



NEWSLETTER

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Next Event – July 17 – 2pm Annual General Meeting AMRA Hall

Our AGM is for the purpose of receiving reports, electing a committee for the next year and dealing with specific items of business to be determined. In order to provide for the widest attendance, the AGM will be live on-line using ZOOM software. Members wishing to be part of the meeting that way should send an email to president@apcsociety.com.au and will be provided with the link code via email. All you will need is a computer with internet access and a browser like MS Edge. If you wish to be seen and speak then you will also need a webcam with a microphone. The Annual Report is in the pages of Back Focus No 117.

One of the reasons for the AGM is to elect a committee to run the APCS for the next year. We need people to represent the whole membership, and indeed to do some of the work which includes managing the public markets and the members-only auctions. The society is financially sound so fund-raising is not an issue at present. We will be able to take nominations right up to the declaration of the vacancies during the AGM. The APCS is an incorporated NFP association registered in Victoria. There is provision for 4 executive positions and the number of committee members is set at the AGM. This is a great opportunity to be part of running an active association and we could do with some more help. In recent times it has been convenient to hold most committee meetings using ZOOM software.

Back Focus

Your copy of Back Focus No 117 (June 2022) should be with you by now. If you have not received it please send an email to backfocus@apcsociety.com.au and let us know – we will check your financial status etc. Back Focus is sent by surface mail to all Australian Members of the APCS and by email to all overseas members. Under exchange arrangements it is also accessible to members of other photographic collecting societies around the world. Visitors to the APCS webpage can also see the current issue from the website.

Articles in this issue of Back Focus include the history of the Schneider Symmar lens family, a major reprint of John Minnis' history of the Pathe home movie products – especially the 9.5mm movie world, a book review, a few short articles on various collectable cameras, the announcement and rules and conditions for the forthcoming APCS photographic competition and the annual report for 2021-2022. It is the largest issue of Back Focus in the history of the APCS.

APCS Public Markets

As we get back to some sort of 'normal' after the COVID interruption – the effects of a break of a couple of years has also meant a few changes to the way that the markets will be run.

The next Box Hill market is on Sunday 18th September, and the delayed Adelaide Market will be on a MONDAY October 3rd at the Hungarian Club in Norwood.

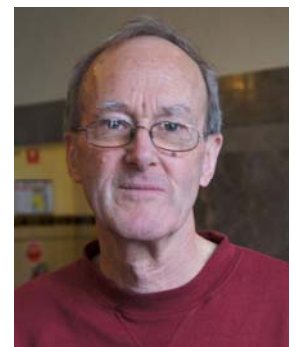
A very significant change is that public liability insurance is required for every table holder at both the market venues (Box Hill and Norwood) and if that was achieved individually then the cost would be rather unpopular. However the APCS is negotiating for an overall cover for all un-insured tables and has reached an agreement with its main insurer which will be in place for future markets.

The effect will be an increase in the table fees which will include a loading for insurance. The fee will be \$60 per table for the Melbourne Market. For Adelaide the fee for the first table will be \$40 and additional tables will be \$30 each. A consequence of the new requirements is that we will be taking table bookings in a revised way – on-line through a payment and registration portal – more about that in the next couple of issues of the newsletter. These fee changes also reflect increases in the cost of the venues and are in line with inflation.

As the new requirements are partly a response to new consumer protection practices there will be some restriction on the nature of items that can be sold at the markets. There will be a blanket ban on the sale of electrical goods that can be connected to the power mains, and chemicals at the APCS markets but there is a work-around... There is nothing to stop a seller from advertising that they have such items for sale but they won't be able to do the transaction or delivery from the market venue – that will have to wait until later.

Vale – Adrian Elshout

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of long-time stalwart of the APCS Adrian Elshout – the champion of all things to do with the history of cine equipment. He had been a member for over 30 years and was a very regular attendee at meetings, auctions and markets. He wrote several articles on a wide range of subjects for Back Focus. We extend our condolences to Trish and their family.



Members-only auction 28th August

And another move back to normal (but with a twist) is that we will hold a members-only auction on Sunday 28th August and please note that this is a week later than expected and previously scheduled. There will be a viewing session from 2pm on Saturday 27th and another on the Sunday from 10am – the auction starting at NOON.

Submission of items for auction will occur from late July and members proposing to submit items should send an email to auctions@apcsociety.com.au including a list of the items involved. Instructions on how to proceed will be provided by email. As previously advised, the sellers fee for the auction will be 15% of the hammer-fall price. There is no buyers' premium but postage will be added to purchases that have to be sent by mail.

We would appreciate help in preparing for this auction – we need a secure, dry location with an area about the same as a conventional car garage to sort, photograph and catalogue the items and to store them for the period from the end of July to the auction date. It is essential that those doing the sorting etc have access. If you can help, please contact Rod on 0408173662 or by email to president@apcsociety.com.au.

Telephone and absentee bidding will be possible – watch the next newsletter for details.

Membership renewals

We remind you that membership renewals were due at the end of May. Thankyou to those who have paid in advance but if you were shown as unfinancial in the January mailout and have not renewed, then maybe consider doing so. The annual fee is still \$30 can be paid by a direct deposit into the bank account. It is highly likely that the annual fee will be raised at the AGM next Sunday – get in quickly this week to avail yourself of the old \$30 fee!

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

If you have changed any of your contact details – address, phone numbers, email address etc, please let us know. Download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> and include it with your cheque (made out to the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society), or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au or you can send it to the Treasurer P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

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. 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. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item.

At present there is no charge for placing an ad but it is now requested that for successful sales you remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. This is an honour system and you may electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word "Sale".

Wanted

Old photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes and photo postcards from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also intact 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am avid collector and I have 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



For Sale

A small list of items is available as follows:

Perlux 2 camera in ERC	\$120
Pentax SV with 2/55 lens ERC and meter	\$75
Pentax-M 1.4/50 SMC lens (K-mount)	\$80
Meyer Telemegor 4.5/300 lens	\$50

These items may have minor faults – mostly sticky shutters in the case of the cameras. Email to adverts@apcsociety.com.au

Wanted

A reader is looking for a few things:

South Australian photographers / studio's adverts 1860-1900. Original Australian Silent Film Era (1910-1930) advertising related items. Posters, Lobby cards, Heralds, Flyers, Handbills, Photos. Phone Warren on. 0413 338 355

Wanted

Plate holders and a rollfilm holder to fit a 6x9 Plaubel Makina III. Geoff Harrison phone/text 0408 376 695 or email gharrison@bigpond.com.com or

Wanted

Committee Member Andrew Korlaki is looking for a Polaroid 110 or 120 for a camera building project. Andrew is also looking for an AGFA PARAT Half Frame camera. Call him on 0400081738 or best to email andrew.korlaki@gmail.com

For Sale

PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA Dupain, Sievers and Moore covered In Film Australia production (1992) Narrated by Ruth Cracknell: DVD 43min new \$20.

Also, various surveys of Australian film history. Prices include postage. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 filmart@dodo.com.au