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MARCH 2024

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BCC Easter Exhibition

Editor's Desk

It's March already, I can't believe how quick this year seems to be traveling. We have a month full of fun and practical events, the results from our From Behind Competition and our up-coming Easter Exhibition at Dudley House at the end of this month. We get to kick off this month's newsletter with the beginning of the Long weekend and there's quite a lot going on both locally and in locations across Victoria so I hope you all have the time to get out there and grab some great shots. So charge up your batteries everyone both emotionally and physical, and get out there and enjoy the weekend and most importantly have so fun. Happy snapping everyone, cheers.

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH: 7:00PM

Judging Night: From Behind

BCC Club Rooms - Weeroona Pavilion (Rowing Club), Lake Weeroona VIC
Join us to hear the results of our latest competition: *From Behind*.

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH: 7:00PM

Activity Night: A Mixed Bag of Easter Goodies

BCC Club Rooms - Weeroona Pavilion (Rowing Club), Lake Weeroona VIC
A good mix of fun to ease our way into the up-coming Easter period. The Camera House Crew will come for a quick talk, approx 30 minutes. Then we have more Still Life planned, this time we will supply you all with the station, and a range of Easter goodies for you all to create & photograph your own set-ups, to be judged later that night. So come along last time we did this it's was a lot of fun, especially for the chocolate lovers.

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

Club Trip: Chateau Tahbilk (near Nagambie)



254 O'Neils Road, Tabilk VIC

The Committee is currently planning a trip to Chateau Tahbilk Winery for the chance to hopefully members a chance to capture some shots for the up-coming competition Wine / Viticulture, due 11th April 2024. We will create a list for attendance and possible car pooling for up-coming meetings for those wishing to attend.

FRI 29TH - SUN 31ST MARCH

BCC Easter Exhibition

Dudley House - 60 View St, Bendigo VIC

Our Easter Exhibition at Dudley House will take place over the Easter Festival from Friday 29th March to Sunday 31st March. Set up will be on Thursday 28th March in the afternoon. Details regarding set up will come closer to the event.

Volunteering

We need volunteers to help with the following:

- Set up Thursday evening (details to come closer to the event),
- Working at the door which involves selling entry tickets, welcoming visitors, dispensing information about our club and taking image sales.
- Set down at the conclusion of the exhibition.
- The volunteer roster sheet will be available at coming meetings. You can email me or fill in the form at the next couple of club meetings.

There will be a screen set up with a rolling show of our digital images that volunteers will need to check regularly to ensure it is rolling!

For those exhibiting prints, please bring them in on Thursday eve. If this is a problem, please contact us. Also if you can't pick up your images on Sunday, please talk to a committee member. There will be a catalogue, so no need to create labels, but please make sure your name is on the back of your image. A big thank you to Garry Patterson for continuing to assist in the coordination of this exhibition.

TUESDAY 9ND APRIL: 7:00PM

Activity Night: Flash Basics

BCC Club Rooms - Weeroona Pavilion (Rowing Club), Lake Weeroona VIC

Brian Bird will be presenting on Basic Flash Settings & Techniques the first of our lighting series this year that will be covering a range of different lighting techniques to help members boost their skills for more creative portraits, still lifes and studio works.

TUESDAY 9ND APRIL: 11:45PM

May Comp Photos Due: Wine / Viticulture

BCC Club Rooms - Weeroona Pavilion (Rowing Club), Lake Weeroona VIC

Your entries are due for our third competition of the year: Wine / Viticulture. For those who attended our Still Life Activity Night last month, I hope this was of some help in practicing to set-up your shots and possibly glean some ideas. We have also planned a trip to Chateau Tahbilk Winery on Saturday 23rd March, in the hope that members could use the opportunity to get some shots. So if you haven't got your entries in yet, don't stress you still have some time to get them in.



A LITTLE FORWARD PLANNING

BCC COMPETITION DEADLINES 2024: 11:45PM

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. Esther has kindly created brief definitions for each subject to give an idea of the type of images we're looking for.

WINE / VITICULTURE Due Tuesday 11th April 2024

Capture the essence and artistry of wine in its various stages; from vines to vineyards to wine cellars to the glass.

DOORS & WINDOWS Due Tuesday 11th June 2024

Explore and capture the beauty, character, and stories found in doors and windows. They can convey a sense of place, history and human connection.

STEAM / VINTAGE Due Tuesday 13th August 2024

Explore and capture the nostalgia, beauty and character of steam-powered machinery, vintage vehicles and other relics from the past.

MACRO / CLOSE-UP Due Tuesday 10th September 2024

Capture the subject at a very close range, revealing intricate details and textures that are not easily visible to the naked eye.



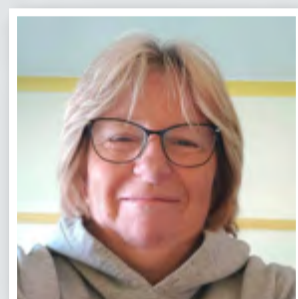
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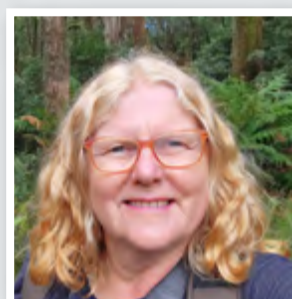
YOUR BCC COMMITTEE 2023 / 2024

All BCC Members are encouraged to get to know their Committee Members so they can approach them with any enquiries, 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.



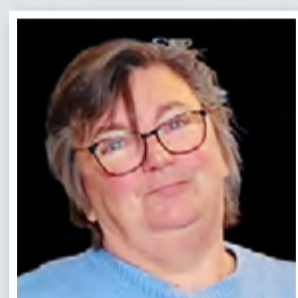
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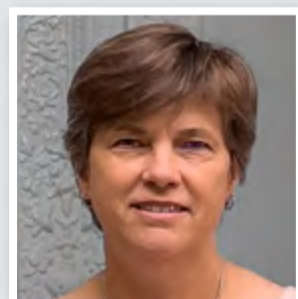
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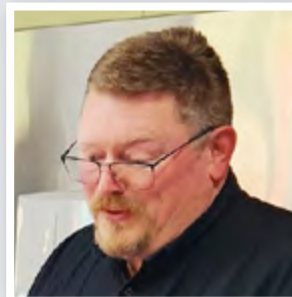
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DO YOU HAVE A POST FOR THE NOTICE BOARD

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: frissy33@gmail.com 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

2024 is Moving Fast

Welcome to another month isn't the year just flying by. How wonderful was it to see so many print entries on the judging night. It is fantastic to see that both new and long term members are feeling confident enough to enter their images.

There has been lots of chatter about the judging last month, whilst some will say this is not a good thing, I think that these discussions only help to teach us to be more aware of what we see and how we perceive things. A judge after all is simply another person like you and I, and we all see things differently.

The activity night was a great insight to Still Life photography. Thanks Brian you certainly managed to motivate people into having a play with objects at home. It won't surprise me to see lots of Stills life photography in our future competitions.

The Blue Lotus Gardens Trip

The Blue Lotus Gardens Bus trip sounds like it was lots of fun. The photos I have seen have been fantastic. A huge thanks to Pete for driving the bus. We are so lucky as a club to have members/partners that can and are willing to help us out.



VAPS Convention

VAPS competition entry lists have been sorted and some members will have received a request for print images.

This year the VAPS convention will be held in Bewrick in June, we will be looking into taking a group down to represent Bendigo this year. We will have discussions on this in the coming months.

