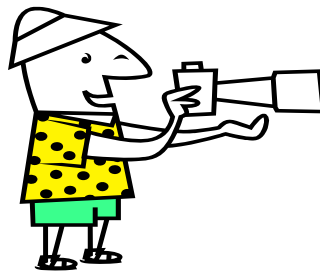


Thru The Lens



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Hi folks!

Sorry for the late newsletter this month – I've been unwell.

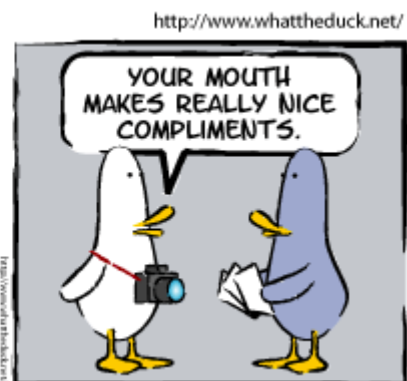
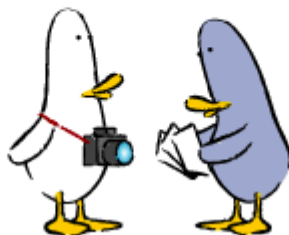
There's plenty of opportunity to view/exhibit/participate in various photography events that are coming up in the next month or two – plenty of details in this newsletter.

I was struck by a quote I heard recently, "95% of equipment is better than 99% of photographers". I thought this is an important concept to consider – that we can improve a lot more, not buy chasing the latest and greatest equipment, but by improving our own understanding and photographic technique with the equipment we've got. Remember that some of history's greatest photos were taken with equipment 'inferior' to today's simplest compact camera.

Lastly, there were a couple of images that were 'highly commended' by our August judge, but were forgotten on the night – the judge apologised for omitting them when he announced the place-getters. All the correct place-getting and highly commended images are showcased in this newsletter.

Cheers, Paul

What The Duck



<http://www.whattheduck.net/>

July competition results – *Open*



Georgia
First place – Clem Warren



Richard
Second Place – Joe Deguara



Since the dawn of time
Third place – Paul Grinzi

Highly commended:



Cheeky monkeys
Kath Kelly



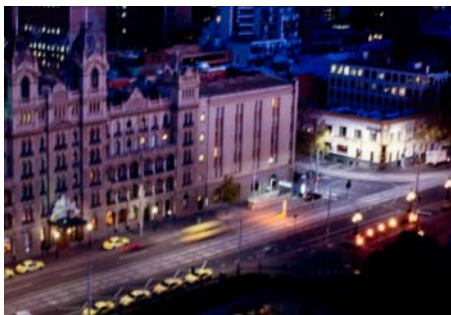
Face in waterfall
Joe Gizzi



Pastely moments
Emi Taylor



The climb
Paul Grinzi



The Winsor
Clem Warren



Autumn in Alphington
Katriona Fahey

Club news

- **September meeting**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th September**. The theme is 'Architecture' and you have until Sunday (tomorrow, 30th) to submit your photos to Kath (0421630138). The meeting format will be a bit different – much more interactive with some practical stuff too! Remember to prepare/bring along your photos for the following October meeting (theme = "A touch of red").

- **Parklands-Preston interclub**

Our club will be hosting Preston Camera Club this year in September (24th). Mark it down in your calendar – it's always a good night and we want to ensure we have a good crowd from our club.

- **Club Outing: *Ballarat Foto Biennale – September 12-13th***

Our club is planning on attending this second yearly photography event (which goes all month) on the above weekend. If you wish to catch up in Ballarat, please email me and I'll let you know what we're up to. More info about the all-month event can be found [here](#).

- **October Photoshop workshop: October 11th**

Paul will be running a 2 hour workshop using the Photoshop CS4 program to demonstrate some basic to intermediate techniques for photo editing. More info will come next month, but the workshop aims to include examples of members' photos – so start thinking about any techniques you'd like demonstrated on *your* photos.

Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

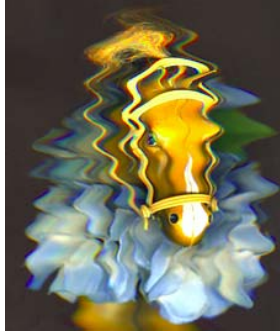
- ***National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010***

The National Portrait Gallery invites all Australian residents to enter the National Photographic Portrait Prize 2010. The exhibition will be displayed in the National Portrait Gallery building from 19 February to 26 April 2010 and will subsequently tour to a select number of Australian capital cities and regional centres. The Prize is an annual event intended to promote the very best in contemporary photographic portraiture by both professional and aspiring Australian photographers. Entries close 1 November 2009. With the generous support of Visa, the National Portrait Gallery is offering a prize of \$25,000 for the most outstanding photographic portrait. Further info is available at: <http://portrait.gov.au>

- ***Free Officeworks classes***

There are "Free 'How to' Classes" run in all Officeworks stores (except Collins St CBD) each Sat and Sun at 11am. Sessions are free spaces are limited. Visit www.officeworks.com.au

- **'Head Land' exhibition, by Chantal Faust @ [Jenny Port Gallery](#)
2 - 26 September 2009**



The images for this exhibition have been created without a camera and continue her work with a flatbed scanner as an image-making machine. Where the lens-based camera requires distance in order to see, the eye of the scanner demands immediate proximity. These images use this guise of apparent closeness as a means to explore changing notions of looking and desire associated with the contemporary viewing of photographs.

