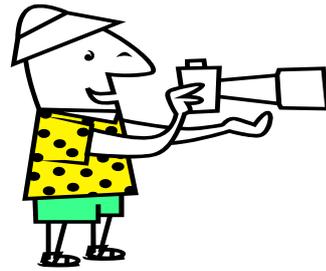


Thru The Lens



June 2009



The official
newsletter of
Parklands
Photographic Club

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Hi

Wow, it's the end of June already! I hope you've had fun getting your 'water' images ready ... it's everywhere, it's just a matter of working out how best to portray your vision of this 'fluid of life' within your images.

I've mentioned it in the newsletter – but double check the date for our next meeting: it's the 16th July (the *third* Thursday).

I'll leave you with a quote from a [photographer](#) I've been reading on the web, "There's no getting around it. Patience is the most important tool in the photographer's tool kit. You don't very often get the opportunity to just stumble upon a perfect shot. You have to study the subject, find out when the light is right, decide where you can position yourself to get the best angle and then wait on the shot. The problem is that too many photographers are only interested in the low-hanging fruit. Metaphorically speaking, the really great stuff is always at the top of the tree. No matter what kind of photography you practice – patience is required."

Have fun ... and be patient.

Cheers, Paul



June competition results – *Patterns in nature*



Corn
First place – Mathew LaSala



Peppercorn
Second Place – Darce Cassidy



Calistamon's curls
Third place – Paul Grinzi



Black Saturday
Highly commended– Kath Kelly

Highly commended (cont):



Eye of the peacock
Joe Gizzi



Heartfelt freedom
Emi Taylor



Mushroom Magic
Kath Kelly



Natural Beauty
Joe Gizzi



Pineapple
Mathew Lasala



untitled
Madison Cottier

Club news

- **July meeting**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th July**. Please note, **this is the third Thursday of the month** (due to the school holidays). The theme is 'Water' and you have until Sunday (5th July) to submit your photos (up to 4) to Kath (0421630138). Remember to prepare/bring along your photos for the following month (theme = "Open").

- **Photowalk - July 18th**

You are encouraged to join in the fun during the local photowalk (run by Paul Grinzi), which is part of the *Worldwide Photo Walk Day - Sat July 18th*. There are currently only 12 spots left. For information and registration, go to <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/melbourne-brunswick-vi-au/>.

- **Mule café exhibiting**

Our club has been invited to exhibit some framed prints at Mule café (146 Sydney Rd, Brunswick). The club is keen to take up this offer and will be arranging our first exhibition soon. If you are interested, contact Paul (parklandsphoto@people.net.au) or Kath (0421630138) ASAP. More details are available in May's newsletter – available on our website.

- **October workshop**

We are glad to announce that the topic for our October workshop has been finalised. We will be running a 'Photoshop' workshop – which to focus on demonstrating various techniques (requesting by YOU) using YOUR photos. The techniques will range from basic processes to more advanced stuff, and whilst it will be conducted using the Photoshop program, the concepts should be transferable to many other programs. More details closer to the dates, but if you are interested in software image enhancement, keep the date (Oct 11th) free (and spread the word!).

Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

- ***Otways in focus - Otways Tourism 2009 Photographic Competition***

The competition is open to all. All shots are to be taken within the highly attractive Colac Otway Shire. There is a valuable set of prizes on offer including a total of \$1000 in cash, and over \$3000 worth of tourism prizes such as accommodation in the area. ENTRIES CLOSE September 14th 2009. More info: <http://www.otwaysinfocus.com/>

- ***Jetstar Photographic Competition***

The airline, Jetstar, is currently running a photography competition that is free to enter and has some great prizes. There are numerous categories and 'destinations' to submit some entries. Have a look now and submit your favourite images. Details available at: <http://www.jetstarphotocomp.com/>. Entries close July 31st 2009.

- 2009 Murrurundi Keddie's Pastoral Photographic Prize**
 The Murrurundi District Arts Council invites photographers to submit works in this competition. Entrants to the prize are asked to interpret this year's theme – **WATER** - in black and white, with a focus on the significance of water in the natural environment. Entries close **Friday June 26th 2009**. Details: <http://www.murrurundiphotographicprize.com.au/>
- 'Thanks Dad' photography competition**
 This photography competition aims to capture that special moment between the child and the man in their life. More info and entry forms available at <http://www.thanksdadphotos.org.au/>. The Thanks Dad Photo Competition closes on August 25th.
- You are the light exhibition - Brunswick**
 Drew Pettifer is a Melbourne-based photographer who is exhibiting 72 images at our local Counihan Gallery (next to Brunswick town hall). Until July 5th.
- THREE FANTASIES exhibition**

DEBORAH HALLY
 SAYRAPHIM LOTHIAN
 TEBANI SLADE
 THREE FANTASIES

Opening at Obscura Gallery
 Sunday 5th July
 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Deborah Hally, *Another Country*, Inkjet Print

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THREE FANTASIES brings together the work of three photographic artists exploring themes of fantasy, memory and the imagination. Through photographic experimentation and the use of diverse production techniques, Hally, Lothian and Slade create visual mind fields of colour, ideas and stories

Websites of the month

- http://theonlinephotographer.typepad.com/the_online_photographer/2009/06/depthoffield-hell.html - a nice summary of 'depth of field'. There's a bit of waffle at the start – just skip ahead to the 'End-Around' subheading.
- <http://users.telenet.be/kixx/> - not photo-related, but I thought this was a clever website anyway!
- <http://photojojo.com/content/guides/how-to-look-good-in-pictures/> - a simple list of tips for the better self-(or other) portrait shots.

Quote of the month

"A photograph never grows old. You and I change, people change all through the months and years but a photograph always remains the same. How nice to look at a photograph of mother or father taken many years ago. You see them as you remember them. But as people live on, they change completely. That is why I think a photograph can be kind."

-Albert Einstein

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Has your Photography Club thought about an organised group trip away?

To a place where you are surrounded by breathtaking scenery offering magnificent photo opportunities, a wonderful variety of year round events, festivals and markets, fantastic accommodation options and mouth watering food and wine. And all of this coupled with unsurpassed hospitality ...

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You can see more on our website...www.mansfield-mtbuller.com.au

The Mansfield-Mt Buller region has long been a popular destination for photographers and artists. No matter what the season, I can guarantee you that our amazing landscape will afford you with images that will totally take your breath away – and give you unsurpassed photo opportunities.

The township of Mansfield is a great base from where you can explore the region. It is central to many of our unique towns, quaint villages, lakes, rivers and the High Country, all of which offer their own special appeal. You really must visit to experience it for yourselves.

We'd love to assist with organising your stay. Accommodation, activities, functions and information – it's all at our fingertips. ***And to further entice you, speak with me about the club incentives program to find out what we can offer if your club is considering a visit to our region.***

So what are you waiting for? We are just a two hour drive from Melbourne and are easily accessible from most regions in Victoria. Why not rally your club members and join us for a short break or long weekend and take home some truly magical memories from Victoria's High Country.

For further details contact me on e-mail industry@mansfield-mtbuller.com.au or phone freecall **1800 039 049**. I really look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Jenni Sparnon.

Industry Liaison Officer

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