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"Reach for the Sky" By Peter Roupas 1st Place September Print section 2023

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The committee meeting was in full-swing again in September as there was a reasonable amount of business to get through.

The syllabus sub-committee have put together a comprehensive program for the coming year. You can find the syllabus for October and November in this newsletter, and also updated on the website.

The sub-committee to investigate a more accurate display system has been very busy, and has extensively researched the pros and cons of systems available and reported their findings and recommendations back to the committee. They obtained approval from the committee to go ahead and purchase a new television that will display more accurate colours of the images being shown. (Update post committee meeting: the television

is now installed in the clubrooms - see the article

further in this newsletter).

The investigation into clubroom lighting is underway and the committee has given approval for works to be carried out. The timing of this is currently being worked out with the electrician, so we are hopeful it will happen quite soon.

The new-to-our-club TryBooking payment system for membership fees has been successful. Being its first time used by the club, there were no issues with it and we will continue to use this system for the coming year. Although the TryBooking system is the preferred club option, fees paid directly into our bank account is also an option for members who do not wish to use the TryBooking system.

There was discussion on whether or not the identity of competition judges were to be kept unknown to members (other than the competition secretary and judge co-ordinator). After surveying many members it seemed to be around a fifty/fifty split so the committee made the decision that there would be no change to the current arrangement of keeping judges anonymous.

Carried over to the next meeting for discussion:

· End of Year Sponsorship

Members are encouraged to share their ideas and thoughts with the committee, who is working hard for you to keep our club enthusiastic and vibrant. It is more difficult without members' input as we will not know what your thoughts are, so please, if you have anything that you would like to mention, or any feedback on recent events, speak to a committee member or send an email via the website.

Our 2024-2025 committee:

President: Robert Long
Vice President: Shelley McKiernan
Secretary: Paul Muir
Treasurer: Meredith Bain

General Committee:

Steve Davies Larry Devenish
Heather Prince Lyn Northam
Chris Reichl Bob Medwell
Judy Medwell

"I've never taken a picture I intended. They are always better or worse." - Diane Arbus

CLUB NEWS

KEEDING THE COMMITTEE INFORMED

The 'leader' (aka Larry) of the sub-committee researching and purchasing the new display system for our clubrooms, has kept the committee well-informed every step of the way! - excerpts from his communications to the committee

I have arranged some help to unload the unit at the Club Rooms. We are picking up the TV tomorrow afternoon. I have checked out the existing TV mount & it should be able to be

We'll attempt to install the TV tomorrow afternoon. I think we'll need to buy some HDMI Cables but I'll look after moved to the new TV.

that.

We came, We saw, We failed!

···· the TV would not fit in the back of the van. We're getting it delivered tomorrow.

We Returned, We Saw & We succeeded

The new TV was delivered today.

After Lightseekers, a trusty team of volunteers set to the task of removing the old TV & installing the new one.

All went well with no issues.

The test team looked at a series of images & felt that the screen was as good as any computer. We felt that the colours are a bit vibrant but I chose to let the system settle in with a few uses and see how it goes at the next comp night.





Excellent work by the team, and thanks to our strong members who assisted in the removal of the old and installation of the new - no easy task as to all accounts that TV was particularly heavy.

Members will now be able to enjoy good colour display of their images, particularly important on competition nights.

COMPETITION RULES

Early into our competition year is a timely reminder of the club's monthly competition rules. There are a huge amount of entries each month and our competition secretary works very hard to have everything completed and sent to judges on time. Some months are more time consuming than others and it is each member's responsibility to ensure this process runs as smoothly as possible by adhering to the competition rules.

In the past there have been too many instances where the naming of entries have not been complied with and when images are received with no competition number or other relevant details, it makes the processing very difficult and very time-consuming. No-one wants to go to the trouble of entering a competition only to find out on competition night their entry has been rejected due to inaccurate or no identifying details.

Would all members please ensure when they are submitting their entries they comply with the following in EDIs and prints.

Electronic Images (EDIs)

All electronic images must be:

- sRGB jpg images
- sized appropriately to fit within a box of 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high
- maximum file size is 1.5MB for our own internal competitions

Entrants are responsible for submitting their work in the correct size and format. Failure to do so may result in images being rejected from competition. Competitions external to the club may require different rules so it is very important to know how to prepare your images correctly.

