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## 2017 A new era for the APCS

The APCS has been changing over the years and 2017 will not be any different in that respect – ie there will be changes!

Fundamentally it is still your club where you as photographic collectors will get together in a range of activities. The club rooms are still at the AMRA hall where they have been for a while now. We will still have interest meetings, auctions, markets, newsletters and Back Focus. But new technology and simply the way that we collect things and what we collect will change in ways that range from subtle detail to completely new methodologies. That is not happening suddenly but over the next year or so there will be some features of the APCS that are likely to cause future commentators to observe that “2017 was the year for change”.

The following announcements are indications of what is to come. A centre of a lot of the changes will be the use of the Internet to support what we do. In some cases the changes will be simply for convenience while in other cases it will be for economic reasons and maybe because there is little option but to go down a new path.

### The meeting program for 2017

Up-to-date information on the meeting program is published on the website and in 2017 won't be a carbon copy of what happened in previous years. The first major change is that the April meeting will be a Members-only market at the AMRA hall, a month earlier than previously scheduled, and the first Members-only auction for 2017 will be delayed until May. This change has become necessary as there will be changes in personnel and procedure for the auctions in 2017 and for the first auction we need some more time to organise things. The first few meetings for 2017 are as follows:

## 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2pm –meeting at AMRA

There will be something at this meeting for everyone. An illustrated talk by the President will be an update of a talk given to another organisation in 2016 on the general subject of Antiques and Photographic collecting. It will cover the whole history of photography with examples and illustrations and some considerable detail on techniques – focussing on those matters that are antiques, and how photography has changed over the last couple of centuries. You will find out how to recognise a Daguerreotype from an Ambrotype from a Tintype, you will get a quick overview of colour photography, and you will get some photographic statistics that are simply mind-blowing. There will be so much to take in that it will all be summarised in a booklet for all that attend to take away and study at your leisure. For those interested in technology change, expect to get a glimpse of “photography in the future” as a new generation of personal computing and cameras is demonstrated.

## 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH – Box Hill Town Hall Market

Please note the date for the Market at the Box Hill Town Hall. It was shown as the 19<sup>th</sup> on the website for a while but that was an error.

### THE CORRECT DATE IS SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Table bookings are progressing well and if you have not already booked you should do so soon – see the webpage for a booking form. Confirmation of table numbers etc will be sent a week or so before the event. As usual the Hall will be open to the public between 9am and 1pm. Table holders will have access to set up from 7.15am. There is a chance that the catering for the day will be a bit different – watch for an update in the next newsletter.

## **16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10am – Members-only Market**

This is the first major change for maybe this year only. We won't be ready in time to present the previously scheduled auction on this date so this meeting will be the first Members-only Market at the AMRA Hall. As previously there is no table charge for this market and members are encouraged to bring along about "half a table" as far as volume is concerned and maybe just those items that they expect that other members will seek. As for similar events we will be providing light refreshments – sandwiches etc.

## **21<sup>st</sup> MAY – Members-only Auction**

The arrangements for the first auction of 2017 are still being developed. For the moment please don't take items to Margaret for inclusion and don't expect that all item types that have previously come up for auction will be accepted. This is one area of significant change for 2017 and the arrangements will be announced as the methods are implemented.

For the future, the auction will be for items whose values can only reasonably be determined as the result of an auction, and in most cases will not be for large items.

For the more common items that have well established prices, larger items where storage is an issue, and extended goods and services that have not previously been auction items, the APCS will be introducing a web-based classified advertising system for members shortly. For reasons that will become evident as they emerge, this service will be a bit different from other on-line services, and will be tailored to the specific needs and requests by members. We are particularly aware that members in general do not want their names and locations to become public and we are designing a secure system that ensures the greatest confidentiality. Initially the on-line system will be for fixed price items only – ie not an auction process – but may go down that path if the demand requires it.

One of the thrusts for our auctions in the future will be to avoid it becoming a dumping ground for low value items – they can be bundled up into lots and put on the website. Assistance in valuing common items for the classified pages can be found from other on-line references. In line with current liability concerns the APCS will not be offering valuations on items, but may assist members in understanding what items may be worth from public databases etc.

## **18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2pm – AGM and social day**

The APCS is an Incorporated Association under the Victorian reform Act of 2012 and we do have to have an annual general meeting to present reports on our activities to the members, to elect the executive and committee for the following year, to approve reports that will go on the public record, and to do other such things as are required from time to time. That process won't take up a whole meeting so some social activities are being planned to make the day more interesting.

## **The remainder of 2017**

The rest of the year is likely to be more like previous years and the expected timetable is shown on the calendar page of the website. Remember that these newsletters are sent to all members and recent members as well as our eMembers a week before each of the events and will almost certainly include more detail than we show on the website.

## **Industry News**

Maybe the biggest announcement in the photographic industry this year has been the announcement by Kodak of the reintroduction of a new generation of Ektachrome film in cine, 35mm and even 120 formats after an absence since 2012. This is great news for film users as Ektachrome is seen by many as the preferred solution. Those longing for the return of Kodachrome are not going to get any good news from this as there has also been an observation that the techniques necessary to support Kodachrome processing are not even remotely feasible considering the low scale of the potential demand. The official announcement regarding Ektachrome on January 5<sup>th</sup> is at [http://www.kodak.com/us/en/corp/press\\_center/kodak\\_brings\\_back\\_a\\_classic\\_with\\_ektachrome\\_film/default.htm](http://www.kodak.com/us/en/corp/press_center/kodak_brings_back_a_classic_with_ektachrome_film/default.htm) and the rumour mill is alive with details.

But we may have to wait until at least later this year for more details on what will happen in Australia. Kodak's record for schedule is not perfect! Remember that announcement about the new generation of Super-8 cameras and film that was supposed to be launched last October? Well with a few excuses about further development, that is also now scheduled for later in 2017 with some promises on prices etc for Australia as early as next May. See the following for up to date detail: <http://www.gizmodo.com.au/2017/01/kodak-swears-its-not-giving-up-on-that-digital-super-8-camera/>