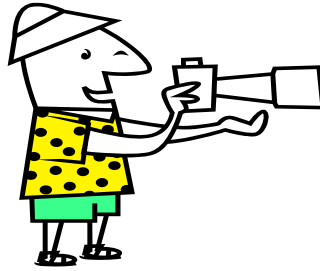


Thru The Lens



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The official
newsletter of
Parklands
Photographic Club

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Hi folks!

Whilst the club's program is photography winding down for this year, two of the most anticipated events are still to come Next month's AGM and December's Christmas break-up – two social events to complete the formal part of our club's program.

Please note the message on page 4 about the AGM – the venue has changed.

If you're planning a daytrip, a photo walk, a visit to an art/photographic gallery etc, and you would like some company – let me know and I'll pass the details onto the rest of the members. Sometimes the spontaneous events are the most valuable.

Cheers, Paul



October competition results - *A touch of red*



Red flowers on steps
First place – Mathew Lasala



Father and Son
Second Place – Paul Grinzi



Translucent
Third place – Darce Cassidy

Highly commended:

BMXer
Jan Smith



Waiting
Paul Grinzi

What are you up to?
Clem Warren



New York Marathon
Alan Shaw

Club news

- **Important !!! - November meeting**

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th November**.
No photography theme this month, as it's the AGM.

Please **note the venue**:

Tre Espresso Bar, Shop 10, 459-475 Sydney Road, Brunswick

It's at the end of the lane next to the Hardwick building.

Plenty of parking off Victoria Street.

The owner has allowed our club to use the café's private room for our meeting.

Please also come along with ideas and suggestions for next year's program etc. As our club grows, your/our needs change too – this only way our club can respond is if you let us know. If you have any agenda items, please forward them to Paul or Kath ASAP.

We plan to start the meeting at 7.30pm sharp, but will be meeting there **from 6.30pm**, if you wish to get a bite to eat/social chat/etc beforehand. The gourmet pizzas are great! Dinner would cost <\$20. With almost 40 club members, it would be great to see everyone there!



- **2009 End-of-year breakup lunch – December 6th**

Our club's breakup event will be held on Sunday December 6th. The venue has not yet been decided. We will be choosing the location from a list via an online voting system. Instructions at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=samwXr91qIzpqeiF3DbkvA_3d_3d.

At this event, we will be announcing/awarding the club's:

- Photographer of the Year, and Runners Ups
- Photograph of the Year. (entries for this *must* get to Kath by Saturday 31st October – any photo entered in our monthly comps in 2009 are eligible – maximum of 3 entries per member).

We'll finalise the venue at the AGM and it will be announced via email soon after – keep the date free, as this *won't* change.

- **2010 themes**

We will be selecting the 2010 monthly themes *before* the AGM – via an online voting system. Themes and instructions at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=samwXr91qIzpqeiF3DbkvA_3d_3d (same site as Christmas breakup site).

Ps if you cannot access this website, please contact Paul (details Page 1) and he'll arrange a paper copy.

The allocation of themes will be finalised at the AGM – another reason to attend!

- **Parklands-Preston interclub**

Congratulations to Nick for taking out the "Best Large Print" category in this year's interclub competition.

- **Follow-up of Photoshop workshop**

Thanks to those who attended the Photoshop workshop. We got through plenty of material, but unfortunately the demise of the projector along with the time limit, meant we didn't cover as much material as we'd have hoped. If you wish to have similar (or differing) workshops next year, come along to the November meeting to make your suggestions!

One of the topics we didn't cover was 'using textures'. Here's a web video describing the technique:

http://photofocus.smugmug.com/Photography/Photofocuscom-Videos/8254015_JkQbc#689184001_2CmkT-A-LB

Exhibitions, Events & Competitions

- ***Ancient Hampi – the Hindu Kingdom Brought to Life***
A new exhibition aiming to bring to life an illustrious city – the UNESCO World Heritage site of Vijayanagara – one of the world's most important archeological sites, in India. Immigration Museum (400 Flinders Lane) until January 26 2010.
- ***'Capture the spirit' competition***
The competition, run by the *Spirit of Tasmania* is free to enter and aims to find great images of Tasmania from 'quiet achieving' photographers. More details at: www.capturethespirit.com.au. Competition closes on 30 November 2009.
- ***2010 Sony World Photography Awards***
The 2010 Sony World Photography Awards is open for entries. The closing date for the competition is Friday 4th December 2009. Images entered must have been shot in 2009. The competition is free to enter. Any non-professional photographer may enter the Amateur Awards. <http://www.worldphotographyawards.org/amateurs.aspx>
- ***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>
- ***'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/>

- ***'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.pho.to/> - Whether you need a one-click instant fix, the ability to crop and edit, or you just want to make a goofy avatar for your favourite forum, Pho.to has a variety of photo editing tools to help you.
- <http://sixrevisions.com/graphics-design/10-excellent-open-source-and-free-alternatives-to-photoshop/> – 10 excellent open source and free alternatives to Photoshop
- <http://www.canonblogger.com/2008/06/13/rituals-cleaning-your-gear/> - If your camera's been gathering dust (shame!), here's a 10 point check list to help when cleaning your camera gear.
- <http://digital-photography-school.com/photograph-the-light-not-the-land> - a great tutorial about light ... Photograph the Light not the Land. (thanks To Kath for this link!)

Quote of the month

It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.

- **Herman Melville**, (August 1, 1819 – September 28, 1891) American novelist