



CAMERA CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011



We would like to welcome our new members for March to the Camera Club:-

Jane Milojevic, Charlie Taranto & Lenny Micoock

The NEXT MEETING (on Friday April 8) will be a PRESENTATION on CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY. Janie News loves creative compositions and will share some of her tips with us.

Our MEETING (on Friday April 29) will be a COMPETITION NIGHT – Open – our judge for the night is Barbara Seager. *The definition of Open is any subject containing the elements of good composition and reflecting the interpretation of the photographer.* This month's Digital Images need to be sent in no later than Saturday 16th April so they can be sent along to the judge. ccdooleys@gmail.com

Results of March competition – Night Photography/Open [Congratulations go to the following photographers](#) –

Top shots – Small Prints	George Lombardo	Coliseum
Large Prints	Jason Li	My Boy
Monochrome	Janene Cleverley	Rajasthani Camel Herder
Digital	Ilona Abou-Zolof	Dazing Lion

Top Points on the night are shared between David Miller and Andrew Oczak - both with 22 points.

WELL DONE MARCIA!!

One of our very talented photographers, Marcia Pidgeon, recently was awarded the People's choice with her photo of an inquisitive looking magpie entitled *Whatcha looking at*, in the Living Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.

EVENING CAMERA OUTING AT MILSONS POINT

Eighteen attended the night shoot at Milsons Point. It was a very pleasant evening and a good opportunity to photograph various landmarks and points of interest around the harbour.

Photo supplied by Lyn Keane.



SPORTS COUNCIL DINNER DANCE

The Sports Council has invited the Camera Club to attend a Dinner Dance on May 28th. Tickets are \$55.00 per head. Anyone wishing to attend please speak to a Committee member ASAP so we can organize our table.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

All our best wishes go to Ilona and Muhammad on the birth of their new grand-daughter Dalia

DATES TO REMEMBER for April

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| 14 – 27 | Royal Easter Show |
| 8 | Presentation on Creative Photography – Janie News. |
| 9 – 10 | Hunter Valley Steamfest 2011 held in the Maitland Railway Station precinct – google Steamfest for more details. |
| 25 | Anzac Day |
| 23 | Entries close for Topshot Competition – visit FCC website for details |
| 29 | Competition night – Open – Judge Barbara Seager |

OUTBACK ADVENTURE

We wish those members who will be travelling to the outback, a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing some amazing images when they return.

Camerally 2011

I would like to share with the readers of our newsletter my experience I had attending Camerally. It was the first time for me.

Camerally was formed in 1952. Members of the YMCA invited members of other Photographic Clubs to join them at the camp at Yarramundi. Camerally continued from then to 1998 at Yarramundi and was moved to Menangle the year after. The attendance went into recess for different reasons.

Camerally was asleep till 2010 when it was re-born. As far as I know Barbara Seager was the birth mother. A committee was formed and some of the members served as committee members for the Camerally before.

The new venue is not far away from the original YMCA camp, it is Lutanda Recreation & Conference Centre in Yarramundi.

We met from 11 March to 13 March 2011. The cost was very reasonable, as was the accommodation, including all meals.

We had a raffle going and the prizes were great. We had great sponsors like Epson, LowPro, FujiFilm, FotoRiesel, PhotoEnlargements and BetterPhotography.

Through the raffle we collected more than \$900. The collection was donated partly to a charity here in Sydney and the rest was given to one of our presenters who came all the way from New Zealand. He will choose an organisation to give the money to. We felt we wanted to give a bit to help rebuilding after the horrible disaster in Christchurch.

We had great sponsors as well as great presenters.

We had John Alessi who shared with us his knowledge of ProShow. John is very precise with the way he uses ProShow and you can see and hear how much passion is in his work when he prepares any show.

Sue Robertson presented her "Idea to Photo". Although I have seen her presentation before, I must say she always adds something new and makes it very interesting.

We had Ron Willems who came especially from Christchurch, New Zealand. He shared with us his passion of photography. He showed us some wonderful images he took on his travels and he shared with us some of his techniques of post production.

Another presenter was Richard Green. He is one of the most sought after landscape photographers. He travels with his wife Carolyn to very remote places in Australia which most of us probably won't ever see, because he is able to fly there with his own helicopter.

Our presenter for the last day was Brent Pearson, who has been in the business for over 30 years now. He organised two models and he gave a lesson on how to use flash off camera outside in the middle of the day and still get great pictures. I found that he can explain things in a way that I can remember, even things with which I had problems before.

All the speakers gave very interesting presentations, but what I found very nice was that we had members from camera clubs all over the place. We had members from South Coast, Blue Mountains, St George, Dooleys, Cronulla, only to name a few. So during our meals or free times we could talk to members of other clubs, exchange experiences and ideas.

John Alessi spent time with a few enthusiasts and answered questions they had about ProShow. Sue Robertson had about 8 people sitting around her to go through the workflow she uses to create her images. Richard Green, Ron Willems and Brent Pearson were always surrounded by members asking questions and trying to find out more about their experiences.

I enjoyed the venue, I enjoyed the presentations and I enjoyed the company. I do hope that Camerally will be around for many years to come. All attendants agreed that we have to repeat next year. It will be the same dates as it was this year, and I am sure it will be advertised closer to the date. I definitely hope to be there again.

Thank you and hope to see you at Camerally 2012.

Ilona Abou-Zolof