- **'Rejuvenation' competition – Yarra Valley Ranges**

Yarra Valley & The Dandenongs Marketing are running a free to enter Spring Photography Competition 'Rejuvenation' from August 15 to September 19. Photograph this beautiful time of year in the Yarra Valley & surrounds and upload your best photo online. There are two entry categories – Junior (for entrants up to 18 years old) and Open (for entrants of all ages), and fabulous valuable [prizes](#) to be won. Many tourism operators are offering '[specials](#)' for photographers entering the competition during this 5 week period. More info:

<http://www.yarrawallevnow.com.au/howtoenter/>

- **Simon's cat competition**



Here's a fun competition. Rather than describe it here, please click on the link to see what it's all about:

<http://www.simonscat.com/competition.html>

- **"Soft Freeze' exhibition by Sarah Berners @ Area Contemporary Art Space Inc.**



Victorian College of the Arts, Master of Fine Art candidate Sarah Berners opens her solo exhibition 'Soft Freeze' this Friday. Her large pristine photographs have a high fashion aesthetic and an invitingly sumptuous surface. Her imagery explores notions of the artificial and the abject as they intersect within pop culture representations. As printers of these fine art photographs, the team at the Colour Factory has had a sneak preview, and we are excited about seeing them installed.

- ***'Hope' art exhibition – call for entries***

Andrianakis Gallery in Fitzroy are inviting artists to exhibit your work (Theme = hope) in October. The Studio exhibition is open to everyone. Entries forms must be completed and returned by **30 September 2009**. For more details: <http://imaginearts.com.au/>

- ***David Burren workshops***

David, a participant at the July Brunswick photowalk, past judge at our club and professional photographer is running some outdoor photography and wildlife photography workshops that may be of interest to members. Check out <http://davidburren.com/workshops.html> for details.

- ***'Long Distance Vision: Three Australian Photographers' exhibition @ NGV International, St Kilda Road***

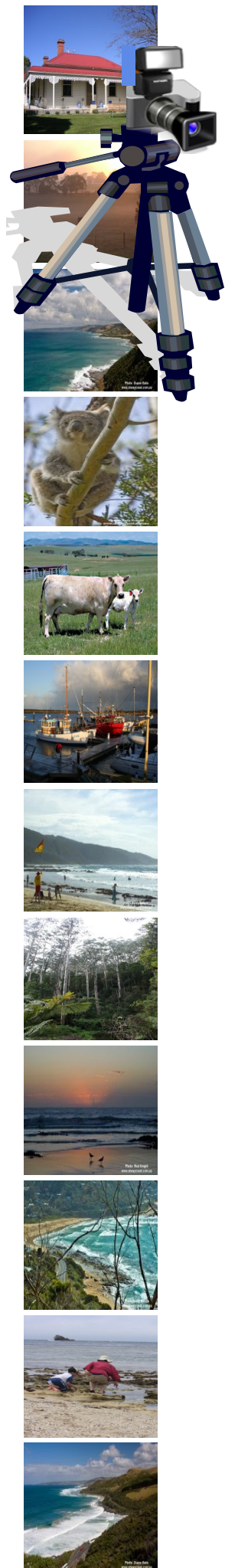
This exhibition examines the idea of the 'tourist gaze' and its relationship with three contemporary Australian photographers. This exhibition will consider the work of three contemporary Australian photographers Christine Godden, Max Pam and Matthew Sleeth, who have photographed not only aspects of the everyday at home but venture forth in the world with the delighted, but not uncritical, eyes of the traveller. 28 August – 21 February 2010, Admission free

Websites of the month

- <http://www.williamneill.com/portfolios/index.html> - recommended by last month's club judge, this photographer has some striking images in his portfolio.
- <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/peoples-choice-top-25/> - the 25 most popular photos chosen from the worldwide pool from the July Worldwide photowalk. On the same site: the winners as chosen by Scott Kelby: <http://worldwidephotowalk.com/winners-2009/>
- http://izismile.com/2009/06/30/nails_life_38_pics.html - Fantastically creative stuff. "His works are full of humour, irony and their execution is great. Don't miss it!"

Quote of the month

*"The goal is not to change your subjects,
but for the subject to change the photographer."*
- Author Unknown



...in focus

photographic competition

2009

Mailed your entries off yet?

ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO

closing date

Monday September 14th

Entry forms & information
can be downloaded from our website

www.otwaysinfocus.com

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&
you could be a winner!**

.....Don't Delay - Enter Today.....