AV (Audio Visual) Group

I have had a few conversations about an AV (Audio Visual) group forming if you are interested and haven't put your name down please come and see me. For those who have already inquired I will be sending out an email so we can start to discuss how to we move forward.

2024 Lighting Course

In the month of April we will be starting the first of our Lighting topics. Basic flash photography keep an eye out for this. It's something new that will continue throughout the year.

Quick Learning Session - Depth of Field

This months before meeting chats are about Depth of Field starts about 6.15pm on both Tuesday's. These are just a very general discussion to hopefully give beginners or those who are not too confident a chance to learn or talk about any problems they may have.

As always feel free to contact me anytime.

Pauline Moore BCC President 0413 968 793

BCC MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

SECONDHAND EQUIPMENT

Panasonic Leica Lens



One of our members, Peter Murrowood is looking to sell a Lens:
Panasonic Leica DG Vario-Elmar 100-400mm f4.0-6.3 ASPH Power OIS
Bought new, no longer used. Some signs of wear on zoom ring and body.
Price: \$400.00 negotiable.
If you require more info or wish to purchase please contact:
Peter Murrowood - mob: 0488 781 618

A LITTLE FORWARD PLANNING

FRIDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

VAPS Annual Convention 2024


Federation University Australia Berwick

VAPS holds an annual Convention every year where members of different clubs come together to learn more about photography.

Features of the Conventions include:


- Presentations by guest speakers who may be professional photographers or who may work in allied professions
- Workshops and outdoor location photo shoots conducted by experienced photographers
- The annual VAPS Interclub Competition
- Saturday evening Annual dinner and Friday evening pre-convention social event
- Presentation of awards for both years of service to one or more clubs, and for service to the photography movement in Victoria
- The Convention Booklet, which includes the following information:
 - Details of the Convention program
 - Profiles of the lecturers and judges
 - Recipients of VAPS year bars
 - Winners of the Interclub Competition
 - Details of the Interclub Competition entries

For details including registration visit the website: <https://www.vaps.org.au/online-registration-2.html>



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THUR 7TH – MON 11TH MARCH: VARIOUS TIMES

Moomba Festival

Various Locations, Melbourne VIC

Set on the banks of Melbourne's Yarra River, Moomba is an annual free festival held over the Labour Day long weekend in March. Australia's largest community festival, Moomba features a jam-packed program for the whole family including carnival rides, water sports, skating competitions, dance workshops, music and crowd favourite, the Moomba Parade.



Please see website for details: <https://moomba.melbourne.vic.gov.au/>

SATURDAY 9TH - SAT 10TH MARCH: 9.30AM - 4.30PM

Lost Trades Fair



Bendigo Racecourse - Heinz St, White Hills VIC

The Lost & Rare Trades Fair was established as an artisan lead event to provide a single platform for career artisans and traditional tradespeople to share their skills. The Fair showcases more than 150 makers, artisans, tradespeople and crafts men and women. Please see website for further details: <https://www.lostradesfair.com.au/>

SAT 9TH – SUN 10TH MARCH: 12PM - 9PM

Docklands Holi Festival



Ron Barassi Senior Park Playground - Docklands Dr, Docklands VIC

Prepare to immerse yourself in a kaleidoscope of colours and infectious energy at the Holi Festival at Docklands. This lively and vibrant event takes place on the Labour Day long weekend and is free to attend. The Holi Festival is all about the joyful and colourful throwing of powdered colours. Join the crowd in an epic colour battle that transcends barriers and brings people of all backgrounds together. Don't miss the mesmerising dance performances that showcase the rich diversity of Indian culture, delightful food stalls, arts and crafts. Limited freebies: free Holi t-shirts and colour packets. Please see website for details: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/docklands-holi-festival-2024-registration-754525464977?aff=oddtcreator>

SATURDAY 9TH - MONDAY 11TH MARCH: 10AM - 5PM

Newport Workshops Open Days



Newport Railway Workshops - Champion Road North Williamstown VIC Main Gate At Watertower Opposite Cemetery.

Here's our members chance to capture possible images for our September Competition: Steam/Vintage by joining Steamrail Victoria and experiencing 135 Years of Melbourne's History at Newport Workshops. See what their volunteers do behind the scenes and get up close and personal with the heritage locomotives and carriages. See 30 STEAM LOCOS ON DISPLAY over two sites! Steamrail Victoria's A2 986, D3 639, K153, K183, K190, R711, & R761 in steam! - See them operate up close, view the cab, blow the whistle and meet the volunteer crew. 132 year old Y112 – On display under overhaul. 17 Steam locomotives statically preserved at the Newport Railway Museum, K160 from the Victorian Goldfields Railway and J541 under long-term restoration and R707 from 707 Operations and Steamrail's R700 on display. Please see website for further details: <https://www.steamrail.com.au/opensdays>

SATURDAY 9TH MAR: 5:30PM - 7PM & 8PM - 9:30PM

Groove Tram - Caitie Kellett



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

SUNDAY 10 MARCH: 10AM - 4PM

Taradale Mineral Springs Festival

Taradale Mineral Springs Reserve - Cnr High & Jackson Sts, Taradale VIC

The Taradale Mineral Springs Festival is on again for 2024! Recognised as one of the best family attractions in Central Victoria, the Festival will be held on Sunday 10th March, 2024. For a \$5 entrance fee (over 15's), visitors can enjoy fine wine, diverse cuisine, arts, crafts, a classic car show, spinning wheel, a huge raffle and entertainment for the whole family. All proceeds go to Taradale Community projects. Please see website for details: <https://www.facebook.com/taradalemineralspringsfestival>


SAT 9TH - MON 11TH MARCH: 10AM - 5PM

Ballarat Begonia Festival




Ballarat Botanical Gardens - Gillies Street, Wendouree VIC

The 3 day Ballarat Begonia Festival held over the Labour Day long weekend will take place in the iconic Ballarat Botanical Gardens, celebrating the city's rich horticulture heritage and boasting a line-up of demonstrations and talks led by a roster of celebrity presenters and industry experts. Showcasing a signature collection of rare begonias, the Conservatory display will return, playing homage to the redevelopment of the Ballarat Fernery – one of Australia's oldest ferneries. Please see website for details: <https://ballaratbegoniafestival.com/>



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SAT 9TH - MON 11TH & SAT 16 - SUN 17TH MARCH

Arts Open 2024

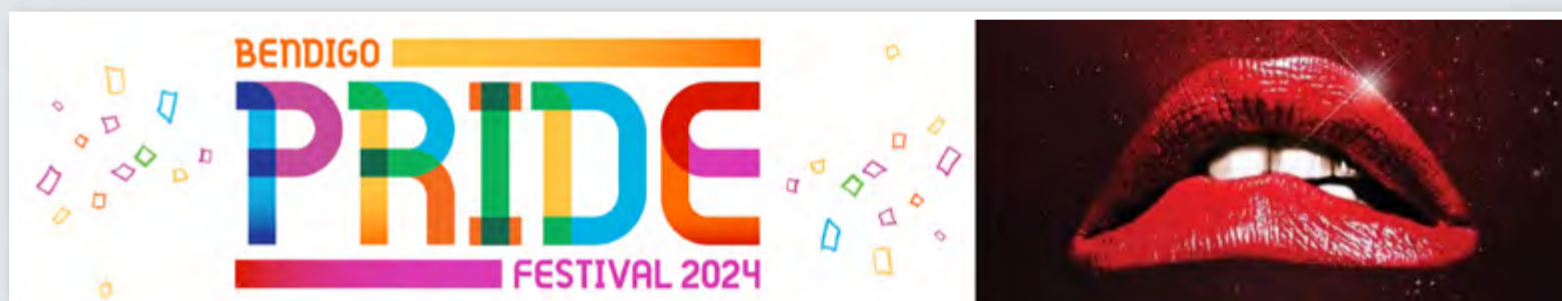


Various Times & Locations - Castlemaine & District VIC

Offering a rare opportunity to visit studios and galleries within the greater Castlemaine region, behind the scenes, meet artists in their natural habitat, discuss their artwork and techniques, and purchase directly from the artist. Please see website for details: <https://artsopen.com.au/>

