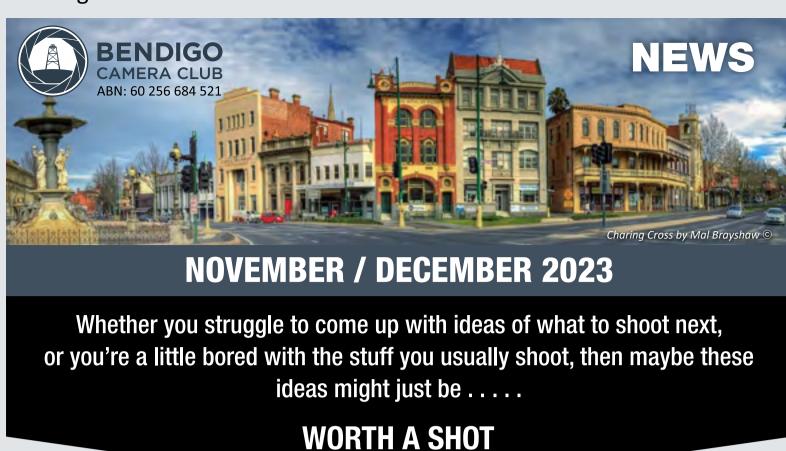
CURRENT - THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Newsworthy - Melbourne 1933 - 1936



East Melbourne Library - 122 George St, East Melbourne VIC

View a selection of images documenting Melbourne's social history from the 1930s. In the late 1990s, renowned architectural photographer lan McKenzie (1938-2014), picked up a collection of 240 glass plate negatives at a market. Believed to be from a Victorian news archive, they dated back to the 1930s. The slides lay dormant in a garage until 2020 when lan's wife Louise decided it was time to bring them into the light. A photojournalistic history into the astonishing stories of interwar Melbourne. The collection is a rare, fortunate find to Melbourne's social history. Open: 10am-6pm Monday - Friday, 10am-1pm Saturdays, Closed Sundays. Please see website for details: https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on/exhibitions/Pages/newsworthy-melbourne-in-photographs.aspx



CURRENT - FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER: 10AM - 4.30PM

Collective City: Photographic Exhibition

Victorian Archives Centre - 99 Shiel St, North Melbourne VIC

Collective City features historic photographs of Melbourne from the state and federal government archives, alongside images representing our city today, curated from submissions by contemporary street photographers. Featuring the work of Cathrin Plunkett, Francesca Donnoli, Gonzzalo Palta, Shiang Liew, Sally Coggle, Mark Davidson, Mike Reed, Nathan Coote, Andrew Wilson, Adam Sinclair, Jane Hinwood and Ilana Rose. Please see website for details: https://prov.vic.gov.au/whats/public-exhibitions/collective-city

DECEMBER 2023 - FEBRUARY 2024

Summer in the Parks



Various Times & Locations - Bendigo VIC

The ever-popular Summer in the Parks Program will return for 2022/2024 and will feature free or low-cost events and activities during the months of December, January and February. Bendigo's beautiful parks will come alive with outdoor cinema entertainment, live music from local acts, and community activities and events such as Australia Day celebrations. Summer in the Parks is the perfect excuse to pack up your family or get a group of friends together and have some fun in our great outdoors. Please see website for details: https://www.bendigosummerintheparks.com/

Or download the PDF: www.bendigosummerintheparks.com

SAT 2ND, 9TH, 16TH DECEMBER: 6:30PM - 11:15PM

Blues Train Queenscliff



Queenscliff Railway Station - Cnr Hesse & Symonds St, Queenscliff VIC

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SUN 03 DECEMBER: 07:30AM - 03:02PM

Farmall 100 years



Prince of Wales Show Grounds - Bendigo VIC

All types of 25+ year old vehilces, tractors, machinery and collectable items are welcome to be on display to celebrate 100 years of the manufacture of Farmall tractors. Entry for those with items to display and the viewing public is free. We will be on site from 7:30am and will be packing up around 2:30pm. The Sunday market will be operating as well. Enquiries to Neil 0408 033 839

SAT 9TH DEC: 10AM - 6PM

Sportsbet Ballarat Cup

240 Kennedys Road, Miners Rest VIC

Ballarat Cup is the perfect opportunity to come together at the start of summer and before Christmas to enjoy their feature day. With the addition of the new Brookvale Union Pop up Bar, Koonara Wines Platinum Marquee, Gourmet Food Lane Precinct, roving live music and Central Square Ballarat fashions on the field. Please see website for details: https://country.racing.com/ballarat

