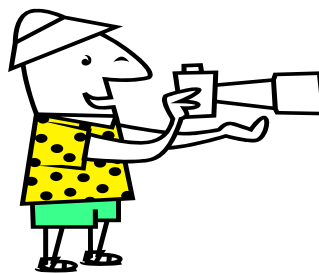


Thru The Lens



Feb 2009



The official
newsletter of
Parklands
Photographic Club

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Hi!

Phew! I've just finished collating all the info to go into this newsletter – and there's a lot going on. I hope your cameras haven't been collecting dust – there's too many photo opportunities all around us to miss out! Plus, our program's jam-packed – with 5 different events in our program this month!

This month, I've included a 'how to' page on photo mats, and plan to do similar articles in the next few months covering topics such as getting photos printed and keeping the colours consistent.

I've also attached the club constitution and 'info for new members'. Remember that if your photo received a 'placing' in one of the monthly competitions, it may not be re-entered in any monthly meetings (except the inter-club and end-of-year comps). We unfortunately had to disqualify one of the highly commended photos last month, as it had previously received a placing.

Our club also wants to encourage all members to make new images as much as possible, rather than submit images from their back-catalogue. This is not to say that the old images are not of a high standard - but rather, that we can only improve our photography by taking and learning from new images. And that's what the club's about - ensuring everyone can learn form and improve their photography.

Cheers, Paul



February competition results – *Open*



First place – Paul Grinzi



Second place – Matthew LaSala



Third place – Paul Grinzi



Highly commended – Kath Kelly



Highly commended – Paul Grinzi

'Mounting' your prints

After numerous regular requests for this information, I thought it would be worth providing some info on methods of getting your prints mounted on mat board (eg for display at our monthly meetings etc).

The options vary considerably – in price, convenience and customisability.



Purchasing pre-cut photo mat board. This is usually the easiest option. The down side: the shops usually only stock 'standard' sizes (eg 5x7", 8x12" etc) and standard colours – eg *Big W, Kmart, Deans Art (there's one in Sydney Rd Brunswick), some \$2 shops, 'The Warehouse', photo developing shops etc.* Sometimes you can find a framed print with a mount inside 'on special'. Take it apart for a cheap mount!

Purchasing custom-cut mat board. This is more expensive, and you'll often have to wait a day or two, but the advantage is that you can choose from a wide range of colours and textures in addition to getting a custom size/shape done. *Deans Art in Fitzroy does very affordable custom mounts. More locally, any framing shop will do this.*

Do-it-yourself framing/mats. This option costs the most initially (to purchase the equipment) but may end up cheaper in the long run (depending on how many mounts you'll end up needing!). There are a few 'brands' around. I would recommend attending a framing class to learn how to do this, if you are keen.

<http://www.clubframeco.com/> (based in Nunawading) offer equipment and regular classes/demonstrations.

<http://www.logangraphic.com/products/> has a range of equipment you can use for various custom cuts.

http://www.theartshop.com.au/category502_1.htm has a range of products too.

This site: <http://www.fixaframe.com.au/mats.php?section=matcuts> shows the basic steps in cutting your own mat board.



You need a 90deg cutter, a 45deg cutter and a good metal ruler (at the minimum) along with mat board (which can be purchased in large sizes from most art shops). Ideally you would have a system that prevents the mount moving whilst you cut it – allowing for straight edges and 'clean' corners.

Club news

- **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. I sent an email out last week – thank you for those who have 'signed up' to help out. If you haven't volunteered to help yet, you can do so at: <http://doodle.com/qu48rv64uxrucc2q>. Information about the Street Party can also be found at:

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

As far as we know, we'll be based in the same spot as last year – in front of the 'Mechanics Institute', which is located near the Retreat Hotel, just North of the Glenlyon Rd intersection. Map [here](#).

- **March 14th 'Hunt and Shoot" Day**

As agreed during the Feb meeting, this year's 'hunt and shoot' day will be held in the city - coinciding with a café-themed photography exhibition at Southgate and the Food and Wine festival's *Connex Sizzle* event at Federation Square – (See

<http://www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/www/html/152-event-details.asp?eventId=21295> for details of this event.). We will be meeting between

at a pre-determined location around lunchtime and then you have the rest of the day to enjoy taking your photos (6 photos of 4 secret subjects) and enjoying the festival atmosphere. All participants will need to purchase a 24-exposure disposable film camera – please choose one with a flash function (I saw them at the local supermarket for around \$10). Final details will be provided on Thursday 12th at the monthly meeting.