Lindy Fullarton
Otways Tourism

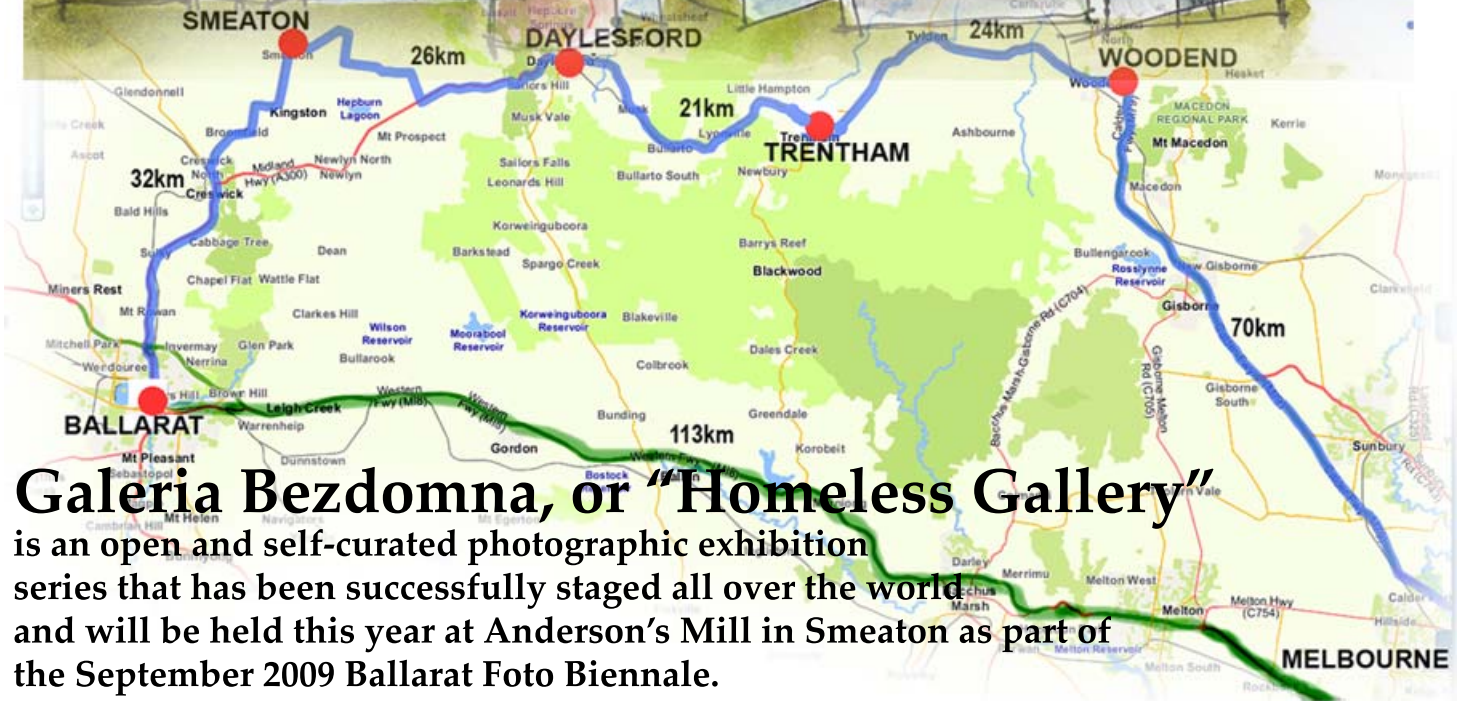
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Galeria Bezdorna



Galeria Bezdorna, or "Homeless Gallery"

is an open and self-curated photographic exhibition series that has been successfully staged all over the world and will be held this year at Anderson's Mill in Smeaton as part of the September 2009 Ballarat Foto Biennale.

You are welcome to participate – bring your photographic work (any size, technique) on Saturday, 5th September 2009 to Anderson's Mill in Smeaton (32 km north of Ballarat). The Mill is a bluestone heritage building – cared for by Parks Victoria - so please bring toolbox and suitable hanging materials (blue-tac, string, etc).

Galeria Bezdorna will be open from 10am to 4pm on weekends for the duration of the Ballarat Foto Biennale, 5th September – 4th October 2009

(there is no commission on sales)
Your name and mobile phone number will be included in the exhibition catalogue

Need to know more?

e-mail jarek@Luszpinski.net or call 0407 510 479



VAPS at the Ballarat Foto Biennale

A weekend of photography for club members

12th & 13th September 2009

Visit the Ballarat Foto Biennale,
See the VAPS Photo Exhibition,
Meet friends,
Have a cuppa & a chat

at the

University of Ballarat
School of Mines Campus (SMB)
"Building E"

Parking:

See the sign near the round-about:
Armstrong Street South,
and Grant Street Ballarat

For a map showing location of School of Mines, go to -

http://www.ballarat.edu.au/maps/Ballarat_Area_Map.pdf

For a map showing location of VAPS Venue, at
Building "E", off Armstrong Street Sth., SMB, Ballarat, go to -

http://www.ballarat.edu.au/maps/SMB_Campus.pdf