



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## APCS NEWSLETTER No.80 – June 2018

### The next APCS event is the APCS Annual General Meeting

The Society AGM will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm at the AMRA Hall to receive reports of the operations for the 2017-18 year, to elect a new Executive and Committee and to deal with special business. Nominations for the management positions will be received from financial members at any time up to elections to be held if there are more candidates than positions.

A copy of the annual report has been sent with the June copy of Back Focus but it is unlikely that all members will receive that in time for the meeting. You can download a PDF copy of the annual report from <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/newsletter/2017report.pdf>

Now is the time to consider joining the Committee of the APCS. We are an incorporated association registered in Victoria with about 250 members mostly in Australia. It is managed by the committee and relies on financial resources from membership fees and the revenue that comes from auctions and markets. It has an expenditure profile that includes meetings, public markets in Melbourne and Adelaide at present, the production and distribution of Back Focus, the production of a newsletter in most months, and the miscellaneous activities that are required by law and of course the good management. The society is financially self-sustaining and has sufficient reserves to avoid the financial stress that is often present in volunteer associations.

Most of the work is done by the members of the Committee but others can be involved as well. Being part of the Committee is an opportunity for you to contribute to the functions of the society, and to shape the society for the future. The present is a time of change as we welcome new members and sadly see the older members retiring from the roles that they had years ago. Even what we collect is changing – digital photography has a history going back three quarters of a century, and the first self-contained digital camera was made nearly 50 years ago. New approaches are needed, not only in our collections but how we run the APCS and interact with each other – technology is very evident and we need new input.

Have a think about becoming part of the team – chat to current committee members (a couple of contacts above) and get involved so that you can eventually take over the reins.

### June Back Focus

The June copy of Back Focus should be in the mail this week – it includes a precis of news items on the back of the cover page and a copy of the 2017 annual report.

### Membership renewals

Thankyou to the members who have already renewed their membership for the next year. They are now due and 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](mailto:web@apcsociety.com.au) You can renew membership and advise us of changes at any APCS event.

Each copy of Back Focus has a cover page that includes your membership number and your financial status at the time of preparation.

### Email addresses

There are still a few members who have not provided an email address – which is the method by which we send newsletters and reminders to members directly. All Newsletters etc are also available from the APCS Website – but remember to refresh the page to ensure that you have the latest version. Important announcements and late-breaking news items are also available from the FaceBook page.

### April Auction results

As a service to members, the results of the April auction now include a brief description of each item: <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/auctions/April2018results.pdf>

### Have you lost a small hand trolley?

One of the stall holders forgot to take their trolley with them after the last Box Hill market. If it belongs to you contact Leigh on (03)98980483 or by email to [market@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:market@apcsociety.com.au)

### Members-only Auction 15<sup>th</sup> July

The members-only auction on 15<sup>th</sup> July is going to be a special one – with a large part of it dedicated to the final part of the Estate of Margaret Mason. You have already seen a few of the rarer items at the memorial meeting back in February – and there are a lot more like that. There will be items that are considered to be of special value (think museum rarity and quality). We will also be making an effort to research those items much

more fully than usual. This is an opportunity for members to submit similar interesting items that can be included in the same auction, and to help save time on the day, there will be a minimum starting bid of \$100 applied to these lots.

As usual there will be a viewing opportunity on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm and on the Sunday from 10am until the auction at Noon.

Over the last year or so there have been calls for a high value day and this will be an attempt to test the idea. We are still dealing with some security matters so for the moment if you have high value items that you wish to sell could you please first send an email to [auctions@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:auctions@apcsociety.com.au) summarising the items and including a photo of each item that can be used for promotion. We will deal with the physical side of getting items to the auction closer to the day.

## Photographic valuations?

Finding valuations on photographic items has always been a problem and in almost all cases, opinions have a lot to do with it. Various price guides have emerged over the years and we have got used to relying on McKeown's etc. A relatively newcomer to the internet world is Collectiblemd <http://collectiblemd.com/Cameras/>. It does not cover everything but does provide the sources for some pricing that can be useful including the year that the example prices were achieved. As with all estimates, they can be affected by many parameters – condition – ownership history and country of sale being key to understanding some of the extremes in values quoted.

## Classified Advertisements

You can place classified advertisements in these pages. Send an email to [adverts@apcsociety.com.au](mailto: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. At present there is no charge for this service. For the timebeing keep the text down to under 50 words per item. Advertisements will be published once – or twice if space permits.

## Wanted – Fieldmaster camera information

Does anyone have, or knows of a "Fieldmaster" Thornton Pickard type field camera made in the 1950s? Contact John Fleming (Member 559) via email [oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com](mailto:oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com) or phone 03 98777754. And to prompt your memory see the picture from a directory of the day.



## For Sale

The following images are of items that are available from member Keith Baker. If interested, call him directly on 0434 011503.