Our club is holding a meeting on Thursday 26th where we will be able to show our photographic results!

- **15th March Workshop – participants and helpers needed!**

We are running our second workshop on Sunday 15th March. It will be a repeat of last month'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 would like to improve their photography – then invite them along. If you are free 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!

- **March meeting**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March. The theme is 'Self portrait' and you have until THIS Sunday (1st March) to submit your photos (up to 4) to Kath – either on the day at the Sydney Rd festival or beforehand (Steward: Kath 0421630138). Our judge will be speaking

about 'Candid people photography', which might prove useful for the 'Hunt and Shoot' day! Remember to bring along you photos for the following month (theme = "Animals").

- **2008 VAPS interclub – call for entries**

The VAPS interclub will be exhibited during the Muster (see below). We need to prepare our club's entries for this inter-club competition. There are 'Open', 'Novice', 'Slides', 'Digital Image' and 'Ausiovisual' sections we may enter. Maximum of two entries per person. If you have a photo or two to enter, please give it to Kath by the March monthly meeting.

- **VAPS Muster**

VAPS (Victorian Association of Photographic Societies) have an annual weekend conference which includes lectures, workshops, entrance to the Print display, Interclub slide presentation and the VAPS Annual Dinner. This year's Muster is held near Woodend in the Macedon Ranges. The dates are: Saturday May 16 & 17 2009. I have attached a couple of pages at the end of this newsletter – with information and the registration form.

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.

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

The competition is open to all. Entry categories include Landscape/ Seascape, Rural/ Agriculture, Natural History, Action Tourism.

All shots are to be taken within the highly attractive Colac Otway Shire, which includes the most spectacular part of the Great Ocean Road. All entries to be electronic digital images. 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/>

- **THE 41st BALLARAT NATIONAL EXHIBITION**
One hundred and fifty acceptances of the national competition will be on display from Sunday 1st March until Sunday 29th March 2009, at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, which is located at 40 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.
More information: www.balgal.com
- **'OUR LAND THROUGH OUR LENSES'**
Photography Exhibition by Members of the Knox Photographic Society. 28 February—15 March 2009. Open 10am - 4pm, Closed Mondays
Karwarra Australian Plant Garden, Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama
- **Expose Your World online exhibition**
Check out <http://www.exposeyourworld.com/> to see the winning entries in this remarkable photographic competition.

2009 membership

A reminder to all 2008 members, who haven't yet paid up for this year, that the yearly membership fee is now due. (\$30 per person for the whole year, or \$50 for family, \$20 under-18s).

Websites of the month

- <http://digital-photography-school.com/14-tips-for-great-candlelight-photography>
- One of many tutorials from this site – this time focusing on tips and tricks regarding taking photographs in candlelight.
- <http://www.davidbergman.net/blog/2009/01/22/how-i-made-a-1474-megapixel-photo-during-president-obamas-inaugural-address/> - The blog post of the photographer that took [this amazing photo](#) of the recent US Presidential Inauguration
- <http://lightdoodles.com/pages/drawing1.htm> - a site demonstrating the use of a slow shutter speed setting with some creativity – great for the kids (big and small) to try!

Quote of the month

*"Whether on a camera LCD, viewfinder, portable media player, shot on digital or film, displayed on the Web or on paper, the fundamental things still apply.
A love of story-telling, a love of vivid imagery, a respect for and a desire to preserve history, a desire for technical excellence, a need to protect memories - still matter most.
The world didn't start five years ago, even if Flickr.com did."
- [Scott Bourne](#), US Photographer*

Constitution

**Article 1
NAME**

This organisation shall be known as the Parklands Photographic Club.

**Article 2
PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Club shall be to: -

1. Improve the photographic skills of club members.
2. Share interest in, and knowledge of, photography.
3. Organise meetings for discussion, competition and practical demonstration of photography.
4. Create a social and intellectual atmosphere among members.
5. Organise photographic tours and social outings.

**Article 3
MEMBERSHIP**

Any person interested in photography may be a member of this Club, as provided in the By-Laws of this Constitution.

