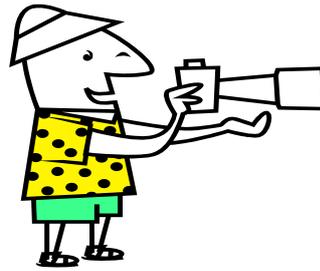


Thru The Lens



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The official
newsletter of
Parklands
Photographic Club

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www.parklandsphotoclub.org.au

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Hi and welcome to 2009.

This is the first newsletter for the year and I'm excited to say that there are some great things ahead for our club.

As we approach a week of 40+ degree temperatures –feeling hot, bothered and drained of energy – I thought I'd remind you of how you felt 6 months ago: cold, dark, lacking energy, and grumpy ("Can't wait for Summer to arrive"). Back in Winter, the photography issue with the weather and season meant it wasn't very pleasant outside and the daylight hours were limited. There's always an excuse for not practising with your camera: the weather's too hot (what about indoors, with some lovely diffused window light?), the sun's too contrasty (make the most of the extended twilight hours when the sun's low on the horizon and the temperature's a lot cooler), I'm too busy (c'mon seriously? – a photo may only takes 1/1000 of a second!). I'm not here to lecture – but let's start the year taking some great shots and then improve on them. I'm looking forward to seeing your best at next month's meeting.

Cheers, Paul

What The Duck



Club news

- **Parklands Print of the Year**

The 2008 Parklands Print of the Year, Photographer of the year and Runners-Up Awards were awarded at the end of year function.

Congratulations to:

***2008 Photographer of the Year:
Mathew La Sala***

Runner-Up: Paul Grinzi

Third Place: Kath Kelly

Print of the Year:



Bromo Caldera panorama – Paul Grinzi

- **2009 end-of-year function**

Despite cooler than expected weather, our club enjoyed a social BBQ/lunch in December, rounding up a successful year.

For once, most cameras were put aside, but the BBQers didn't escape:



2009 membership fees

As per the decisions by the club at the AGM, Parkland's membership fees for this coming year will be:

- ▶ \$30 per adult
- ▶ \$20 per child (under 18) - must have guardian
- ▶ \$50 per family
- ▶ \$10 discount for memberships for 2nd half of the year (from July)

In addition, the club voted to introduce a \$1 per person per meeting contribution to the 'tea and refreshments' – to off-set the costs of the drinks and snacks that are provided each meeting.

2009 ideas / members views

Will be planning on polling our members (yes, you!) regarding a few things soon, including location for the March 'Hunt and Shoot' location, 'excursion' ideas, feedback regarding the 'end-of-year function', 'Print of the year' process etc. A survey will come out next month, but if there's anything else you'd like included – to be voted on, gets ideas for, etc – please let me know and I'll include it. Of course, the committee is always happy to receive any feedback (good and bad) in person or via email.

Workshops – participants and helpers needed!

As you may notice (from the program on the next page), we are running our first workshop this coming Sunday (Feb 1st).

It is similar to last year's workshop - ***10 ways to take a better photo***. The cost is \$10 pp (includes refreshments), but we're encouraging everyone to join the club for \$30/year and the workshop is included.

If you know of any friends, work colleagues, family, arch-enemies, etc that have received a new camera for Christmas, have been disappointed with their photos, or just would like to improve their photography – then invite them along.

If you are free THIS Sunday between 1.45 and 4pm – we'd love your assistance: making newcomers welcome, explaining a little about the club, etc. Don't worry, you won't have to present the workshop itself!

Sponsors wanted

It's a new year and many businesses are starting to think about marketing. Our club's no different and we're looking to develop some partnerships with local businesses – if you know of anyone who runs a café, works in a retail shop, provides services, then why not approach them about becoming a club partner – we can promote them on our website/newsletter and they might be able to donate a product/service/wall space (for an exhibition) etc. Kath and Paul are happy to sort out the details, but getting a contact is the first step and any help in this area is appreciated.

2009 Sydney Road Street Party

For the second year running, Parklands will be manning a stall at the Sydney Road Street Party. We need as many members as possible to help out on the day – so please keep Sunday 1st March free. The festival starts at midday but we'll need to set up beforehand. Last year, we had enough to roster everyone on for a couple of hours – allowing all plenty of time to wander around and take some photos!

If you want to see some photos from last year's effort – have a look at last Feb's newsletter:

<http://www.parklandsphotoclub.org.au/News/2008/Thru%20The%20Lens%20-%20Feb%202008.pdf>

Information about the Street Party can also be found at:

<http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au/srsp.htm>

February meeting

Our first (regular) meeting will be held on Thursday 12th Feb. The theme is 'Open' and you may bring your (up to) four entries on the night. Our judge will be speaking about 'Shooting on the Run'. Don't forget your membership fees too.