SAT 9TH & SUN 17TH DECEMBER: 12.30PM - 3PM

Horse-Drawn Cobb & Co Carriages

Sidney Myer Place, Bendigo VIC

"Cobb and Co" is synonymous with quality coach transport in Australia. Price: \$80 per carriage (For up to 6 people). The tour lasts approximately 20 minutes and takes a leisurely pace through the oldest area in Bendigo with well-maintained historic buildings and gardens: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Alexandra Fountain, Central Deborah Gold Mine, Soldiers Memorial Museum, Lansell's Monument, The Old Bendigo Post Office and Law Courts, Conservatory and Rosalind Park, Golden Dragon Museum, Specimen Cottage, Bendigo Town Hall, Hotel Shamrock. Please see website for further details: https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/horse-drawn-cobb-and-co-carriages

WEEKENDS: CURRENT - 10TH DEC: 10AM - 4PM

Mica Grange Open Garden Exhibition 2023



Mica Grange - 373 Faraday Sutton Grange Road, Sutton Grange VIC

Whether your interest be in traditional gardens, rose walks, proteas, Australian natives, rockeries, vegetable garden, fairy gardens, or simply meandering through beautiful scenery and relaxing with good food, you will find something to spark your imagination at Mica Grange. The spacious gardens are full of creative ideas to enjoy or enhance the beauty of your own garden. There are 15 sculptors exhibiting plus a wide array of garden art, plants and preserves for sale. Morning tea, light lunches, and afternoon tea are served on the spacious decking overlooking the Sutton Grange valley or around the garden between 10am and 4.30pm. Entry is \$9 (children U18 free). Please see website for further details: http://www.micagrange.com.au

SUN 17TH DECEMBER: 6:30PM - 10:30PM

Bendigo Carols by Candlelight

Rosalind Park - Bendigo VIC

Join the Rotary Club of Bendigo for it's Community Carols evening in Rosalind Park, Bendigo. Enjoy Christmas Carols in the beautiful Rosalind Park, a perfect way to start your Christmas celebrations. With fantastic live entertainment and your favourite carols to sing along to, food and drinks vendors and of course a visit from the big man himself - Santa! Gold coin donation for entry. Candles are issued on entry, ensure to BYO chairs, blankets etc. Please see website for details: https://www.rotarybendigo.org.au/event-details/bendigo-rotary-carols-by-candlelight-3



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CURRENT - 25TH DECEMBER: 12PM-12PM

Christmas in Ballarat



Ballarat CBD - Sturt Street, Ballarat VIC

Nothing says Christmas in Ballarat more than a stroll down the centre of town, with the Sturt Street Gardens transformed into a festive spectacle of florals and lights. The Ballarat CBD will be dressed in beautiful Christmas decorations featuring crowd favourites such as the Reindeer and Santa Sleigh, the Christmas Tree and signature floral installations. Please see website for details: https://www.christmasinballarat.com.au

THU 28TH DECEMBER: 11:00AM - 06:00PM

Lavender Dayz

Chin Chin Farm - 673 Chintin Rd, Chintin VIC

A day of simple pleasures amidst the vibrant hues and fragrant blooms of our lavender fields. Lavender Dayz offers more than just the visual feast of our lavender fields. Indulge your senses with lavender themed food and drink available for sale. Sip on lavender-infused beverages and savour culinary delights infused with the delicate essence of lavender, creating a harmonious blend of flavours that will delight your palate.



Entry fee: \$10 per person. Please see website for further details: https://www.chinchinfarm.com.au/events/lavender-dayz

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER: 9.15PM & MIDNIGHT

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Rosalind Park Poppet Head - 30 Gaol Road, Bendigo VIC

Watch the sky light up with colour as Bendigo's annual midnight Firework display erupts off the Rosalind Park Poppet Head! There will be two firework displays, one at 9.15pm for the little one and one at mid-night. Follow Bendigo Summer in the Parks Facebook page for all the latest updates.



Please Note: All events are alcohol and pet free events. Please see website for details: https://www.facebook.com/BendigoSummerInTheParks/

SUN 31ST DECEMBER: 09:30PM & 11:59PM

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Wadawurrung Country Waterfront - Geelong VIC

Free Fireworks displays returns to the Waterfront this New Year's Eve as we say farewell to 2023 and welcome in the new year, 2024...! There will be a family-friendly hour at dusk with a 9:30pm display as well as the traditional midnight display. Please see website for details: https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/cgw/calendar/item/8dad696417721ac.aspx

SUN 31ST DECEMBER

New Year's Eve in Melbourne



Various Times & Locations - Melbourne VIC

From fancy New Year's Eve dinners to family fun, Melbourne is the perfect place to welcome the new year. Please see website for further details: https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/new-years-eve