**Article 4
CONTROL**

Control of this Club shall be entrusted to a Committee of not more than 10, nor less than 4 members, the Executive Officers being members of the Committee.

**Article 5
EXECUTIVE**

The Executive of this Club shall be: -

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
WORK STEWARD (S)

Their duties shall be those duties usually pertaining to these offices.

**Article 6
VACANCIES**

If, during the term of appointment, the office of the President should become vacant for any reason, it shall be taken by the Vice President for the remainder of the term. If any office other than that of President shall become vacant, it shall be filled by appointment of the Executive for the remainder of the term.

**Article 7
POWERS OF
EXECUTIVE**

The powers of the Executive shall be: -

1. To manage the Club in such a way as best to achieve the objectives and purposes of the Club in accordance with this Constitution.
2. To appoint sub-committees for special purposes if and when required.

**Article 8
AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution are normally made at the Annual General Meeting. Such proposed changes to the Constitution must be delivered to the Secretary in writing no later than the Club meeting in the previous October.

In the event that amendments become necessary at other times, they must be referred to the Executive at least 60 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered. Any proposal submitted to the Executive will be referred to the members for decision within 90 days of its receipt. The Executive will post a copy of the proposed amendments, along with any supporting information, discussion and the recommendation of the Executive, to all members at least 30 days prior to the AGM or the extraordinary meeting called to resolve the amendment.

Amendments are carried by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all financial members present.

Amendments to the Constitution shall be recorded in the Minute Book and initialed by the President and such amendments then become part of the Constitution.

The Executive may make any amendment to the By-Laws of the Constitution at any time.

**Article 9
DUTIES OF
OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings to preserve order; to give impartial decisions on all questions submitted and give a casting vote on any question on which voting is equal. The President shall exercise a watching brief over the whole of the administration, and shall be accountable to the Club for the good order and discipline of the Executive. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees and will ensure that all members abide by the Constitution, the By-Laws and all other requirements affecting the status and good name of the Club. The President will be responsible for arranging judges as required.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall be accountable to the President. The duties shall include assisting the President in preserving order at ordinary meetings. If the President is unable to preside at an ordinary or Executive meeting, the Vice President shall preside, assuming all the responsibilities and duties of the President.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be accountable to the President. The duties shall be to advise the Executive on matters procedural or Constitutional; to keep proper records of all proceedings; to assist the Treasurer; to attend to the decisions of the Executive so as to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. The Secretary shall also be required to maintain appropriate records in which all documents of the organisation shall be filed, including the minutes, reports and procedures of the various sub-committees appointed from time to time.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be accountable to the President for the care of all matters financial and shall advise the Executive in that regard.

The Treasurer shall, in conjunction with the Secretary, make payments when authorised by the Executive; keep a correct record of all financial transactions of the Club; produce such books and receipts when required by the auditor prior to the AGM; submit a financial statement at every Annual General Meeting; execute such other duties as may come within the province of the office.

WORK STEWARD (S)

The Work Steward(s) shall be accountable to the President. The duties shall be to collect work from members, handle it with care, label it appropriately and deliver it, together with appropriate instructions, to the judge by the due date. On meeting nights, the Work Steward(s) will display the work and keep a record of the placings. These statistics will be handed to the Executive in November for finalisation of awards.

AUDITORS

The auditors, as appointed by the Executive, shall examine all books, vouchers, receipts, etc., on presentation and submit to the Annual General Meeting such reports or suggestions on matters financial of the Club.

Article 10

CLUB ASSETS

If the existence of the Club is to be terminated, all items belonging to the Club, shall be sold and the income shall be placed into the Club's bank account. The Treasurer will, at a time decided on by a quorum of Club members, use all the money in the Club's bank account to pay the bill at a farewell dinner for all existing members.

By-Laws Of The Constitution Of Parklands Photographic Club

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Any person may make application for membership of this Club.
- (b) The annual dues shall accompany such application.
- (c) Election to membership shall be by a majority vote of financial members.
- (d) Membership of this Club entitles members to be accompanied by members of their immediate family to any meeting other than Executive Meetings, or other meetings called to consider amendments to this Constitution.
- (e) Members of the Club shall also be entitled to be accompanied by no more than two guests to any meeting other than Executive Meetings, or other meetings called to consider amendments to this Constitution, provided that there are no objections by the Executive. The host of such guests shall be responsible for their good order.
- (f) Any member whose dues are in arrears for a period longer than three months shall forfeit membership upon due notice.
- (g) Junior members to the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult.