Naming conventions:

When you 'save as' your resized image, it must be named as follows, in the correct order to ensure correct image placement on the club computer:

- Image Title eg: Mt Buffalo
- Membership number eg: 071
- Month and name of competition eg: Oct Open EDI, Ballarat InterClub, EOY, VAPS

Examples of file names for competitions:

- Image Title 071 Oct Open EDI.jpg
- Image Title 071 Oct SS EDI.jpg
- Image Title 071 Oct AR EDI.jpg
- Image Title 071 Ballarat InterClub.jpg (spaces are allowed and .jpg will be automatically added)

Prints

All prints must be labelled on the back of the image in the manner required by the competition secretary, including:

- · Image Title
- Section entered
- Member's competition number, for purposes of recording and identification (member's name must NOT be included).

Prints must also have an electronic version of the SUBMITTED print (not a look-alike), uploaded by the same due date as the print, via the website upload page. The title of the thumbnail must match the title on the back of the print.

Naming protocol for the thumbnail:

Image Title 071 Oct Open Prints.jpg

For information, the monthly competition schedules, as per the Competition Rules, are:

February | April | June | September | November

- Set Subject EDIs
- · Open Subject Prints
- Open Subject EDIs

March | May | August | October | December

- · Altered Reality EDIs
- · Open Subject Prints
- Open Subject EDIs

There are no monthly competitions held in either July (due to End of Year Awards), or in January (due to the Christmas break).

Processing your images can be a rewarding but time-consuming part of our monthly competitions. It is appreciated that members adhere to the correct procedures of this critical part of the club's program, to ensure no added and time-consuming workload is placed on the competition secretary. Please remember that entries could be rejected from the competition for non-compliance.

If it is not known how to do something in preparing images for competitons, please ask for assistance. There are many members who are willing to help.

For the rules in full, please refer to the Competition Rules document on the notice board, or on our website

(under Information, near the bottom of the Home page)

PRINT OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



First Place

"Close Encounters"

By Dee Kelly



"Wild Horses" By Shelley McKiernan





Third Place

"Baroque Beauty"By Sandra McArthur

PRINT OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



First Place

"Crossing the Wake" By Marion Best

Second Place

"Red Geranium Stamen"

By Ketut Suwitra





Third Place

"Umbrella"
By David Rendle

A AND B GRADE OPEN PRINT MERITS

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



A GRADE

"Gannet Couple Embrace"
By Shelley McKiernan

A GRADE

Only one merit

B GRADE

"Sea Lake Sunset" By Larry Devenish

B GRADE

"Begonia Stamen"

By Ketut Suwitra



EDI OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



First Place

"Looking Up"
By Sandra McArthur

Second Place

"Memories" By Hans Kawitzki





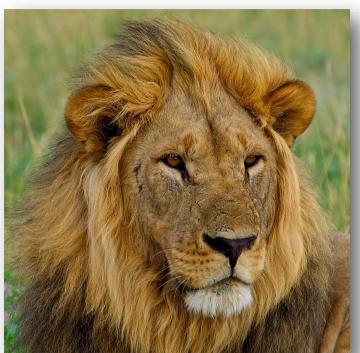
Third Place

"Poles"

By Phillipa Alexander

EDI OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



First Place

"Majestic"

By Robert Clark

Second Place

"Glencoe Lochan" By Lyn Northam





Third Place

"Cheetah"

By Robert Clark

A AND B GRADE OPEN EDI MERITS

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



A GRADE

"Farmer Ant"
By Sue Wilson



A GRADE

"The Alpha Male" By Judith Wood



"Pier at Night" By Larry Devenish



B GRADE

"The Waterfront" By Chris George



SET SUBJECT IT GRADE: TRIPTYCH

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN







First Place

" Cyanotype Art" By Judith Wood

Second Place

"Wipe Out" By Sue Wilson











"Street Without Wipers"
By Mick Kupresanin

SET SUBJECT B GRADE: TRIPTYCH

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN



First Place

"Christmas Triptych"
By Heather O'Flynn

Second Place

"Beachfront" By Heather O'Flynn











"Dandelion"