WED 13TH - SUN 24TH MARCH: VARIOUS TIMES

Bendigo PRIDE Festival



Various Locations - Bendigo VIC

Bendigo Pride returns for two weeks of arts, culture, events, ideas and parties! Highlights include: a celebration of 50 years of The Rocky Horror Picture Show with three events with Nell Campbell (Columbia), the Australian premiere of Musik by Jonathan Harvey and Pet Shop Boys, the Bendigo Queer Film Festival, Pride In The Park and much much more! Full program is now available! Please see website for further details: <https://bendigopridefestival.com.au/>

FRI 15TH - SUN 17TH MARCH: VARIOUS TIMES

Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival

Various Locations in Eaglehawk VIC

Beautiful dahlia displays, captivating art, entertainment, and a sense of community. When visiting, the Dahlia and Arts Festival promises a fantastic experience for everyone. It Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival kicks off with a spectacular Gala Parade that will fill the streets with color, music, and community spirit.



Be part of this celebration and witness the creativity of colorful floats, performers, and local groups coming together to spread joy, followed by a family-friendly event in the Canterbury Gardens. Please see website for details: <https://eaglehawkfestivals.com.au/>

SAT 16TH - SUN 17TH MARCH: 11AM - 8PM

Meatstock



Bendigo Showgrounds - 74 Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC

If an offset smoker and an electric guitar had a baby, it would be a Carnivore's Paradise of BBQ, Music and Madness and it would be named Meatstock. It's a sensory explosion that combines the best live-fire barbecue experts and pitmasters in the country with an epic lineup of live music, entertainment, and competitions. Home to the biggest line up of Barbecue experts and Pitmasters ever assembled in Australia. Black Iron Smokers, Carolina Smoke, Flaming Grills, Fancy Hanks, Red Gum BBQ, Brazilian Flame, Crossdales BBQ, Hangry Wolf and many more will fill the air with the intoxicating smell of barbecue. Apart from the meat and music, Meatstock promises an action-packed festival experience like no other. The Professional Bull Riding will be showcasing at all Australian Meatstock events, where cowboys brave the toughest 8 seconds in sports. For those with a hearty appetite, check out the Competitive Eating Zone, featuring the sausage sizzle throwdown, burger eating contests and hot wing challenges, to name a few. For some alternative hilarious showdowns, enroll or spectate in the Beard and Moe Wars, Mullet Comps, and Dad Bod Contests. And, of course, Meatstock wouldn't be complete without its legendary Butcher Wars and Barbecue Wars, along with the ultimate test of strength in Strongman and Woman. It's a mixed bag of eclectic entertainment and stand-offs you simply cannot see anywhere else. Please see website for details & tickets: <https://meatstock.com.au/bendigo/>

SAT 16TH MARCH - SUN 14TH JULY: 10AM - 5PM

Paris: Impressions of Life 1880 - 1925

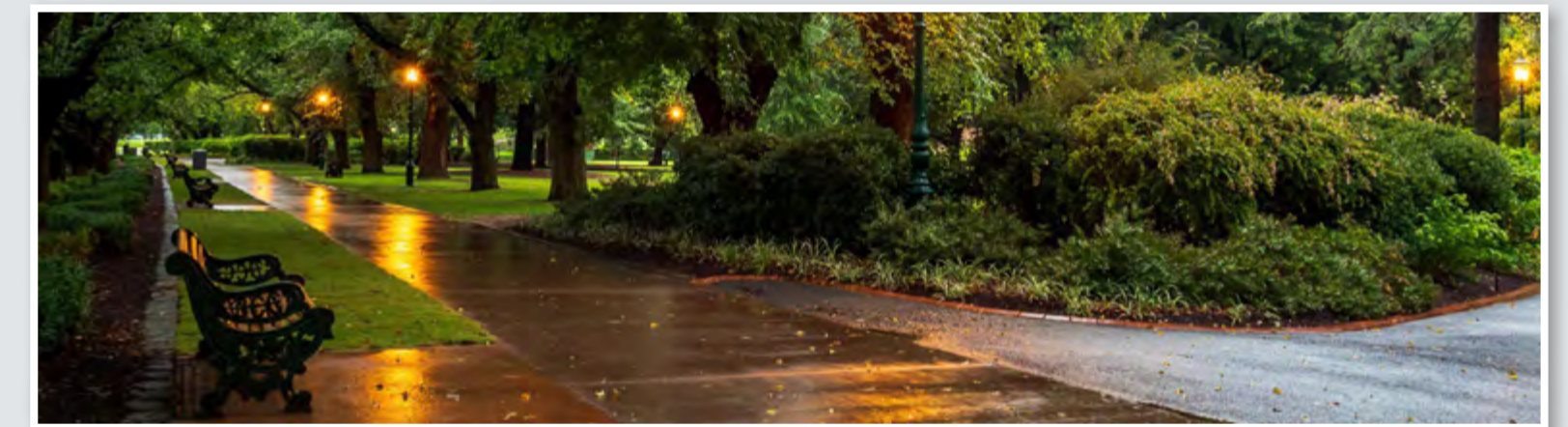


Bendigo Art Gallery - 42 View Street, Bendigo VIC

Exclusive to Bendigo Art Gallery, Paris: Impressions of Life 1880–1925 takes visitors on a journey through the lively and picturesque streets of historic Paris. The busy banks of the Seine, bustling marketplaces, grand boulevards, idyllic public gardens, and the heady atmosphere of bohemian Montmartre are brought to life in more than 170 works of art and artisan objects. From the renowned collection of the Musée Carnavalet, the iconic museum of the history of Paris, this exhibition reflects on an effervescent period of great social change, urban development and artistic innovation which shaped modern Paris and continues to capture the global imagination. Please see website for further details: <https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/bendigo-art-gallery>

SATURAY 16TH MARCH: 10AM - 12PM

Intro to Photography



Rosalind Park - Bendigo VIC

A two hour photography workshop covering the basics with one of our Club Members, Joel Bramley to help photographers stop shooting in Auto! Tickets are \$70 per person. Please see website for further details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/395787659711949/>


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SATURDAY 16TH MARCH: 2PM - 4:30PM

Dean Haitani & Jo Jo Smith



Central Deborah Goldmine (76 Violet Street), Bendigo VIC

Enjoy the sights of Bendigo's architecturally stunning CBD from on board the sensationally restored vintage Class tram 610, while being serenaded by class acts. Please see website for further details: <https://www.bendigo-region.com.au/explore-bendigo/events/bendigo-blues-tram>