Article 2 DUES

Annual dues to this Club shall be determined by the Executive and shall be payable in advance.

Article 3 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, the President shall call for nominations for each office from the floor. Ballots shall be passed for each nomination. Those receiving the most votes for each office shall be declared elected, to take office at the end of the meeting. The term of office shall be for one year. Members 18 and over are eligible for Executive positions.

Article 4 QUORUM

A number of not less than one-third of the financial members shall comprise a quorum. Such a quorum has the right to call for a special meeting, provided notice, in writing, is submitted to the Secretary not less than thirty days prior to the proposed date for such a meeting.

Three members of the Executive shall comprise a quorum. Such a quorum may call for a special Executive meeting, notice of which must be given to the Secretary, in writing, at least seven days prior to the date of the proposed special Executive meeting.

Article 5 VOTING

All financial members shall have the right to vote on any matter requiring a vote as provided in the Constitution. Such a vote shall be by a show of hands unless the President or a simple majority of those present requests a secret ballot. Due record of the result of each vote is to be made in the Minute Book by the Secretary, and initialed by the President.

Article 6
MEETINGS

Ordinary Meeting

Any member may attend at any ordinary meeting held by the Club. Meetings shall be held once a month, or at intervals decided upon by the Executive. Such meetings shall be ordinary meetings in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Constitution. Minutes shall be recorded in a Minutes Book.

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM shall be held in the month of November.

The general administration of the Club shall be discussed and reported in accordance with the Constitution and the By-Laws thereto.

The agenda of each AGM shall be: -

- (a) Reading & Confirmation of the Minutes.
- (b) President's Annual Report
- (c) Treasurer's Annual Report
- (d) Constitution Amendments
- (e) Re-establishment of Fees
- (f) Members nominate competition grade for following year
- (g) General business of the Club, including affiliations and competitions.
- (h) Election of
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Work Steward(s) and other office bearers as required

Extra Ordinary Meeting

The Executive may call an extra ordinary meeting when deemed necessary.

Notice of any Extra Ordinary meetings must be given to all members 30 days prior to the meeting. Minutes shall be recorded in the Minutes Book.

Executive Meeting

Members of the Executive will together decide on appropriate dates for these meetings.

Minutes will be recorded in a Minutes Book.

Article 7
PAYMENTS

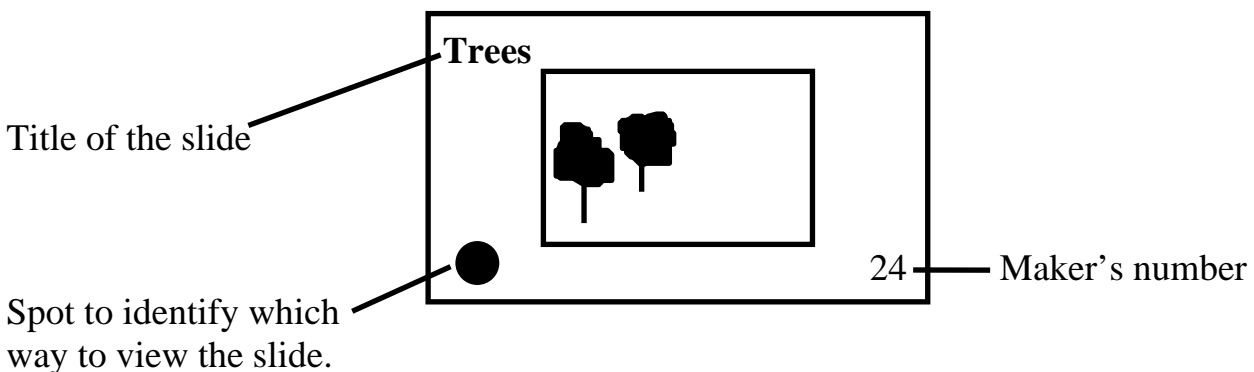
Where payment is to be made by the Club, such payment is to be made by cheque, when authorised by the Executive. Such cheques are to bear the signatures of the Treasurer and one other Executive member.