By Tom Smeaton

SET SUBJECT A AND B GRADE MERITS: TRIPTYCH

JUDGE: ROB MORGAN







A GRADE

"Catfish for Breakfast" By Marion Best







A GRADE

"Where Fairies Dwell" By Sue Wilson

B GRADE

"Tekapo Threesome"

By Malcolm Phillips



B GRADE

"The Bus" By Chris George



LIGHTSEEKERS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Lightseekers group went to Colac this month, looking to photograph around the lake with its bird reserves and Botanic Gardens. There are also several lakes, both salty and fresh, in the area plus Red Rock just out of the township. The weather has been difficult recently as everyone is aware. Cold, windy, and some showers. We were lucky on the day, that it did not rain, but cold and windy it was. The Great Crested Grebes were not yet on the lake, but for those with patience and a good eye, there were birds out and about. We saw lovely photos of the Reed War-

blers, and Egrets. The Botanic Gardens had plenty of Spring flowers. I think we all felt energised and pleased to be out in the bracing weather.

Our Term Challenge was shown on the Thursday meeting in the Club Rooms. The topic of Minimalism was familiar to some, but a new challenge to others. For the next Term the Challenge is "Back-lighting".

Chris Reichl





Our 26th September outing was to Fyansford Common.

The challenge was to choose a prop and use this prop in a series of images.

Fyansford Common is a large and diverse area and offered numerous opportunities for imaginative use of a prop.

The outing was concluded with a convivial lunch at the Fyansford Hotel.

Allan Wilkins



On September 10 the Creatives had their annual Creative Challenge against Waverley Camera Club. The Challenge this year was judged by the esteemed Adrian Donoghue, an internationally-known creative photographic artist. The Challenge is always in the spirit of a shared love of creative imaging but it is always thrilling to receive a swag of awards as we did this year.

Here are all our entries with the award noted:

OPEN



'Best Friend' Ketut Suwitra



'Mystery Train' Lyn Northam



'The Lighthouse Keeper's Domain' Heather Prince **1st**



'Set Free at Last' Judith Wood



'Under His Eye' Heather O'Flynn



'City on the Hill' Chris Reichl



'Our Possible Future' Brian Farey HC



'Reflection of a Portrait' Mick Kupresanin **3rd**





'Looking for ET' Kerry Boytell

Set Subject 'Flight'



'Corellas' Chris Reichl



'Soaring' Heather Prince 1st



'Fly Like a Brick' Brian Farey HC



'Goose Rider' Ketut Suwitra



'Smile Nanna' Lyn Northam



'Fight of the Flies' Mick Kupresanin 3rd



'Flight' Judith Wood

Many thanks to Waverley who generously include us in their workshops and guest speaker presentations.

WHAT'S ON

MAL CULLING

On **Monday 30th September** there will be a mat cutting session in the clubrooms at 7:30 pm. If you need to have a mat cut for your image, come along and there will be someone to show you how to prepare and assist you to cut your mat for competition. You will need to bring your own mat board.

BASIC INTRO - LIGHTROOM & PHOTOSHOP

Wednesday 9th October there will be presentations on a basic introduction to Lightroom and Photoshop. Ross Hyde will be showing us the basic workings of Lightroom and Heather Prince will demonstrate some of the simple things you can do in Photoshop to enhance your images.

This evening is designed to be a basic introduction only, as these programs cannot be learnt in one or two sessions.

2-SHOT COMPETITION

Wednesday 16th October David Rendle will introduce our annual 2-Shot competition which is a lot of fun as well as being challenging. Over the course of the year members will be able to take a film camera to capture a set subject. You will only have two shots so it involves some very careful pre-planning before you shoot.

COMPETITIONS COMING UP...

~ Submissions due Wednesday 2nd October ~

The following are subjects for November competition month, due for submission by the above date.

Open Prints | Open EDI | Set Subject EDI: Maximalism

A reminder that <u>December</u> competition submissions are due <u>6th November</u> - subjects are as follows:

Open Prints | Open EDI | Altered Reality

Please note the next Set Subject EDI is **CALM** for our February competition, due to be submitted on **22nd January 2025**, after our summer break at our opening BBQ. So keep calm and plan your images for this next set subject to be ready by the due date.

