

NEWSLETTER

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The next event is the APCS Public Market Sunday 15th September

The Box Hill market is next Sunday 15th September. There might be a couple of tables still available so if you have left it late and need a table, call Leigh Harris on 03-98980483. \$50 covers the table, vendor and one helper, \$5 for general entry and additional helpers with entry for buyers from 9am. This is one of the main photographic events of the year.

Members-only Auction on 20th October

It is now time to register items for the Members-only auction on 20th October. Follow the procedures which you can read on the Auctions page of the APCS website: <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/auction.html>. The procedure is essentially the same as for the July auction. Please contact us as soon as possible – we have a lot to do when setting up an auction – and note that all lists should be in and the items delivered for photographing by the end of September.

The results of the last auction on 21st July are now available as a download from the web address at www.apcsociety.com.au/auctions/July2019results.pdf

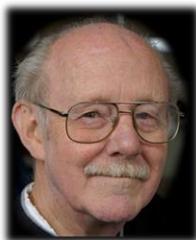
Sadness

During this last month we bade farewell to two of the most active and long serving of our members. The society was well represented at their funerals and there were APCS tributes at both.

Life Member – Ian Carron

Ian Carron passed away on 18th August after dealing with Cancer for a while. We extend our condolences to Jean and family.

Ian was the President for nearly 15 years – the longest reign in the history of the Society, and in association with the late John Keesing reformed and edited the Society magazine Back Focus for 27 years.



Life Member – Brian Hatfield

Brian Hatfield passed away on 30th August after a short illness. We extend our condolences to his family.

Brian had been on the committee for many years and was Treasurer for a decade.



No Back Focus? – Membership lapsed?

Did you get a copy of Back Focus in June? If not it is probable that you did not renew your membership last year (we continue to send newsletters for a year after members become unfinancial).

Thankyou if you have already renewed for 2019-20, but about 25% of members have not renewed this year. The annual fee remains at \$30 and can be paid by a direct deposit into the APCS 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 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.

Back Focus – The next issue

With the passing of Ian Carron, the editor of Back Focus, we will be in a transition period until new arrangements are made for the publication. The next issue #114 was scheduled for release in September, but will be delayed until October. Ian had completed most of the necessary work including some changes to the format, but we need to make a couple of changes recognising Ian's passing...

Back Focus has been published in essentially an unchanged form for 27 years, and if there are to be changes then this is the appropriate time as new editing policies are determined. Members can expect notification in the next month or so. Should members wish to make comments about what they would like the form of Back Focus to be, what they would like to see in it, and how it should be made available to members, please send comments to president@apcsociety.com.au in the confidence that they will be made known to the committee.

Committee vacancies

Following on from the AGM, there is an ongoing vacancy for the position of Secretary of the Society and for positions in the general committee. This is an opportunity for members interested in the future of the APCS to come forward and be part of its management. Have a word with any of the current committee or indeed chat among yourselves, and let the acting Secretary know – secretary@apcsociety.com.au

Photographic industry news

The photographic industry is a very active one with all sorts of developments becoming almost a daily news story. A few that have come to the attention of APCS news include the following...

New digital cameras... It seems almost impossible to keep up with new releases from the many manufacturers keen to sell you new items. It does not matter if you favour Nikon, Canon, Sony or any other name – the rumour mills are off and rolling. But as is becoming usual, it is the Sony rumours that are getting noticed... But rumours aside, the release of the Sony A7R Mk.IV to reviewers in the last few weeks with the native resolution of 61MP and 240MP in a technical mode show just how far these full frame units are going. But take care, you will also need to get some very special lenses if you are to exploit those resolutions and all-in-all that will take very deep pockets. An A7R Mk.IV with a top 50mm lens to match will make a very big hole in \$7,500 here in Australia.

Photographers beware... Photography is an environment involving a lot of money and practitioners have been the targets of various scams as reported recently – from fraudulent dealing in on-line sales to deception in professional photographic engagements, we all need to be aware that we are targets by those who believe that they need our money more than we do...

Decline in camera sales... 2019 continues the trend in a drop in the number of dedicated cameras produced and sold as the cameras in mobile phones and similar devices continue to dominate the market. Some of the classical marques are reporting disturbingly low sales levels...

The resurgence of film... There have been a few releases of new film, but the news is not all good. Certainly, it has become easier to find new film but users are discovering that there are technical limitations that effectively mean that digital photography is moving leaps and bounds ahead of film in terms of quality and performance in general. In spite of the implication that film is making a comeback, film chemistry is just not keeping up, and observers have pointed out that the total volume of film being produced is not actually increasing and the current enthusiasm may be temporary.

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.

Wanted

Do you have a defunct Zeiss Contax Rangefinder or a copy (eg Kiev) that is only suitable for use as parts but still includes the helical focussing lens mount? One is needed to make a lens adapter for testing purposes – it would be a pity to wreck a good unit for the project. Please contact president@apcsociety.com.au

For Sale: Kodak Panoram Camera

This Kodak No1 Model D Panoram Camera is a very early version (from patent information) ~1903 and apparently can take 120 film so is quite usable. Offers in the vicinity of \$400 will be considered. Interested buyers should send an email to president@apcsociety.com.au



For Sale: Exakta VP camera

This Exakta Mod B VP Type 4.1 BLACK camera from 1935-37 with Tessar 2.8/75 is in nice cosmetic condition but the shutter failed when tested and was left in that condition.

Inspection shows that a blind is torn probably because one of the ribbons failed. Offers in the vicinity of \$200 will be considered. Interested buyers should send an email to president@apcsociety.com.au

