



MARCH 2010

Editorial

Your monthly bulletin, The Optic Nerve, has been presented each month for many years....it is said that the first Members to read it were a couple named Adam and Eve. It was introduced by current Life Member, Paul Temple and Paul has sat in the editor's chair throughout those years.

Due to time commitments, Paul has had to pass the baton on which has been accepted by Dale McKissack as from April, 2010. Dale will, no doubt, be seeking some printable input from Members. Unfortunately Paul did not receive great volumes of such material despite his numerous requests. This monthly newsletter should be more than just a reminder sheet so let's support Dale in his new undertaking.

Meanwhile, a huge vote of thanks to Paul for his many years as Editor of the Optic Nerve.

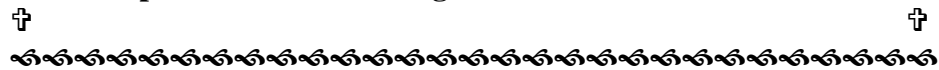
*Brian Paatsch
Acting Editor.*



SAD LOSS:

It was with much sadness that our VAPS President, John Commin passed away peacefully on the 12th of February after a short illness. John was Vice President for five years prior to taking on the Presidents role last October.

John's own Club, Caulfield Photographic Society, will be judging our end of year [June] competition. It was intended to have John as a Guest Speaker at that meeting.



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Dates To Remember

THURS 11th March 2010
General Meeting, 7.30pm
Panthers Sports Club
Presenter: Patsy Cleverly
[Our Travels]
Tonight's Judge: David Rendle
Set Subject: Landscape

THURS. 25th March 2010
Committee Meeting, 7pm at the
Harrison residence, 390 Alana
St., Albury

THURS. 8th April 2010
General Meeting, 7.30pm
Panthers Sports Club.
PRESENTER: Briney Hardinge
[Wedding Photography]
Tonight's Judge: Peter Carty
Subject: Open

SATURDAY 17th April 2010
NEGV Meeting – WACC
Afternoon Workshop
Dinner
Evening Meeting
Details on reverse side.

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COMPETITION NEWS

Posting Entries for Club Competitions.

If you are posting entries for club or interclub competitions, please inform the Comp. Sec or the Club Sec. so that entries are expected.

Entries For Club Competitions Size Restrictions

Please be aware of the size restrictions for club (and other) competitions. **30 x 40cm**, including the matt, is the largest size for our club and for NEGV competitions.

Also, watch the thickness of your matted entries. 5mm is the maximum.

Please put a cardboard backing on your matted prints ... this will help to protect them from damage.

Club Competitions.

* Mar. – entries due for '**M**' comp.

* Apr. – entries due for '**Annual Awards**'.

* May – entries due for '**Single Flower**'

* June – entries due for '**Open**' comp.

* July – entries due for "**Group/Gathering**"

Definition: *Single Flower*

.Single flower & foliage, no vase or container.

###Definition: *Group/Gathering*

A photograph of five or more people. It may range from a head study to full length.

Preferable the image shows some activity rather than a posed portrait.

WARM WELCOME

Recent New Members

Heather Caunt, Kahlia Clarkson, Wendy Goodwin, Kay Bennetts, Phil Smailes, Jean-Maree Gutiez-Christon, Leanne Price, Judy Hofmeyer.

Welcome back: Vanessa Dwyer.

NEGV NEWS

Meetings for 2010 as follows: -

1. April 17 – Wodonga Albury (Entries due March GM)

2. July 17 – Shepparton (Entries due June GM)

3. November 20 – Bright Myrtleford (Entries due October GM)

EDI will now have A & B grades as for the print competitions.

Members may submit up to 2 images as per our own digital competition. i.e. 1024px (max w) x 768px (max h) at 72dpi

Slides will continue as an Open grade only. If you are a slide worker, please enter. If insufficient entries are received, this section could be dropped in 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS: Three WACC Members took out awards at the recent Henty Show. David Willis won the most Successful Exhibitor Award. Jan Paatsch won Print of the Show along with a number of individual awards. Brian Paatsch also managed to collect a few awards in various sections. Total entries for the Show were 321.



A PERFECT DAY AT TOWONG:

The Club's first social/photographic outing for 2010 was enjoyed by the 9 who attended. It was a day for sunscreen and shady trees. Some cameras got a good workout with Ample 4 legged and 2 legged subject matter on display. No big winners despite the small wager here and there.



NEGV WORKSHOP AND MEETING.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th.

VENUE: CWA Hall, 561 Kiewa St. Albury [next to Council Offices]

TIMES: **Final details not available at**
Workshop: **time of printing.**

Meeting: 7.30pm



PERSPECTIVE

An Exhibition by former WACC Member,

Geoffrey Boulton

12th March -- 26th April

Yack Café – 10 High Street – Yackandandah

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