SAT 16TH & 23RD MARCH: 6:30PM - 11:15PM

Blues Train Queenscliff



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

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/>

MONDAY 18TH - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH: 1PM - 5PM

Targa Classica



RACV Goldfields Creswick - Creswick VIC

Driven by a passion for classic motor cars, incredible landscapes, Victoria's best driving roads, and amazing food and wine, Australia has added its flavour to the passion inspired by the world's oldest motor races built on over 100 years of European classic driving history. Please see website for details: <https://targaclassica.com/>

FRI 15TH - SUN 24TH MARCH

Melbourne Food & Wine Festival



Various Locations & Times

Australia's biggest and best festival of food and drink is back from 15th to 24th March – and you're invited. With so many events to choose from there's bound to be something for everyone. Please see website for further details: <https://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/>

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH: 11:30AM - 4PM

Holi (Festival of Colours)



Golden Square Pool - 14a Maple St, Golden Square VIC

The 2024 Holi Festival (Festival of Colours) is back, festival entry is FREE, however, due to limited venue capacity, each attendee must book a ticket. It is a free no-alcohol and smoke-free family event featuring cultural food, drinks, activities, live music, dhol/drums, and DJ to entertain guests from all ages. Please see website for details: <https://www.iab.net.au/holi/>

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH: 11AM - 6PM

Bendigo Latin Festival 2024



Garden for the Future - White Hills VIC

Bendigo Latin Festival 2024 is a family and pet friendly event that will bring a bit of Latin America to Bendigo. We will again provide regional Victoria with a flavour of our countries and cultures through music, dance, dance workshops, food, piñatas, and the opportunity to purchase products representative of our countries. Please bring lawn/camping chairs or picnic blankets to enjoy this experience on the Garden's lawn. Please see website for further details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/401671305599454/>

SAT 23RD – SUN 24TH MARCH: 11AM - 3PM

Celebrity Sausage

Fed Square - Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne VIC

The great Aussie tradition of putting a snag on sliced white meets the ingenuity and flair of some of the nation's best-loved performers, entertainers, athletes and cooks.




Watch a group of your favourite stars (Daen Lia, Art Simone, Clare Bowditch, Remy Hii, Sarah Todd, Chyka Keebaugh, Daniel Gorringer and Charlie and Ed Curnow among them) to design their dream sausage sandwich, loading them up with serious sizzle on some of Bakers Delight's finest. Part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. Please see website for details: <https://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/>

MONDAY 25TH MARCH: 3PM - 5PM

Library Cinema - Casa Susanna


Library at The Dock - 107 VIC Harbour Promenade, Docklands VIC

In the 1950s and '60s, an underground network of transgender women and cross-dressing men found refuge at a house in the Catskills of New York. Known as Casa Susanna, the house provided a safe place to express their true selves. Please see website for details: <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/libraries/whats-on/Pages/library-cinema.aspx>



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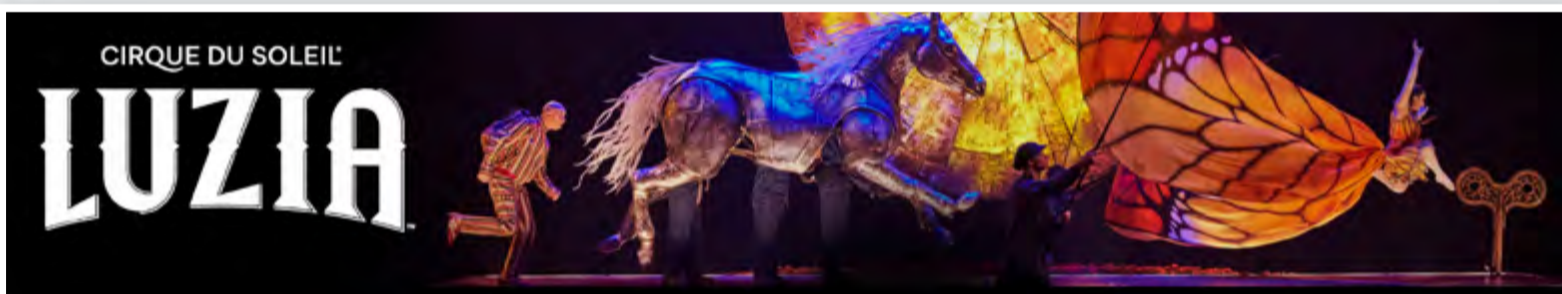
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Cirque du Soleil: Luzia



Flemington Racecourse - 448 Epsom Rd, Flemington VIC

Cirque du Soleil's jaw-dropping production Luzia Incorporates grand visual surprises and breathtaking acrobatic performances, taking audiences on a vibrant journey through worlds filled with wonders, playfulness and striking artistry – cleverly bringing to the stage multiple places, faces and sounds of Mexico taken from both tradition and modernity. Please see website for details: <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/australia/melbourne/luzia/group>

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH: 7PM - 10PM

Night Cityscape Workshop



Flinders Street Station Clocks - Melbourne VIC

You will learn over this 2½ - 3 hour workshop about how shutter speed, ISO and aperture all work together to create awesome dreamy night photos. Meet Ben at the Flinders Street Station Clocks, then walk to Swan Street Bridge and back, taking long exposure photos along our way. Capturing night cityscape long exposure photos ain't always easy, I'll show you how on this hands on workshop, you'll learn by doing I believe it is the best way to learn. See Facebook site for more details and to book: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2130187643982561/>

CURRENT – SUNDAY 24TH MARCH: VARIOUS TIMES

PHOTO 2024: International Festival of Photography

Various Locations - Melbourne VIC

The award-winning biennale PHOTO 2024 features 100 free exhibitions and outdoor artworks to explore across seven Festival Precincts in Melbourne, as well as five cities in regional Victoria. Addressing the theme, 'The Future Is Shaped by Those Who Can See It'. PHOTO 2024 is presented in partnership with over 50 museums and galleries including ACMI, State Library Victoria, Museum of Australian Photography, and the Centre for Contemporary Photography.



Please see website for further details: <https://photo.org.au/>

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Enlighten



The Great Stupa - Bendigo VIC

Enlighten is an immersive light experience that transforms our Peace Park into a unique lightscape. With light displays throughout the garden and light projected on the Great Stupa, it is an exclusive opportunity to enjoy a starry evening after dark at the largest Buddhist stupa outside Asia. Our next Enlighten celebrates EASTER on Thursday 28 March – The Great Stupa is celebrating with illumination, live music, delicious food and entertainment for the whole family. You may even spot the Easter bunny! It is an exclusive opportunity to view the Great Stupa after dark, but more than that, an event that sheds light on all beings. Lama Zopa Rinpoche has said "The Great Stupa will enlighten the world." Tickets: \$15 Adult (16+) | \$6 Child (3-16) | \$39 Family (2 adults + 2 children) | \$0 (Children under 3). Please see website for further details: <https://stupa.org.au/enlighten/>

FRI 29TH MARCH - MON 1ST APRIL: VARIOUS TIMES

Bendigo Easter Festival



Various Locations - Bendigo VIC

Commencing in 1871, the Bendigo Easter Festival is one of Australia's longest-running community events. The Bendigo Easter Festival is filled with fun and excitement the whole family will enjoy, and after visiting this annual event it is sure to become your family's Easter tradition! Please see website for further details: <https://www.bendigoeasterfestival.org.au/>

FRI 29TH - SUN 31ST MARCH: 11AM - 10PM

Holi Festival 2024



Ron Barassi Snr Park (West) - Docklands Dr, Docklands VIC

Celebrate unity in diversity on the occasion of Holi – festival of colours. Enjoy three days and nights of celebrating with colours, music, dancing, multicultural performances, food and drinks, and much more. Bring your positive energy and vibe to the music, sway to the beats and colour everyone with Holi colours. Please see website for details: <https://holifestivalmelbourne.com.au/>

SAT 30TH MARCH: 9:30AM - 1PM


Zephyr & Zodiac Club Melb - 50th Anniversary

Lake Wendouree Ballarat - Lake Wendouree, VIC

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Zephyr and Zodiac Owners Club of Melbourne Inc., the club is hosting their fourth International Convention. Including participation from enthusiasts of Ford Consul, Zephyr, Zodiac and Granada vehicles from around Australia.