Descriptions of set subjects can be found on the website under

Competitions/Set Subject Competitions

CUP DAY FUN

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

join in the fun and

Wear your hat

- a fascinator, fancy race-day hat, top hat, beret, jockey's cap team your hat with your race-day glad rags if you want

Get dressed up to the nines, raid the op shop formal wear section, wear florals, bright colours, feathers, don't hold back - keep it posh!

Hobby horses and riding crops encouraged.

Bring your cameras and speedlights, or your mobile phones, to capture the 'fashion in the clubrooms' and the spirit of the night.



WHAT'S ON

INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS IN OCTOBER...

This month we have two interclub competitions. As we were the hosts for both last time we met, these will be 'away' competitions. It would be great to see a good attendance from our members. Details are:

Thursday 10 October Corio Bay Camera Club

Virginia Todd Centre, 9 Clarence Street, Geelong West

Monday 28 October Essendon Camera Club, at Essendon

Aberfeldie Baptist Church, 3-5 Price Street Essendon

Members to make their own travel arrangements - car pooling is a good option for travelling to Essendon.

OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT - COMING UP SOON!



WHAT'S ON



CLUB CAMP

15 - 17 November 2024

Time is quickly approaching for our next club camp. At present we have 14 members who have confirmed their intention to attend the camp. We are going to be making special effort to ensure a high level of mentorship for various photography opportunities in this environment.

The primary accommodation location for carayans and cabins is the

Apollo Bay Holiday Park

Ph: (03) 5237 7111

Given that there is no need to pay a deposit for reservations, and if you are interested in attending, it is suggested you book ASAP.

If you are attending, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Judy on 0413 383 772

Grab your gear and spend a few days capturing the beauty of this area with like-minded friends

Bellarine Camera Club are holding their annual photographic exhibition 2-3 November at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17 High Street, Drysdale.

The exhibition will be well worth a visit - and it's nice to catch up for a chat and see what other photographers are doing in the Geelong and Bellarine region.



GCC SYLLABUS 2024-2025

Please note that Descriptions of Set Subjects can be found on the website under Competitions/Set Subject Competitions

SEPTEMBER 2024			
MON	30	7:30 pm	Mat Cutting at the Clubrooms - bring along your mat board to be cut - experts on hand to assist - just in time for the next competition prints due in
OCTOBER 2024			
WED	2	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; Altered Reality EDI Competition Entries Due for Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Maximalism
THU	3	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
WED	9	7:30 pm	Basic Intro to Lightroom and Photoshop
THU	10	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - Springtime Challenges, Geelong Botanic Gardens CR InterClub Competition - Corio Bay CC at Corio Bay Clubrooms
	10	7:30 pm	Virginia Todd Centre, 9 Clarence Street, Geelong West
WED	16	7:30 pm	2-Shot Competition - presented by David Rendle
THU	17	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
MON	21	7:00 pm	Committee Meeting
WED	23	7:30 pm	Members Night: Geelong Cup Day - 'Race Night' - wear your best 'race-day' hat and bring your cameras for a fun night - and finger food to share
THU	24	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - You Yangs JW
MON	28	7:30 pm	InterClub Competition - Essendon Camera Club, at Essendon - Aberfeldie Baptist Church, 3-5 Price Street
WED	30	7:30 pm	Trivia Night - Bring nibblies to share
THU	31	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
NOVEMBER 2024			
WED	6	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Maximalism Competition Entries Due for Open Prints; Open EDI; Altered Reality
THU	7	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - Lorne Sculpture Biennale, Lorne Foreshore RH
WED	13	7:30 pm	Next Set Subject (due 22 January): CALM - Description Members Heather O'Flynn & Brian Farey presenting on Close-Up & Macro Photography
THU	14	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
FRI - SUN	15 - 17		Club Camp at Apollo Bay - see 'What's On' in our Newsletter for further details
MON	18	7:00 pm	Committee Meeting
WED	20	7:30 pm	Guest Speaker - Jeff Freestone - Landscape Photographer, High Country Vic.
THU	21	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - Lake Victoria, Point Lonsdale SMcK
WED	27	7:30 pm	Members Night: Photos from GCC Camp at Apollo Bay
THU	28	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms - Term 4 Theme - Backlighting

INTREPID TRAVELLER

BRAZIL, YOU ASK?