2009 committee

Committee:

President	Paul Grinzi
Vice President.....	Nick Condon
Secretary	Kath Kelly
Treasurer	Joe Gizzi

Other roles:

Work Steward	Kath Kelly
Assist. Work Steward	Mathew La Sala
Bookings Officer	Sarah Grinzi
Refreshments Officer	Cheree Dodsun
Newsletter Editors	Sarah & Paul Grinzi
Advertising Officer	Kath Kelly (with assistance from Ray Jenner)
Website Officer	Nick Condon
Fundraising Officers	vacant
New Members Officer	Ray Jenner



2009 program

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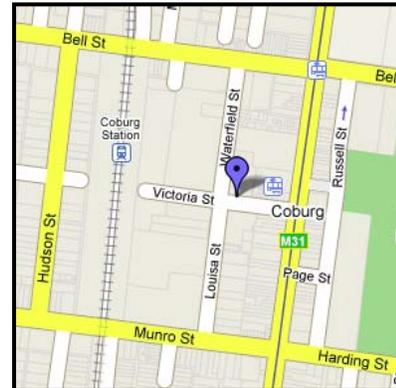
President: Paul 0411581120

Work Steward: Kath 0421630138

**Coburg Library Meeting Room:
Meetings commence 7.30pm**

**** Visitors welcome ****

**Yearly Membership *only*:
\$30/adult, \$50/family, \$20/junior
(under 18s – must have attending parent/guardian)**



Monthly Meeting dates for 2009, and competition 'themes'

Thurs Feb 12 - "Open"
Thurs March 12 - "Self portrait"
Thurs March 26* - 'Hunt and shoot' photo review night
Thurs April 16* - "Animals"
Thurs May 14 - "Open"
Thurs June 11 - "Patterns in nature"
Thurs July 16 - "Water"
Thurs August 13 - "Open"
Thurs Sept 10 - "Architecture"
Thurs Sept 24* - Parklands/Preston interclub night
Thurs Oct 8 - "A touch of red"
Thurs Nov 12 - Annual General Meeting
5th / 6th December (TBA) - end of year BBQ and Awards

... 'Open' related to any topic of the photographers choosing

* ... Dates that don't fall on the 2nd Thursday of the month: March and July

Workshops dates for 2008 (\$10 non members, free with 2009 membership)

Sun Feb 1 - 2-4 pm: "10 ways to take a better photo"
Sun March 15 - 2-4 pm: "10 ways to take a better photo - repeat"
Sun Oct 11 - 2-4pm: topic TBA

Outings and excursions

Sunday March 1 - Sydney Road Street Party
Saturday March 14 - 'Hunt and Shoot' (location/subjects TBC)
May 16 & 17 - VAPS Muster at Macedon Ranges
September 12 & 13 [TBC] - VAPS at the Ballarat Foto Bieniale

*Sometimes disappointed in how your photos turn out?
Want to get more out of your new camera?*

Parklands Photographic Club invites you to

Ten ways to take better photos workshop

*Real examples
Run by local photography club
Live demonstrations
10 essential tips to improve
your photography*

*Aimed for beginners, novice
& intermediate photographers*

*Suitable for film, digital
'point and shoot'/compact
and SLR camera users*



Sunday February 1st 2009
1.50pm for a 2pm start, until 4pm

Coburg library meeting room
Cnr Victoria and Louisa Streets,
Coburg 3058 (Mel: 29 H1)
Duration – 2 hours
(including refreshments)

Cost only \$10,
free with 2009 membership
Bookings essential
(limited numbers)

To reserve your place, contact Paul:
parklandsphoto@people.net.au
0411581120



Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

- ***Order and disorder: Archives and photography***

See works by artists who explore the idea of archives as complex, living and occasionally mysterious systems of knowledge. Several of the selected artists act as archivists, collecting and ordering their own unique bodies of photographs, while others create disorder by critiquing the ideas and systems of archives. 18 Oct–19 Apr 09; Cost Free; Venue Photography Gallery, Level 3, National Gallery of Victoria International (St Kilda Road)

- ***Lens-a-thon at Vanbars***

Vanbar Imaging (in North Melb) are providing an opportunity to try out the top end lenses from the top brands in March (20th-21st). You BYO camera body and you can try out the latest and greatest in their studio. You can even get a free print of your favourite shot.

See <http://www.vanbar.com.au/lensathon.htm> for details.

- ***No standing, only dancing – photographs by Rennie Ellis***

This free exhibition (until Feb 22) is being shown at National Gallery of Victoria at Federation Square, featuring social documentary images from the 1970s and 1980s.

Website of the month

- <http://www.photoawards.com/> - This competition received over 22,000 submissions. The winners are available for viewing. It certainly worth looking at these types of shows – thinking ‘how did they do that?’, ‘what can I learn from this great shot?’
- http://www.lifehacker.com.au/tips/2008/10/21/calibrize_gets_your_monitor_calibrated_in_three_steps-2.html - **Calibrize** is a free program that allows you to calibrate your computer monitor. It’s not as good as a hardware monitor calibration tool – but certainly better than an uncalibrated monitor – where the colours you see on the screen don’t match the colour of the file/prints or other screens.

Quote of the month

A photographer's reality is what he or she wants to show.

- Fred Picker. Photographer.
Grace Schaub interview with Fred Picker.
Photographer's Forum February 1990:20-21