Please see website for further details: <https://zzocm.com.au/>



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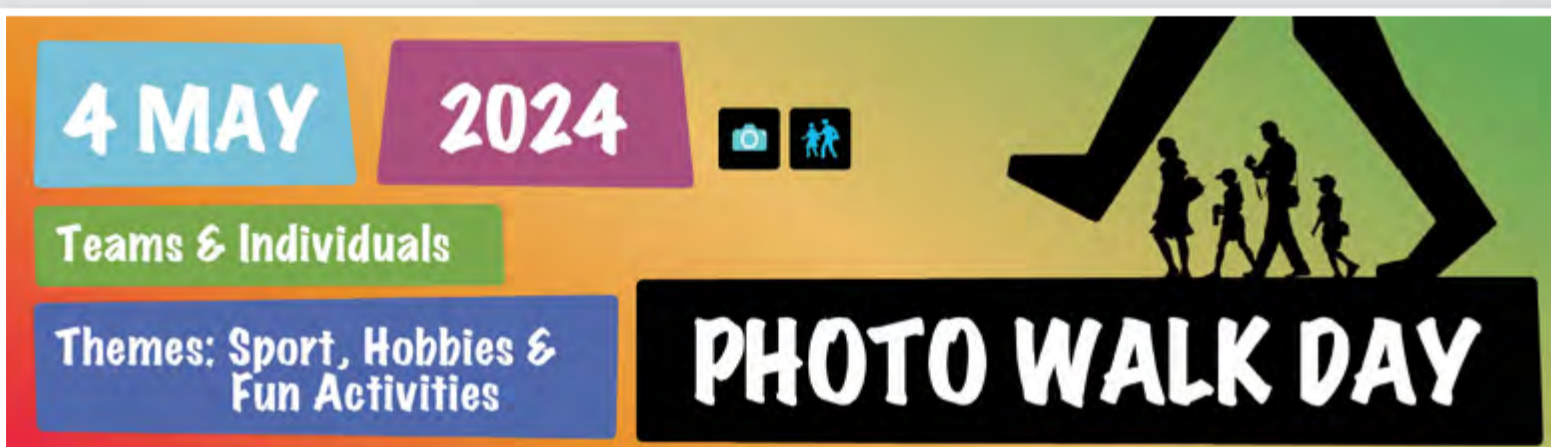
Bendigo Easter Festival

Southern Cross & Bendigo Railway Stations - VIC

Join Steamrail on a day trip from Melbourne to Bendigo behind steam locomotive R711 and heritage diesel locomotives S313 & T334. Train departs Southern Cross Station at 8.00am and arrives in Bendigo at 11.33am. Return journey departs Bendigo at 4:40pm and arrives back in Melbourne at 8.09pm. Please see website for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1098891814697179/>

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024

APS Photo Walk Day 2024



4 MAY 2024

Teams & Individuals

Themes: Sport, Hobbies & Fun Activities

PHOTO WALK DAY

Australia Wide

Official launch: Join us for the official launch of the 2024 APS Walk Day hosted by APS President Greg McMillan, 1 May 2024 7.30pm Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney. This is an opportunity for hints and tips for the day to capture your best images and to answer any questions on the event.

Register for this zoom event on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcitrz4jG9NnaJyvfKMtqJ6A0LtwmY87>

Theme: Sport, Hobbies and Fun Activities

What do many people do on a Saturday? They take up an opportunity to participate in a sport or activity or just get out and about and have fun. Please see website for further details: <https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/events/photo-walk-day>

SAT 6TH 10AM - 5PM - SUN 7TH APRIL: 10AM - 4PM

Bendigo Bricks 2024



Bendigo Exhibition Centre - Showgrounds, Holmes Rd, North Bendigo VIC

Bendigo Bricks brings over 120 LEGO® fans from around Victoria and Australia to display their fantastic creations in Bendigo. As well as an array of over 150 amazing LEGO® builds on display, Bendigo Bricks 2024 will include our new expanded Bendigo Brick Market featuring a range of retailers selling everything from LEGO® bricks and minifigs to new, retired and hard to find sets. Our Fun with Bricks play area will also be back, and we will be raising funds for FairyBricks with our Lucky Bricks too. Please see website for details: <https://bendigoluq.com.au/bendigo-bricks/>

SAT 6TH - SUN 7TH APRIL: 9:30AM - 3:30PM

Traditional Watercolour Paint Making



Centre for Rare Arts & Forgotten Trades - Bradshaw Street, Ballarat VIC

Learn to make watercolour paint with pigment and paint maker Jeremy Parker. This workshop is an introduction to the incredible art of watercolour paint making. This two-day workshop will give you all the information you need to go home and start making your own paints. You will learn the fundamental steps involved in watercolour paint making – everything from safety measures, pigment types, and binder making, all the way to paint grinding, preserving, and storage options. At the end of the workshop, you will take home six full pans of lovingly handmade watercolour paints consisting of handmade pigments. Please see website for details: <https://www.raretradescentre.com.au/events/watercolour-paint-making/>

STARTING SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2024

Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience



The Briars, Mount Martha VIC

Adventure Into An Illuminated Forest. A nighttime woodland trail experience filled with magical creatures and wizarding wonders from the Harry Potter™ and Fantastic Beasts™ films. Please see website for further details: <https://hpforbiddenforestexperience.com/melbourne/>

SAT 6TH APR: 5:30PM - 7PM & 8PM - 9:30PM

Groove Tram - Steph Bitter



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

11TH - 14TH APRIL: 11AM - 8PM

Starrcast Downunder

Mining Exchange - 16 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat Central VIC

Oceania Pro Wrestling (OPW) brings the much-anticipated arrival of Starrcast, the world-renowned wrestling convention, to Australian shores for the very first time. Scheduled just one week after WrestleMania 40, Starrcast Downunder, in partnership with OPW, promises four days of electrifying fan engagement and top-tier wrestling action across various venues in Ballarat. Approximately 12 wrestling legends and 30 talented Australian and international wrestlers will make Starrcast Downunder a must-attend event. Please see website for details: <https://www.oceaniaprowrestling.com/>



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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. Please see website for further details: <https://puntingonthelake.com.au>