WHY BRAZIL?

The travels of Marion and John Best
- Brazil Part 1 -

The Pantanal in the state of Mayo Grosso do Sul is the largest tropical wetland in the world and home to a huge variety of birds, reptiles and mammals including 50% of the world's jaguars so it was a must see destination for us.

Being solo travellers and not speaking Portuguese, after weeks of searching I found the company who would organise a trip for us.

Off the plane, customs cleared, meet Renato our guide, bags in the boot we went straight into the old city and then the tourist attraction called Batman Alley. The area consists of several lanes and streets covered in the most wonderful street art. There are also artisans selling all sorts of jewellery, pottery etc. and bars and art galleries are around every corner.





Images indicative of the wonderful and colourful street art

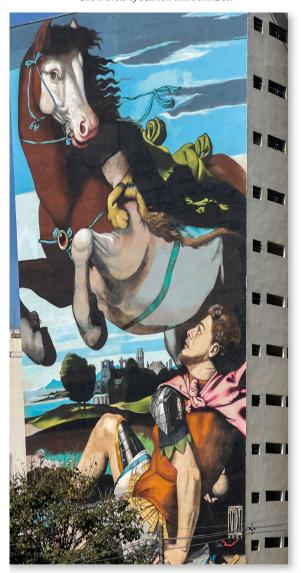
São Paulo is a city of huge contrasts. A population of 22 million, 64,000 plus homeless including the 300-400 sleeping in crack ghettos

around the city, millions living in multi-storey buildings, and then the beautiful old buildings, the cathedral, amazing murals on the sides of buildings, great train network but gridlocked traffic at peak times, delicious food and coffee shops, museums and gardens.



A city of huge contrasts and a population of 22 million

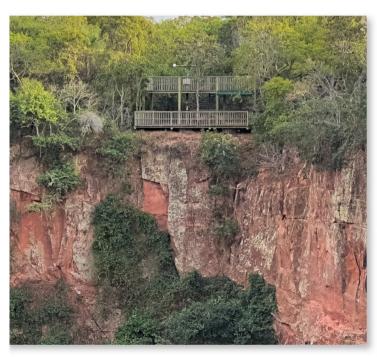




There are no billboards/advertising in São Paulo, so companies write to the government, obtain permission and have street artists paint multistorey buildings with amazing works instead of an advertisement for their products. The name of the product is nowhere to be seen so you see the art and can look up the company that commissioned it. The companies also get a tax rebate for this. Colour is everywhere.



Amazing works of art commissioned by companies in place of advertisements for products



The famous Macaws Sinkhole, home to many species

An early flight to Campo Grande to see the famous Macaws Sinkhole. The sinkhole is one of the largest in the world and home to many red and green macaws as well as 130 species of birds, armadillos, anteaters and caimans. There are viewing platforms at each end and a visit early morning and late afternoon allows you to take advantage of the light.



The macaws, which mate for life, were spectacular, as they were flying into the spaces in the rockface, preening each other in the sun before disappearing from view.

....cont'd

A six-hour drive with stops for amazing wildlife along the way saw us arrive at the southern end of the Pantanal in time for dinner. As we were getting ready to eat, our guide came racing out telling us to get into the safari truck as an ocelot had been seen going into the fishermans camp. What a thrill! Pitch dark and this magnificent cat was just sitting eating leftover fish from the day's catch. No flash, obviously, so a really huge learning curve trying to photograph this beautiful animal with the aid of a torch! Poor images but we saw her and she obviously had a litter



somewhere as her teats were full.

Dinner was reheated on our return.



The following morning hyacinth macaws, yellow and blue macaws, toucans, hummingbirds and many others were all there flying around while we had breakfast. On the safari trip that morning we followed giant anteaters, deer, crab-eating foxes, birds, birds and more birds. A magical morning, followed by another safari in the afternoon.

Before dawn, life jackets on, we hopped in our small flat bottomed river boat and navigated our way upstream. As the sun rose, we saw monkeys above us bird life galore, fishermen baiting their hooks, and to our sheer delight a small river otter catching a fish and sitting amongst the branches eating it. The river trip (three hours) was over too soon and given the chance would have loved to do it again.