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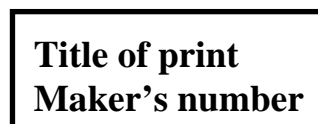
Information For New Members

We would like to welcome you to the Parklands Photographic Club and hope that you will enjoy being part of it. Below is a list of information that may be of assistance.

- We meet in the Maurice McCrae Blackburn Meeting Room in the Coburg Library, usually on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 7.30pm. (Check calendar for details.)
- We have competitions and lectures as indicated on the yearly calendar. Each member may enter either prints or slides or both. Each member is given a yearly calendar at the beginning of the year containing competition information.
- A member may submit **up to 4 entries in total each month**. These entries may be prints or slides or a mixture of both.
- In the event that more than 4 entries are submitted, the Work Steward will, without reference to the member, arbitrarily withhold one or more such entries to comply with this condition.
- It is up to the judge to determine whether or not a particular piece of work complies with his or her interpretation of the set subject. Based on previous competitions, however, it is suggested that to qualify, the **primary impact** of the work must address at least some aspect of the stated subject. It is usually insufficient for the subject to appear in the work as merely incidental to the overall impact.
- Prints may be commercially produced.
- On joining, members are given a number that is used to identify their entries.
- **Slides** are to be marked in the following manner:-



- **Prints** are to be marked on the top left hand corner of the **back of the print** as follows:-



Incorrectly marked work will be exhibited and judged as marked.

- Maximum size of prints (including mounting) shall be 51cm x 42cm.

- Each month's work must be given to the Work Steward by the due date as indicated on the yearly calendar.
- If entries do not comply with the rules they will not be submitted to the judge.
- Once entries have been awarded a place, they cannot be submitted again in any subsequent monthly competition.

- **Competition scores are as follows:-**

- * ½ point for highly commended
- * 1 point for 3rd
- * 2 points for 2nd
- * 3 points for 1st

Points are tabulated over the year and trophies are awarded for the highest aggregate score in each section.

- At the end of the year, up to four entries may be submitted by each member, from the work submitted throughout that year, to compete in each of the "Slide of the Year" & "Print of the Year" competitions. Trophies are awarded for each section.
- Once membership fees have been paid the member will receive a pack containing all the information regarding the Club and its events.
- Newsletters and information are sent by email. If members do not have an email address, the information will be sent by post. However, in order to keep costs to a minimum email is preferred.
- Excursions to various venues are held throughout the year. These will be announced in monthly newsletters.

REGISTRATION FORM - VAPS 2009
Muster at Mount Macedon
Saturday 16 May - Monday 18 May 2009

Saturday Morning: Official Opening and Briefing at: 9.30 am

Muster location and address
Braemar College, Mt. Macedon Road, Woodend 3442

Full Registration: Morning, afternoon tea, Saturday/Sunday lectures, workshops, entrance to the Print display, Interclub slide, EDPI and AV presentations and VAPS Presentation Dinner. Barbecue lunch on Sunday. Optional breakfast on Monday. (+\$5 see below) Field trip on Monday (Commercial excursions not included)

Annual Dinner: Annual Dinner at Braemar College. Saturday night 16 May 2009.

Newsbrief Subscription: Annual Subscription to *Newsbrief* (Via e-mail). 1 July to 30 June

Payment: Full payment required by closing date 30 April 2009. Please make cheques payable to VAPS Inc. and send to: **Fred Everett, 71 Longwarry Road, Drouin, Vic 3818**

Further information: Fred Everett : (03) 5625 2155 email feverett@dcsi.net.au
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REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE 30 April 2009

Surname.....First Name (for name tag)

Club.....Phone:().....

Address

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Registration Charges:

Applying for (Refer inclusions above):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount	Included
Full registration (attendance + dinner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 80.00	\$
Muster - attendance only	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 30.00	\$
Annual Dinner only *	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 50.00	\$
Saturday Lunch Box (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 12.00	\$
Saturday Soup and a Roll (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 4.00	\$
Sunday Barbecue -(Tick if attending)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Monday Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00	\$
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* People wishing to attend the Dinner Only will be considered once all award winners, full registrants and their spouses/partners have been accommodated.

DO YOU NEED: Special meal requirements?.....