CURRENT - SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER: 10AM - 3PM

Old Treasury Building Exhibitions



Old Treasury Building - 20 Spring St, East Melbourne VIC

The Old Treasury Building has a long history in Victoria and is widely regarded as one of the finest 19th century buildings in Melbourne, designed by nineteen-year-old architect JJ Clark and built between 1858 and 1862. Sitting at the top end of Collins Street in the Melbourne CBD, it hosts the original gold vaults where gold bullion was stored during the gold rush era, as well as rare and historic documents from Public Record Office Victoria highlighting key moments from Victoria's history, what better place to host exhibitions of historic value such as those currently being held until December this year: 'Lost Jobs: The Changing World of Work, Protest Melbourne, A Nation Divided: The Great War and Conscription, Women Work for Victory in WWII, etc'.

Please see website for details: https://www.oldtreasurybuilding.org.au/whats-on/exhibitions

CURRENT - WED 17TH APRIL 2024: 11AM - 5PM

Punting on the Lake



Royal Botanic Gardens - Birdwood Ave, South Yarra VIC

Glide between the bays and islands of the Royal Botanic Gardens' Ornamental Lake on a guided boat cruise. View the landscape as never before and get up close to amazing birdlife and aquatic plants for some wonderful photo opportunities. Please see website for further details: https://puntingonthelake.com.au



Whether you struggle to come up with ideas of what to shoot next, or you're a little bored with the stuff you usually shoot, then maybe these ideas might just be

WORTH A SHOT

MON 1ST JANUARY 2024: 11:00AM - 10:00PM

Maryborough Highland Gathering 2024

Princes Park - 8 Lake Rd, Maryborough VIC

The 160th Maryborough Highland Gathering is Australia's oldest continuous sporting event and holds a long and proud history, with gold-rush origins that date back over 150 years. Formed by Scottish prospectors and businessmen who wanted to organized an event to recreate their traditional New Year Highland celebrations in their adopted land. Please see website for further details: https://highlandsociety.com.au/highland-gathering

FRI 12TH - SUN 14TH JAN 2024: VARIOUS TIMES

Vida: Melbourne Latin Summer Festival



Tom's Block (King's Domain) - Linlithgow Ave, Melbourne VIC

Vida Latin Festival is three days and nights of art, culture, food and entertainment that celebrates Latin America: Fri 12th Jan: 2pm - 11pm, Sat 13th Jan: 12pm - 11pm, Sun 14th Jan: 12pm - 10pm. This free event celebrates life — enjoy an authentic paella while drinking a mojito and dancing to Latin rhythms under the sky. Taste exotic cuisine from more than 20 Latin vendors offering a range of street foods. Or relax in the beer gardens and watch the world go by. A kid's area and multicultural hubs feature local artists and bands, a salsa dance championship, outdoor dance classes, a paella cooking show, DJs and more. Plus local manufacturers and importers will display Latin American art and products at a marketplace Please see website for further details: https://www.melbournelatinsummerfestival.com

SAT 20TH, 27TH JANUARY 2024: 6:30PM - 11:15PM

Blues Train Queenscliff



Queenscliff Railway Station - Cnr Hesse & Symonds St, Queenscliff VIC

Best described as a mini music festival on a moving heritage train, departing from Queenscliff and rolling all the way along the Bellarine Railway. Take in the picturesque views of the sun setting behind Swan Bay, plus interval stops at railway platforms along the Bellarine Peninsula. 8pm departure, return back into Queenscliff station between 11.15 - 11.30pm. Please see website for details: https://www.thebluestrain.com.au/the-experience/

CURRENT - SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2024: 9AM - 5PM

RELICS: A New World Rises

Melbourne Museum - 11 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC

Set in a future long after humanity's reign, RELICS tells the story of a world where LEGO minifigures have risen from the debris to craft intricate civilisations in discarded human artefacts, each one inspired by the object they now call home. 15 detail-packed worlds in RELICS: A New World Rises. Please see website for further details: https://museumsvictoria.

CURRENT - WED 31ST JANUARY 2024: 10AM - 5PM

Photography: Real and Imagined



The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia - Russell St, Melbourne VIC

Photography: Real and Imagined examines two perspectives on photography; grounded in the real world, as a record, document, reflection of the world around us; and as the product of imagination, storytelling and illusion. On occasion, it operates in both realms.

