



NEWSLETTER

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Next event – Box Hill Town Hall Market – 15th March

The market on Sunday 15th March is next week. If you can help us from 7am, please send an email to market@apcsociety.com.au. Please help publicise the event. For example, put the market flier on your FaceBook page etc – you can download it from <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/MarketFlier-15March2026.jpg>

A special Market Bulletin was sent to table holders and those who had tables in the last year or two.

Australia's Prestige PHOTOGRAPHIC MARKET

SUNDAY 15th MARCH 2026 9am - 1pm - \$10 Entry
BOX HILL TOWN HALL, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

Buy and sell anything to do with photography - Elite - Investment - User
Cameras - Lenses - Books - Accessories - Images - Film
Still - Stereo - Cine - Digital - Old - New - Collectable

More than 60 tables at this popular market!
Australian Photographic Collectors' Society Inc.
Enquiries - email to market@apcsociety.com.au
For information on all APCS activities visit www.apcsociety.com.au



Members-only Auctions 2026.

This is an opportunity to register items for the auction on 19th April. Please send a list as soon as possible to auctions@apcsociety.com.au. Please note that large items, darkroom equipment, projectors and potentially dangerous items are not accepted. Low value items should be grouped as "a box of goodies" for example. Maybe inspect the results of the last auction <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/Nov16-2025Results.pdf> to get an idea of what low value items might include. There is no buyer's premium but there is a seller's fee of 15% of the hammer price.

Right at the moment there are not enough items registered to warrant an auction in April so this is a chance to submit what you have.

Back Focus – special request.

The next issue of Back Focus will have a theme around servicing cameras and related equipment. Contributions are requested from full articles to tricks of the trade etc. So far, the theme is around enthusiasts who have successfully repaired cameras but all contributions will add to the mix – for example bellows repairs, wood and brass, and cleaning lenses, and of course tricks of the trade. Send an outline in advance to backfocus@apcsociety.com.au. Final material needs to be with us by 30th April.

Of course we are always on the lookout for articles on general photographic collecting subjects.

APCS Program for 2026.

The meeting and event program for 2026 has been planned and will follow the pattern of recent years

- March 15th Box Hill Market
- April 19th Auction AMRA Hall
- May 17th Members only market AMRA Hall
- June 21st Social meeting AMRA Hall
- July 19th AGM AMRA Hall
- August 16th Auction AMRA Hall
- September 20th Box Hill Market
- October 18th Presentation – Practical camera repairs – AMRA Hall
- November 14th & 15th Auction AMRA Hall

Back Focus, the Newsletter and journals from other societies now on-line

The electronic archive of the APCS is now available directly from the APC website. Click on the "LIBRARY" tab and you can see the APCS archive including Back Focus, the Newsletters and Journals produced by other societies – all downloadable as PDF files.

Vale – Ian Bock

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of APCS founding member Ian Bock a week or so ago after a stroke the previous week. Ian was "ever present" and will be greatly missed. He wrote several important articles that were published in Back Focus. The funeral is on Friday, 13 March at 11 am at St John's Uniting Church Mount Waverley.



Classified Advertisements

This column is available to you to publicise what you wish to buy and sell. To place an ad, send an email including all the details to adverts@apcsociety.com.au with a JPG photo if you wish. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. For successful sales please remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. Electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word "Sale".

For Sale

Leitz Focomat Ila automatic focus enlarger with both 50mm and 95mm Focotar lenses, 35mm and 6x9cm negative carriers and darkroom items including Paterson System 4 Multi tank with 4 spools, Ilford Multigrade Filter set, enlarger timer etc. \$800 the lot. Call 0408173662 for details.



For Sale

Various surveys of Australian film history. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 filmart@dodo.com.au

Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit you, you can visit my Melbourne home studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me on 0402562267 or email hello@photoshoptutor.com.au – Your personalised tutor David Ewing.

For Sale

Display cabinet in solid walnut coloured timber. 4ft wide, lockable, with illumination – Melbourne area. \$395 ONO . Call Wayne 0417532412



Wanted

4x5 enlarger, Beseler (either 45MCRX / 45MXT or 45V-XL) or Omega (D-5 series, either D5-XL or D-5500) with colour head preferred. Sydney based but willing to pay for shipping within Australia. Please email Andrew, andrewherrick@hotmail.com.

Wanted

Sandy Barrie is looking for a copy of Australian Camera Magazine for May 1993, as his copy was badly damaged in a flood in 2011 and again in 2022. Email to apbarrie52@dodo.com.au

Wanted

Old Photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes, glass plate negatives, photo postcards & street photos from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am an avid collector who has conducted decades of research into 19th and early 20th century Australian and New Zealand photographers. Contact: Marcel Safier, Brisbane, msafier@ozemail.com.au 0411 238 612.

Wanted

Leica screw mount Wide Angle lenses, Leica finders, a 2-speed MOOLY motor drive, any of the left-hand shutter releases and Leitz filters in boxes – all to add to the collection. Phone Steve on (03)9429 2152

Offers invited

Four exceptional display cabinets from the estate of Max Amos are available for offer – currently located in Heatherton (VIC). Enquiries in the first instance should be directed to the President (Rod) phone 0408 173662 or president@apcsociety.com.au Photographs are shown below and sizes can be initially judged from the context of those images. Two of the cabinets are essentially a pair – shown one on top of the other.



Events

See the flier below for the Sydney Markets for 2026



**THE SYDNEY
CAMERA
MARKETS 2026**

**MARCH 29
AUGUST 2
NOVEMBER 22**

Newington College
Centenary Hall
200 Stanmore Rd,
Stanmore 2048

**Entry Fee:
\$5 General,
\$3 for Students**