

# CAULFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

"Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important and capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just take another shot."

— Unknown



Image of the Month, February Geoff Edwards – Questioning Cat All Competition Images can now be seen at https://www.caulfieldphoto.org/blog/february-2021-club-completion-winners

# MARCH IN SUMMARY

One of the great things about on-line meetings is that we now have the opportunity to extend our judging pool by using interstate judges.

This month we had our first interstate judge, Dr. Roy Killen, adjudicating our Monochrome Competition. With the creation in Victoria of the APJA, we have become accustomed to a consistent approach to judging, so using an interstate judge did provide us with a different style than we have become

accustomed to over the last few years. Congratulations to everyone who entered images, and to those who received awards.

Our second speaker of the year, club member Paul Robinson, gave a talk on how to take Portraits when you don't have flashes, or other lighting equipment. Paul covered the various ways you could use natural lighting to your advantage, including very dull, flat light, through to strong sunlight. He also discussed what can make an image stand out, and what to avoid.

Discussion and Advice Night had about 12 members join. A discussion about the upcoming Competition, Smoke, led us to ask, what can be considered "smoke"? Mario sent an email to clarify, which stated "Steam, clouds, mist and fog can be excluded, but otherwise if it looks like smoke (even if it's not in the strictest sense), it can be considered smoke."

We discussed shooting in Shutter Priority Mode and how this mode works. We went over ways to overcome limitations that can occur in certain conditions. Last, Kath covered how to create different layers in photoshop after a request to be shown how to get a new background. This also covered ways to deal with selecting hair when layering. We were also shown ways to alter the background to create different effects. For the complete novices it has given them a project to attempt.

Following on from Paul's talk on natural lighting, we had a field trip to Rippon Lea Estate to practice Portrait Photography. We were given early entry to the gardens, so we had the place to ourselves for an hour, and even with the slightly inclement

# Calendar 2021

#### March, 2021

29<sup>th</sup> Judging Keith Seidel (SA) Complimentary Colours

Entries Due Comp 3 Smoke

### Apríl, 2021

- 7<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 12<sup>th</sup> Speaker Heather Prince
- 19<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Judging Brett Ferguson Smoke

Entries Comp 4 Due Feeling Blue

27<sup>th</sup> Portraiture Education Session - Alan Moyle Hosted by Camberwell Camera Club

### Мау, 2021

- 5<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 10<sup>th</sup> Speaker David Gilliver Fireworks
- 16<sup>th</sup> Field Trip Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens
- 24<sup>th</sup> Judging Lesley Bretherton Feeling Blue

Entries Due Comp 5 Isolation

# Calendar 2021

#### June, 2021

- $3^{rd}-5^{th}$  VAPS Convention TBC
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bokeh & Selective Focus Workshop
- 16<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 20<sup>th</sup> Field Trip Monash Gallery of Art

21<sup>st</sup> Judging Craig Parker (NSW) Isolation

### July, 2021

- 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop Macro
- $\begin{array}{ll} 11^{th} & Club \ Lunch-Venue\\ & T.B.A. \end{array}$
- 14<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 16<sup>th</sup> Digital Entries for Paul Robinson Trophy Due
- 19<sup>th</sup> Judging Paul Robinson Trophy Prints Due on Night
- 26th Committee Meeting

### August, 2021

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Suburbs Interclub Hosted by C.P.S. Judge – Wolf Marx
- 8<sup>th</sup> Field Trip/Workshop Motion Blur/Panning
- 11<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 16<sup>th</sup> Judging Tuck Leong Bokeh/Selective Focus

weather, about 15 of us attended. We put our newfound knowledge to good use with our models for the day, Eleanor, Rebecca (Barb's daughter), Emily and Joy.



Jarod not only arranged for three of the young ladies to model, he stepped up to help with suggestions on how to get the best out of the lighting conditions and on using the environment to our advantage. As the day progressed, we all became more confident with asking the models to pose and ladies also became more confident following our instructions.

I'd also like to confirm that being President holds little sway when, for a shot, you try

to borrow an umbrella whilst it's raining (thanks Prue). I will book another day with Rippon Lea for May, and I'll bring my own umbrella.

### **Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting – 19th April

If there are any matters you would like addressed, please email Sharni.

### **Club Competitions**

For all Competitions https://www.caulfieldphoto.org/syllabus

### March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Entries Due Competition 3 – Smoke

https://www.lightstalking.com/how-to-photograph-smoke/

https://expertphotography.com/steam-smoke-photography/

### April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Entries Due Competition 4 – Feeling Blue

Blue can be a colour, feeling or even a musical style. Feel free to explore and take your image in any direction. Think creatively, but make sure that that your image conveys the concept of "blue" in a recognisable way and no, a blue-tone monochrome won't cut it!!).

# Calendar 2021

### August, 2021 con't

- 16<sup>th</sup> Camberwell Camera Club - 10 Club Portrait Competition
- 30<sup>th</sup> Speaker Sam Mariani

### September, 2021

- 4<sup>th</sup> Field Trip: Point Nepean
- 8<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 13<sup>th</sup> Judging Adrian Whear Give me the Night

Entries Due: Motion Blur

20th Committee Meeting

27th Speaker - D. Bassett

### October, 2021

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Trip Alowyn Gardens
- 6<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night
- 11<sup>th</sup> Judging Vicki Moritz Motion Blur

Entries Due: Unusual Viewpoint

25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> November Melbourne Cup Weekend

# **Club Meetings 7.30pm - April**

All Zoom Invites will be sent 24 hours prior to meetings

March 29th - Judging - Keith Seidel (SA) - Complimentary Colours

- April 7<sup>th</sup> Discussion & Advice Night. <u>Please email any questions or topics that you would like to covered</u> <u>to Gwen</u>
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Speaker Heather Prince Still Life Photography
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Judging Brett Ferguson Smoke
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Portraiture Education Session Alan Moyle Hosted by Camberwell Camera Club

As part of the 10 Club Portrait Competition, we are invited to this online session. Zoom details will be forwarded closer to date.

## **Field Trips**

Due to Easter, there are no field trips scheduled. However, if anyone is heading out for a day, and feels like company, let me know and I will send out an email.

# **Other Competitions**

Email for advice, if required.

Trierenberg Super Circuit 2021. Closes 29 March 2021 https://www.photocontest.at/

Mullins Conceptual Art Prize – Closes 23<sup>rd</sup> April https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/exhibition/mullins-conceptualphotography-prize

Tricontinental International Photo Circuit USA-Australia-China 2021 Closes 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 https://theiaap.com/tricontinental/

The Mono Awards. Closes Sunday 13 June 2021 https://www.themonoawards.com.au/

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