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Dog Rocks - Big Day Out

Sunday June 14 is shaping up to be a Big Day Out for next the Society field trip with about 25 people indicating their desire to catch the Society bus at Geelong station at 11:00am. Geoff Schirmer will be leading us to Dog Rocks, west of Geelong, as well as on a small tour to show some of the other photo opportunities in the area, starting with Geelong Station. The Society is providing the coach with yours truly going back in time 40 years to be your coach driver for the day. Lunch is at 12:00 at Dog Rocks Hotel (Batesford) which Lyle and I tested and give it the thumbs up (prices between \$15 and \$30). We need to know final numbers for the hotel & size coach required, so call or email me a couple of days ahead... 03 52412404 or 0409330852 or email at president@apcsociety.com.au



Photo by Karena Goldfinch

Train travellers should keep in mind the Seniors' concessions on V-Line (tel 136196) and the free sunday travel in metropolitan zones. The train for Geelong leaves Southern Cross at 10:00am and if you wish to join up with other travellers on that train, meet in the second carriage from the front. Others are driving down and parking at Geelong station for the day.

Alan King

Ballarat Market

The venue of the Ballarat Market has changed since we printed the flyers handed out at the March Market. We ask all members to

spread the word as and when they can. Still Sunday September 13 but at St.Patrick's Hall, Sturt Street & Dawson Street, Ballarat, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Ray Strong at May Meeting

About 40 attended our meeting in May which featured Ray Strong as guest speaker. A great, very practical talk "Using Your Vintage Cameras" with tips and tricks covering all cameras and some darkroom processes. The next Back Focus will have full details.

Buy, Swap & Sell, the January cameras & photos and a camera Workshop were other features.



Diary Entries



June 14

Field trip to Dog Rocks
(Geelong)

led by Geoff Schirmer

"Use your vintage cameras"

Meet for Lunch at Dog Rocks

Pub 12:00 noon

Bus 11:00am at Geelong Station

Bookings essential

Call Alan King 0409 330852

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June 21

AGM at AMRA Hall

Buy, Swap & Sell Tables 12:00

AGM 1:00pm

Results from Geelong Field Trip

Cameras from the Field Trip

Movie

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July 19

Auction at AMRA Hall

View 10:00am till 12:00 noon

Gen Meeting 12:15pm

Auction starts 12:30pm

Catalogue available end of June

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August 16

Meeting at AMRA Hall

Buy, Swap & Sell Tables

Speaker - Ian Bock

"Meters, Flash Guns & Such"

More From June Outing

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September 13

Market at Ballarat

October 16

Auction at AMRA Hall

Meetings & Auctions

Australian Model Railway Hall
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No Competition!

The best way to get the committee shouting at each other was to suggest we have a Digital section in the annual Photo Competition. Then the Competition itself was questioned, the what, how, why of its purpose. Everyone had an opinion. Well, the best solution is to not have a competition at all, but encourage members to use their collection during the year and submit their "Best Shot" WITH the equipment used, then hold an Exhibition of results at the November Social.

While we are not a "photography club" in the normally accepted sense, we are about photography and our common bond is the history of photography. The field trips during the year offer a great opportunity for members to experiment with equipment that might otherwise not be used. The exhibition is not limited to just those members coming along to

the Social or those who have been on a field trip. We would ask our interstate and overseas members to show all of us what they have in their collection with an example of the image or images produced. The new web site provides us with the ability to show all the results, while Back Focus will show us some of the items at the editor's discretion.

The new Rules are simple:

- 1) *taken during the current year with one of your collection,*
- 2) *maximum print size around A4 or 8 x 10,*
- 3) *accompany with a photo and description of the equipment used.*

The whole idea is to get items in the collections used and look at what others are doing with their collection. If you want to think about a cine or video example, send me an email with some ideas and suggestions; we can show a DVD at a meeting as well as place a clip on our new web site.

Cameras & Pics from January

The May meeting had a display of some of the cameras and the photos produced from the January field trip. It is great to see some of these cameras together with the actual image. Cameras used included a 1929 Box Brownie, Mamiya 7, Hasselblad 500C

with 1957 50mm lens, Retina IIIc, 1960 Zeiss Contarex, 1963 Canon 7 with f0.95 lens, Diana type toy plastic, 1932 Voigtländer Prominent 6x9 120 roll film, 1928 Voigtländer Stereflektoscope. Brian had a stereo viewer to display the images he produced.



Internet Updates

The Society was reasonably advanced in having established its original Internet presence in the year 2000 with the domain *apcs.asn.au*. While many people do understand the *.asn* convention within the *.au* country namespace, the choice of a *.com.au* top level domain name is more conventional and should be easier to promote in the minds of prospective members. Thus we have registered the new domain name *apcsociety.com.au* and copied the new web site across and set up new email addresses. The new email addresses for the various contacts within the Society are:

president@, secretary@, treasurer@, backfocus@, market@, news@ and web@apcsociety.com.au.

Our new web site replaced the old in February and while it added a great deal of information and capability, there is a great deal more work to be done.

Far more public access material is to be available with a Back Focus index, Auction catalogues, field trip photos, the library catalogue, a permanent annual Photo Exhibition and link cross references.

A Member only area will allow access to Back Focus material, Auction results, a help cross reference and possibly a buy, swap and sell facility.

Suggestions? Send an email with your ideas to *web@apcsociety.com.au*.

Minutes of Meetings

A question was raised recently about the minutes of our committee meetings being made available. This News is designed to bring you the latest information, but if more detail is required, the Word document can be attached to an email. Contact the Secretary, Margaret Mason 03 9836 3719 secretary@apcsociety.com.au