



NEWSLETTER

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The new “normal” mode continues

This is now the fourth month that this newsletter proclaims that nothing much is happening, and it is self-evident that this will be the common theme for some time. If anything, our attitudes as a group of people is to reinforce the belief that we will have to ride out the storm until it is perceived safe to meet again.

Checking a couple of other organisations of people who normally get together regularly – like Church goers and Musicians, there are a few who are having meetings where they can observe “people spacing” but events like markets and auctions are not being considered, although on-line meetings, Church services and musical rehearsals are happening.

Corona Virus COVID19 – an update on the APCS position

Even as governments talk about relaxing isolation, the APCS is a group of older people that would be very much at risk if we were to become a COVID epicentre. Consequently, we will be more conservative in relaxing meeting restrictions for some time yet. Normality for us is now a period of cancelled and deferred events, with absolutely no certainty about when that will change, and every indication that the old normal won't be until late in 2020 if not into 2021, and may never be fully achieved. So the current list of changes looks like the following:

- **The AGM scheduled for 21st June – DEFERRED to a date to be determined. (see below)**
- **The Members only Auction scheduled for 19th July – CANCELLED**
- **Members-only market and social event scheduled for 16th August – IN DOUBT – watch for announcements**
- **Public Market scheduled for 20th September – IN DOUBT – watch for announcements**
- **The program for the remainder of the year is now subject to new planning.**

Announcements will be made on the APCS webpage: www.apcsociety.com.au and on the APCS Facebook page as well as in the newsletters. It is increasingly a case that we have to look after ourselves, and clearly, isolation is probably the best policy. This is new territory and at least for the time being we are feeling our way through it. To stay safe, we will curtail what we used to do to support our collections. Quoting the Manager of “Photographica” (USA):

“There are cameras to die for, but none worth dying for!”

Communication with members

A key issue in any communications with members that relies on electronic means is that we have electronic addresses for everyone. If your email address changes, please send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au including your name – so that we can communicate effectively.

We know that there are about a dozen members who have not provided us with email addresses – we will be contacting them by phone from time to time as a way of keeping them informed. The newsletter (including back copies) are available electronically from the Members' page on the APCS website. If you feel nostalgic you might download a few and read them. And before anyone complains – there was no “No.30” – someone could not count back in 2013!

The APCS AGM in June

The AGM scheduled for June is deferred, and on present indications will be in October. There is no certainty that we will be able to hold a conventional meeting and we have some alternatives to consider.

We do need to fill a couple of committee vacancies ASAP, and will consider the election of all positions in the AGM process. Give some thought on how you could contribute and note that all members throughout the world can be part of the committee as we expect that all committee business will be on-line for this next year. Technology is coming to our aid and modern conferencing software will be used.

Back Focus

Final touches to Back Focus No 115 are being done at the moment and it is expected that we will be going to press in a couple of weeks. We are including the full annual report for the year 2019-2020, and overall there will be about three times as much material in this issue as previously. A highlight of this issue is a summary of the presentation meeting in February where several members showed off rare and just interesting cameras. A quick scan of the edition shows that there are details on about 25 cameras and 50 lenses for you to read about – we hope that you enjoy it.

Back Focus can't exist without good articles. Remember that we are a collecting society – write up your speciality and share your enthusiasm with the rest of the membership – you never can tell what might be hiding out there and current owners don't know what you are really enthusiastic about – it might bring you that elusive model or example that you have been chasing for years.

Membership renewals

Membership renewals for 2020-2021 are now due, and thank you to the members who have already renewed their membership for the next year. The fee of \$30 can be paid by a direct deposit into the bank account:

Account name: Australian Photographic Collectors' Society. BSB: 083166 – Account: 515315423 and be certain to put your name or membership number in the reference field.

Or you can send a cheque to the Treasurer P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

If any of your details have changed please let us know. Download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> and include it with your cheque, or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au

Magazine exchanges

The APCS has magazine exchange relationships with other societies of like nature and in the past, copies were usually located in the APCS library. Modern trends towards having such items on-line allows us to make those copies directly available to you from our website.

The 2020 copies of "Snap Shots" from the Photographic Historical Society of New England can be found at:

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-01_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-02_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-03_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-04_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-05_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-05_snap-shots_web.pdf

And from the Photographic Historical Society of Canada:

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_04.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_05.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_06.pdf

Of course, we have permission from those societies to reproduce their newsletters – just as they can reproduce what we publish as well.

Please note that there was an error in the address of the PHSC news in the last issue of this newsletter – that has now been fixed. When you click on any of the above links, your computer browser may ask you to confirm that you want to take the risk of viruses etc. Those items have all been checked.

Classified Advertisements

You can place classified advertisements in these pages. Send an email to adverts@apcsociety.com.au including a JPG photo if you wish. Rather than include your name and contact details we can add an enquiry code and pass information on to you – then you can deal directly with the responders – your decision. At present there is no charge for this service. For the time being keep the text down to under 50 words per item.

For Sale

Member David Donaldson has for sale Australian photography DVDs new in wrap:

- GIRL IN A MIRROR (Carol Jerrems)
- WILDNESS (Truchanas, Dombrovskis)
- PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA (Sievers, Dupain, Moore)

Each \$20 in plain envelope, \$30 padded. Details on request. Phone David on (08) 8267 5069.

Wanted

Member Sandy Barrie is looking for Kodak Sepia Toner and Selenium Toner. If you can help send him an email at apbarrie52@dodo.com.au