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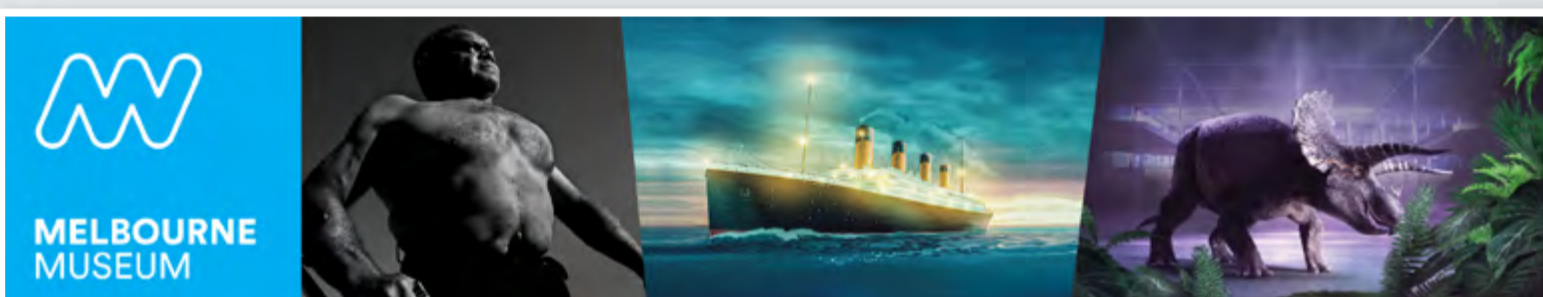
CURRENT EXHIBITIONS - MELBOURNE

Melbourne has a vast array of exhibitions offering social commentary, story telling and so many insights to where we've been, where we are and often where we may be heading. As photographers we should always consider the social and human connection to our story telling, even for images that don't contain people. So if you ever find yourself in Melbourne and have the time, try to get to some of these wonderful events, you may just find them inspiring and helpful to your own photography.



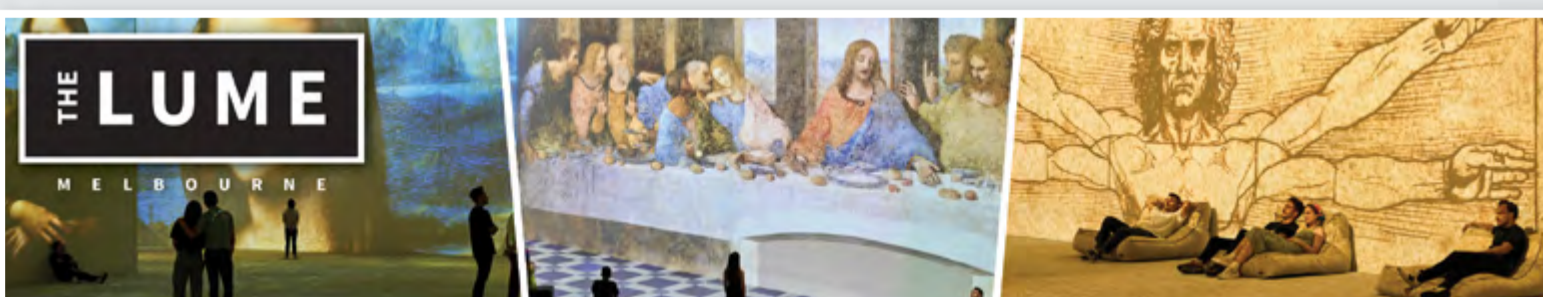
ACMI - Flinders St, Melbourne VIC

Open daily 10am - 5pm the ACMI is a key location for Exhibitions, Films, Festivals, Workshops, Talks, often centred around modern forms of the art of modern medias. Well worth a visit for budding and experienced photographers. To check what's currently available please see their website for details: <https://www.acmi.net.au/whats-on>



Melbourne Museum - 11 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC

Open daily 9am - 5pm the Melbourne Museum offers up a broad depth of subjects, often based in Science, Nature, History and Arts. To check what's currently available please see their website for details: <https://museums.vic.gov.au/melbournemuseum/whats-on/>



MCEC (West end) - 5 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC

Ranking among Melbourne's most-loved and most-visited attractions, THE LUME Melbourne immerses visitors into the world's finest art at a jaw-dropping scale. The experience's featured come from a broad range of visual and musical artists, representing large collections of creative visualisations. For current exhibitions and more information, please see their website: <https://www.thelumemelbourne.com/whats-on>

CURRENT - SUNDAY 24TH APRIL: VARIOUS TIMES

BBC Earth Experience



MCEC - 1 Convention Place, South Wharf, Melbourne VIC

Experience an unforgettable journey through the natural world and explore the extraordinary diversity of our seven unique continents. Narrated by David Attenborough, features breath-taking footage. Please see website for details: <https://bbcearthexperience.com/melbourne>

CURRENT - SUN 19TH MAY: 10AM - 7:30PM

Steve McCurry, Icons



Main Shed, Seaworks Maritime Museum, 82 Nelson Pl, Williamstown VIC

Famed photographer Steve McCurry will exhibit more than 100 of his photos, including his famed Afghan Girl image, in Melbourne this month. ICONS features more than 100 large-format photographs of McCurry's most iconic images, spanning 40 years of the photographer's work. Please see website for details: <https://stevemccurryicons.com/melbourne/#tickets>



National Gallery Victoria - 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC

The Ian Potter Centre - Fed Square, Melbourne VIC

The Fox - 77 Southbank Boulevard, Melbourne VIC

With three locations The NGV has a vast expansive space for a broad range of art exhibitions from past, present and leading into the future. For those who often find themselves visually inspired these galleries clumped so closely together offer a wealth of everchanging inspiration. For current exhibitions and more information, please see their website: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/>



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OLD TREASURY BUILDING



Old Treasury Building - 20 Spring St, East Melbourne VIC

With a long history in Victoria, the Old Treasury is widely regarded as one of the finest 19th century buildings in Melbourne, what better place to host exhibitions of vast historic value. Please see website for details: <https://www.oldtreasurybuilding.org.au/whats-on/exhibitions>

CURRENT - SUN 19TH MAY: 10AM - 5PM

Wildlife Photographer of the Year 59



National Wool Museum - 26-32 Moorabool Street, Geelong VIC

The world-renowned exhibition on loan from the Natural History Museum London is on display at the National Wool Museum. See the world through a new lens. Explore the planet's habitats, from sprawling urban metropolises to the deep polar seas, and meet the creatures that rely on these places. Come face to face with species at risk of extinction as well as those we've brought back from the brink. See first-hand how human activities, both good and bad, are shaping the natural world we rely on. Please see website for bookings & details: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-exhibition-tickets-748163395857?aff=oddttdcreator>

CURRENT - SUNDAY 24TH MARCH: 10AM - 4PM

Viewfinder: Effy Alexakis



Hellenic Museum - 280 William Street, Melbourne VIC

Effy Alexakis is one of Australia's leading portrait and documentary photographers, who has chronicled the Greek-Australian experience since the early 1980s. Viewfinder: Effy Alexakis is a survey of the artist's 40-year-long practice and the themes that have underpinned her personal and professional journey to understanding her cultural heritage, delving into the nuances of the Greek-Australian identity, with stories of migration, self-determination and unity through difference in a country of meshed diasporas. Please see website for details: <https://www.hellenic.org.au/exhibitions>