... an ocelot ... macaws ... giant anteaters ... a river otter ... birds, birds and more birds



to be continued ... read Brazil Part 2 next month....

INTERCLUB REPORT

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The 2023-2024 PSA Interclub season has now concluded and the club has done extremely well with the following final standings in each of the Divisions:

Open Colour

Group F: 4th place (24 clubs competing)

Open Monochrome

Group D: 5th place (32 clubs competing)

Nature

Group C: 4th place (30 clubs competing)

Travel

Group B: 3rd place (27 clubs competing)

Photoiournalism

Group B: 4th place (18 clubs competing).

Geelong Camera Club was also the top Australian club in each of the above Groups.

Thanks to the following 37 club members for their images which enabled the club to achieve these results:

Brian Farey Brien Cohn Chris Reichl **Darryl Martin David Grant** Dee Kelly Frank Kennedy Gerry van der Meer Harry de Wit Hans Kawitzki Heather O'Flynn John Best **Heather Prince** Judith Wood Judy Medwell Larry Devenish Leo Tancredi Ketut Suwitra Mal McKiernan Marion Best Lynne Bryant Noel Ritchie Malcolm Phillips Meredith Bain Mick Kupresanin Paul Franks Peter Roupas Robert Clark Robert Long Sandy Mahon Robert Medwell Sam Neumann Sandra McArthur Sheryle Griffiths Shelley McKiernan Steve Davies Sue Wilson

Awards were received by:

Brian Farev Brien Cohn Chris Reichl Darryl Martin **Heather Prince** Dee Kelly Frank Kennedy Hans Kawitzki Judith Wood Ketut Suwitra Leo Tancredi Paul Franks Peter Roupas Robert Clark Sue Wilson Shelley McKiernan Sandy Mahon

Medals were received by:

Frank Kennedy Heather Prince Peter Roupas

The 2024-2025 season commences in November 2024. There are different selectors for each Division this season as follows:

Open Colour Phillipa Alexander
Open Monochrome Peter Roupas

Nature Dee Kelly

Travel Shelley McKiernan Photojournalism Frank Kennedy

If you have any images you would like to submit for the upcoming season please contact the above selectors.

All previously awarded images and the club standings can be seen online at

https://psa-photo.org/page/competition-results

Good luck to everyone for the new season!

Phillipa Alexander



The club receives a copy of the PSA Wordwide Journal magazine each month - these have some excellent articles and are well worth the read. These magazines are available in the clubrooms for members to borrow and then return for others to enjoy. They are very popular with members, so if you see one available, grab it to take home for a read.



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023—2024

Full Year, from July

> Single: \$65

*Concession Single: \$55Full-Time Student: \$55Family (2 people): \$95

(Additional members \$35 each)

> *Concession Family (2 people): \$80

(Additional members \$30 each)

*Concessions: Aged Pension, Govt Seniors Card, Unemployed, Full-Time Student, Disability Pension.

** See Treasurer for pro-rata rates applicable from January-July.

Studio Hire: \$20.00 using your own studio lights.

\$40.00 + \$50 refundable bond, if using the Club's studio lights.

(conditions apply)

<u>Darkroom</u>: \$ (currently unavailable)

PRO RATA MEMBERSHIP FEES

2023

January to End April = 50% of Full Year fees

> Single: \$32.50

Concession Single: \$27.50Full-Time Student: \$27.50Family (2 people): \$47.50

(Additional member \$17.50)

Concession Family (2 people): \$42.50

(Additional member \$17.50)

May to 30th July

All Fees = \$nil

Or, 25% for Voting & Competition Rights

> Single: \$17.50

Concession Single: \$17.50Full-Time Student: \$17.50Family (2 people): \$27.50

(Additional member \$12.50)

> Concession Family (2 people): \$22.50

(Additional members \$12.50)

To pay by EFT: submit your payments to

Westpac Bank

Geelong Camera Club

BSB: 033622 Acct: 400835

Or go to any Westpac bank and pay your membership subscription directly. You Must Include Your Name and Member Number in the Transaction Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted by the treasurer.