Please see website for details: www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/
photography-real-imagined/

CURRENT - SUNDAY 28TH JAN 2024: 10AM - 6PM

Mirror: New Views on Photography



State Library Victoria - 328 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC

Great photography can hold up a mirror to the world and reflect our innermost thoughts and feelings. Mirror: New views on photography, is a mesmerising exhibition at State Library Victoria that showcases over 140 photographs from the collection, alongside creative responses from emerging and established Victorian storytellers to tell fascinating tales of Victoria through a contemporary lens. Displayed in stunning immersive detail, the photos of Rennie Ellis, Viva Gibb, Helmut Newton and more combine with the words, performance and sounds of Alice Skye, Christos Tsiolkas, Jason Tamiru, Walter Kadiki and other storytellers to produce new narratives of Victorian people and places. Please see website for further details: https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/mirror

CURRENT - SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Swan Bay Express Train Rides



20 Symonds Street, Queenscliff VIC

Sit back as the train traverses rural farmland on its way to Queenscliff and skirts the foreshore around Swan Bay during an 8km trip. Trains run most Sundays year-round and on selected public holidays. All trips are currently departing from Queenscliff Station only. On running days trips will depart at 11:00am, 12:00pm and 2:15pm. Seats may be limited and bookings are recommended: https://bellarinerailway.com.au/heritage-train-rides



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

Do you want to be the best at what you do, do you wish to sharpen your skills, refine your edge, and prove to the world you have what it takes.

SO DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE....

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Then this is the Section for you. Each month we will endeavour to find you avenues to compete with others and show off your work

CLOSING DATE: 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

Monochrome Awards



The Monochrome Awards is primarily aimed at people of whom photography is a passion and a way of life. It is a platform where professionals and amateurs can enter their shots amongst a sea of ambitious and creative community of photographers from around the world for a chance to win \$3000 and an opportunity to show their work to an international audience. Over a dozen categories allows adequate representation of photographers in several key areas. Please see website for info: https://monoawards.com/page/about-awards

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER of the Year 2023



There are already photography competitions inviting AI generated images, but our competition is not one of them. For us, part of the skill and art of landscape photography is being able to find and capture it yourself, or imagine and create it yourself. The key for this competition is that the landscape photographs are created by you and your inspirations, not software that works independently of you. Al generated images are not permitted because you are not the author of the content. Minor Al retouching is acceptable as long as it is not creating new content. Please see website for info: www.internationallandscapephotographer.com

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

Life Framer Photo Comp: BLACK & WHITE









Color photography may dominate in today's world, but there remains a special place for black and white. It is said that constraints fuel creativity, and stripping away color can bring focus to contrast, texture, shape and form, allowing us to see more sharply and feel more deeply. Please see website for more info: https://www.life-framer.com/competitions/

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024

Maitland International Salon of Photography

The 68th Maitland International Salon of Photography 2024 has six (6) Sections: 2 Print sections and 4 Digital sections.

PRINT SECTIONS:

Colour Prints (PSA-PPD-CA Large Prints) Monochrome Prints (PSA-PPD-MA Large Prints)

DIGITAL SECTIONS:

Colour Digital (PSA-PIDC)

Monochrome Digital (PSA-PIDM)

Nature Digital (colour or monochrome) (PSA-ND)

Colour People Digital (PSA-PIDC).

Please see website for info: https://maitlandsalon.myphotoclub.com.au/

EARLY BIRD CLOSING DATE: SUN 3RD DEC 2023

The Landscape Awards





Now in its second year The Landscape Awards, presented by SanDisk, is looking for Australia's and New Zealand's best landscape photographers. We're also thrilled to announce that, for the second year running, \$5 from each entry will be donated to the Australian Conservation Foundation to protect our precious natural landscapes into the future.

FOUR CATEGORIES: Landscape, Seascape, Aerial & Urban

\$22,000 PRIZE POOL: Includes \$8,000 cash, Eizo photo-editing monitors, OMSystem OM-1 and lenses, SanDisk prize packs and DJI Avata FPV drone

FINALISTS PUBLISHED: Top 20 entries in each category published in Australian Photography magazine and at www.australiaphotography.com.

OPEN TO: Australian and New Zealand amateur and professional photographers. EARLY BIRD ENDS 3 DECEMBER 2023 / ENTRIES CLOSE 28 FEBRUARY 2024

If you'd like to be part of it you can learn more please visit the website: www.thelandscapeawards.com.au

CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Life Framer Photo Comp: STREET LIFE



From the pulsing arteries of a bustling metropolis, to the quiet solitude of its empty backstreets. Glistening glass and steel, against crumbling brickwork and eroded stone. Life exists in the streets. Inspire us with street photography, and the insights it can uncover. Please see website for more info: https://www.life-framer.com/competitions/