CURRENT - WED 27TH MARCH: 11AM - 5PM

Kathrin Longhurst: Women to the Front

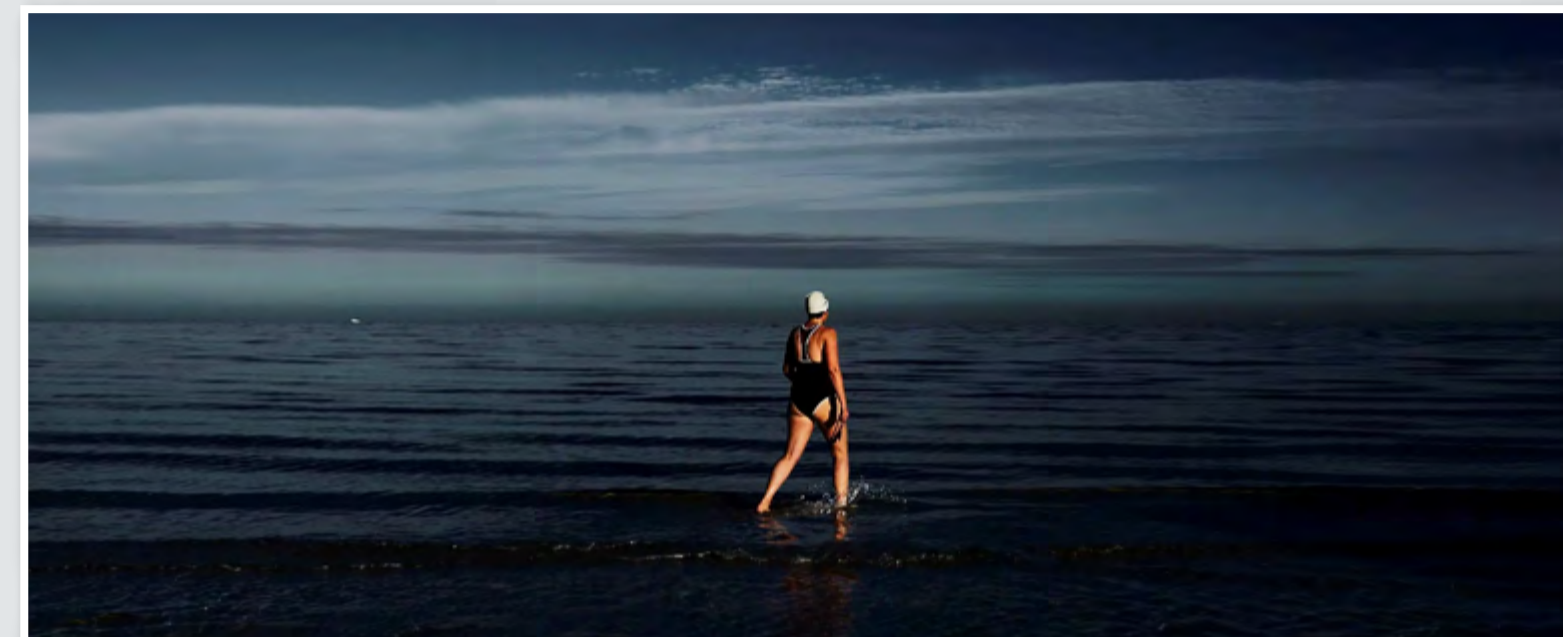


Flinders Lane Gallery - L1, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC

Women to the Front is an exploration of the multifaceted roles women play in society. Through oil and mixed media on linen, acclaimed Sydney artist Kathrin Longhurst weaves together textured backgrounds and figurative paintings to create a narrative about women on the frontlines, their battles, and their unyielding strength as trailblazers and change-makers. This is an official International Women's Day Cultural Program exhibition. Please see website for details: <https://www.flg.com.au/exhibition/women-front>

WED 13TH - SAT 23TH MARCH: VARIOUS TIMES

Jason Reekie: The Unknown Swimmer



Fortyfivedownstairs - 45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne VIC

The Unknown Swimmer was born in the frigid waters of Port Phillip Bay in the grip of a Melbourne winter. Stemming from a slightly drunken conversation, a gauntlet was thrown down. The challenge – to swim the whole year through. Jason Reekie's camera, encased in an underwater housing and ungainly to handle, initially came along as a distraction from the cold but it quickly became evident that something special was happening. The sea is transformative, and cold water a physical and metaphorical challenge to embrace. Tuesday – Friday: 12pm – 7pm, Saturdays: 12pm – 4pm. Please see website for details: <https://fortyfivedownstairs.com/event/the-unknown-swimmer-2/>

THURS 7TH MAR – SAT 13TH APRIL: 11AM - 5PM

Valerie Sparks: Sanctuary

Gallerysmith - 170-174 Abbotsford St, North Melbourne VIC

Audiences are transported into an expansive and theatrical environment that celebrates the power and remarkable beauty of Australian flora in this exhibition by Valerie Sparks. Populated with radiant images of red flowering gums, pink proteas, white waratah, magnolia grandiflora and other native plants, the Sanctuary 3 series blurs the boundaries between fantasy and reality. This powerful series pays homage to the achievements of nineteenth and twentieth-century women botanical artists including Margaret Anderson Hope, Ellis Rowan, Mariane North, and Louisa Anne Meredith and their contribution to understanding biodiversity and the natural world.



Please see website for further details: <https://gallerysmith.com.au/exhibitions/>



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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.

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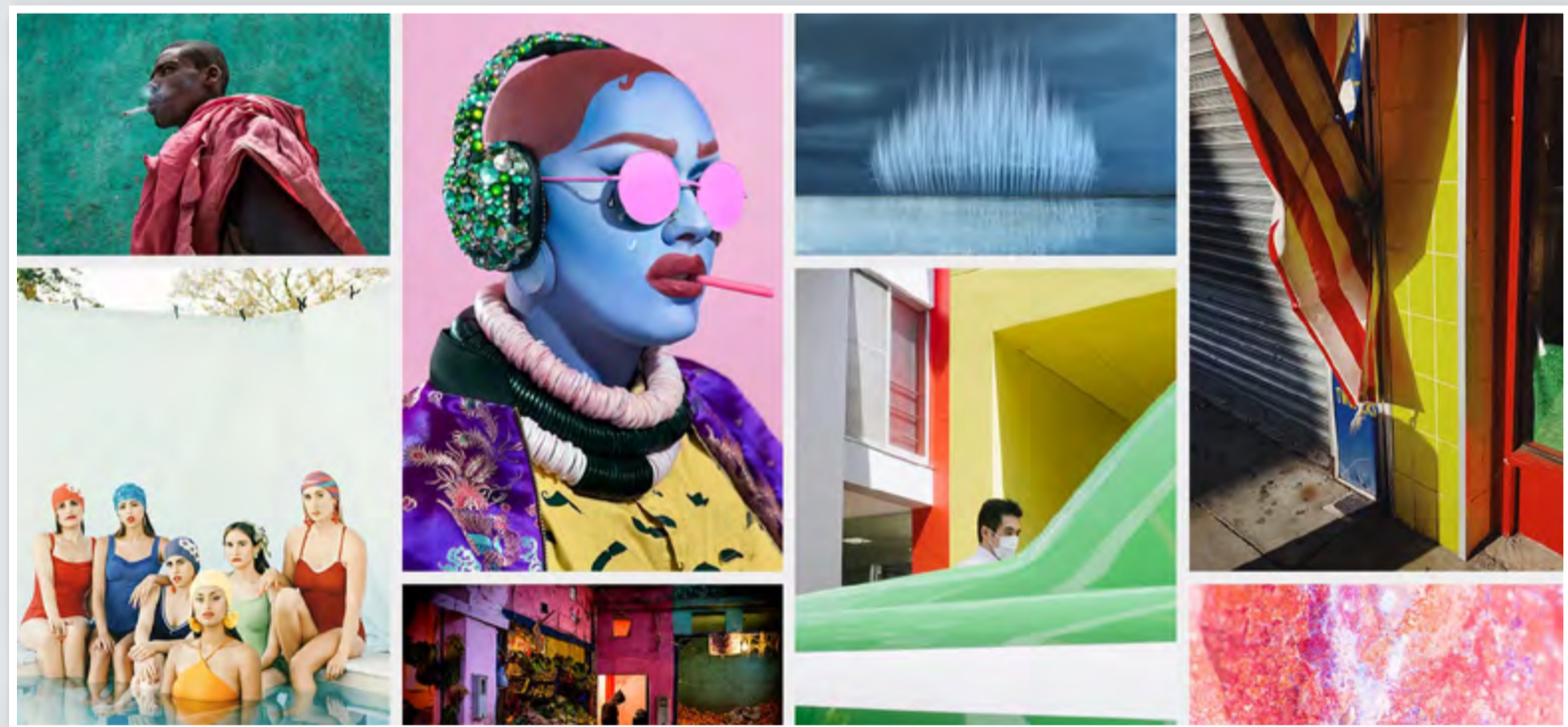
THE RIGHT STUFF



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: SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

Life Framer Photo Comp: COLORS



Life is a stream of color. Red, blue, yellow, and a billion pigments in between! We are looking for color-inspired photographs...literally and figuratively. A scene, a detail, a narrative or mood. A single tone or a technicolor daydream. Urban street scenes, portraits, travel adventures, landscapes, editorial, conceptual, still life... Color our lives. Please see website for more info: <https://www.life-framer.com/competitions/>

CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2024

Life Framer Photo Comp: BLACK & WHITE



Color photography may dominate in today's world, but there remains a special place for black and white. Stripping away color can bring focus to contrast, texture, shape and form. The best black and white photography allows us to see more sharply and feel more deeply. From the great masters to you. The history of black and white photography is long, but it continues to be written. New or from your archives, of any style and genre, and taken with any camera. Please see website for more info:

<https://www.life-framer.com/competitions/>

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2024

<https://apsauscup.myphotoclub.com.au/>



The great Australian Photographic Challenge is on!

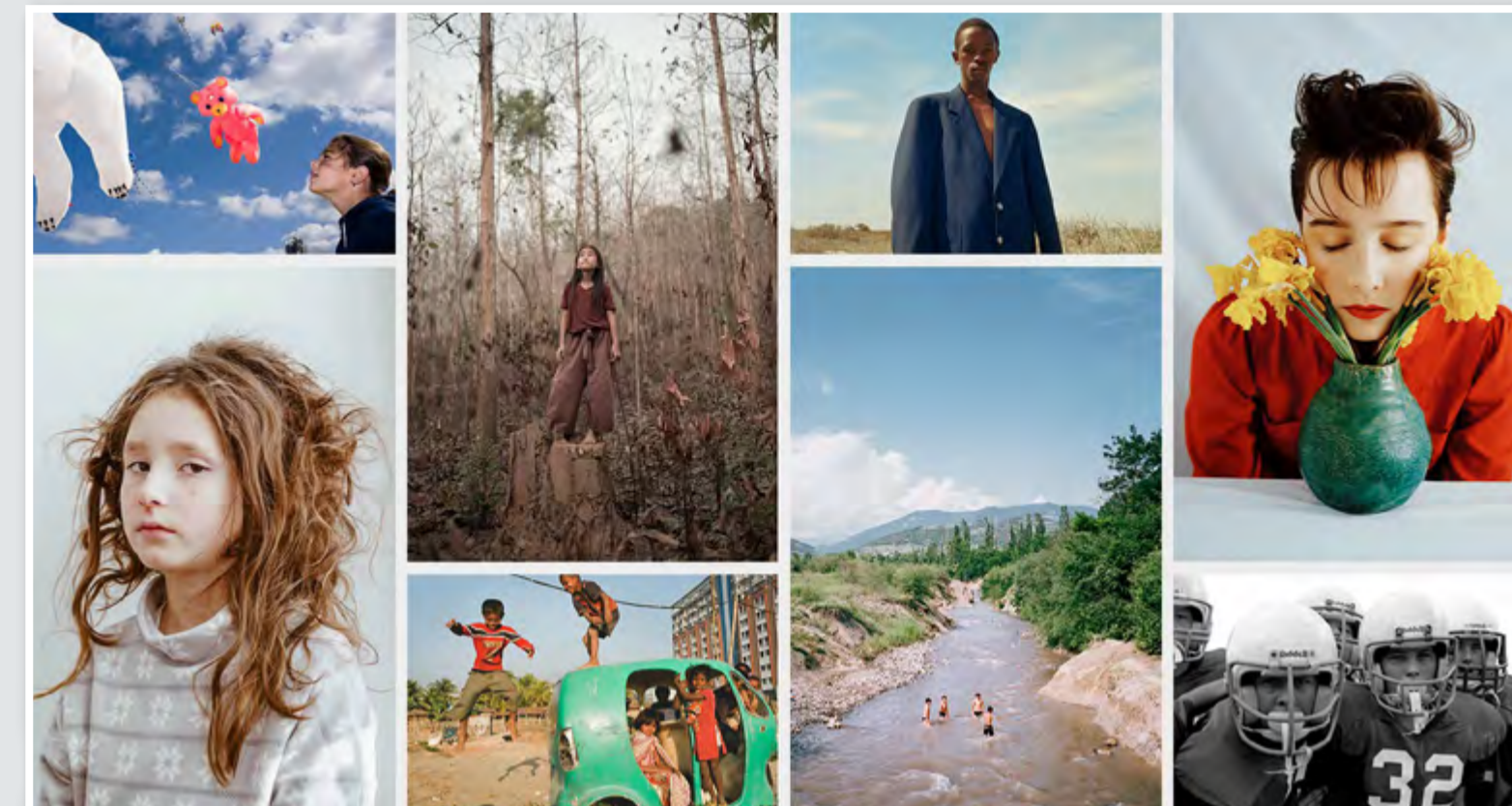
THEME: THIS IS AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN CUP - opens 1 March 2024

The great Australian Photographic Challenge is on. We are looking for the best images from Australian Photographic Club members both as a club and as individual photographers. This is an opportunity for clubs to showcase their best work and to promote themselves. There will be 10 awards for clubs and 29 awards for individual photographers presented and the judging will be done by three international judges. This is an opportunity put your clubs work on the global stage. All you need to do is chose 20 of the best images made by club members and enter by 31st May 2024. Please see website for more info: <https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/exhibition/australian-cup-for-clubs>

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 2024

Life Framer Photo Comp: YOUTH



We don't arrive fully formed. From birth to toddler to child, teen and pre-adult – life is an exploration and we're moulded in our youth. Dreams, fears, freedom, experimentation, play... The theme is as broad as you want it to be. The only limitation is to capture a scene or a detail that shows habits, experiences or behavior of the young. Portraiture, studio, candid, conceptual, documentary, street. All genres welcome. Show us youthhood, from any perspective! Please see website for more info:

<https://www.life-framer.com/competitions/>

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE 2024

The Mono Awards



The Mono Awards are now open for 2024, Closing Date Sunday 2nd June, (Early Bird entry ends Sunday 24th March). There are three categories: People, Places and Animals. You can enter one or more categories as many times as you like. For more information about the categories check the terms and conditions. IMAGE REQUIREMENTS: Images must have been captured on or after 1 January 2022. (Yes, we do check EXIF data.) Images should be in JPEG (.jpg) or PNG (.png) format and at least 2500 pixels on the longest edge. File size must be no larger than 5MB. Do not include watermarks, logos or any other branding on your images. Please see website for more info: <https://www.themonoawards.com.au/>