



Calendar Of Events

VAPS Mid Year Meeting
- 20 March, 2011

Japan Trip - 31 March
2011.

Warragul National
closing date - April 7,
2011.

VAPS Convention-
Muster - Phillip Island,
2011 - May 21-22,
2011.

AMAZING ANAGRAMS

Apple Products

When you rearrange the letters

Support Placed

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Spice Girls

When you rearrange the letters

Pig Slices

President's Message

Another year is upon us. I wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you have all used your cameras extensively.

This year we have a few events to highlight. Firstly the Half Yearly Meeting will be held on the 20th March at the Melbourne Camera Club. A few weeks later we will be holding a Presidents' Meeting for the second year, so if you have any topic to discuss please let us know. Further there will be a Judging Seminar but at present we have no firm dates. We are considering having a VAPS weekend, with the Judging Seminar on Saturday and the Presidents' Meeting on Sunday. We will keep you posted on the date of these events.

Our Convention this year, or Muster if you prefer, will be held at Cowes on Phillip Island on the weekend of May 21st-22nd and will be ably supported by Rob McKay and the Phillip Island Camera Club. We have some great workshops arranged and are formalising the event more. Last year we were a victim of the big numbers of all of you VAPS delegates. We want to try to make it an enjoyable experience for all of those who attend. We will also be keeping the costs down. Our overseas touring this year is down to one trip and that is a Japan Photographic Tour in April which is fully subscribed. We had to cancel Vietnam this year because of lack of numbers.

There are other operators providing photographic tours if you wish to partake. Finally we have Photoshop and Lightroom courses conducted by David Harradine. These are great courses - more details inside. If any of your clubs have any celebration or event, let us know. We will happily promote it for you. Until next month, happy shooting.

Fred Everett
President VAPS

This is the story of the last lab in the world to develop and process Kodachrome and which closed on 30 December 2010. Interesting and sad to read ... the end of an era.

Here's a "*For Kodachrome Fans, Road Ends at Photo Lab in Kansas*" milestone story, headed .

[Kodachrome News Item](#)

LINK BETWEEN LATROBE REGIONAL HOSPITAL & COAL COUNTRY CAMERA CLUB

Latrobe Regional Hospital, Traralgon, moved to its newly built facility in 1998. The inpatient wards were named after the rivers located in Gippsland. They include Tyers, Tanjil, Tarra, Thompson, Tambo, Nicholson, Macallister and Flynn. For the hospital's tenth birthday celebration in 2008, the executive approached Coal Country Camera Club to take images of each of the rivers, which they would then arrange to have enlarged, framed and mounted at the hospital. A number of club members volunteered to be part of the project and each member was given the name of one or two of the rivers to photograph. The *"best of"* were then provided to the hospital executive to select one for each ward. The selected images have been enlarged to approximately 60 x 90 cm (24in x 35in) and framed to enhance each of the images. They have a plaque acknowledging Coal Country Camera Club, including the individual photographer's name and are proudly mounted on the walls of the main hospital corridor, (Latrobe Way), at the entry to each ward. They look wonderful and many patients, staff and visitors stop to admire them.

Latrobe River

Tanjil River

Tambo River

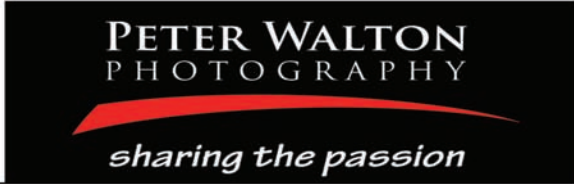


Regarding the above item, as some of you would know, I spent a lot of time in that hospital during November, while visiting my late sister, Cheryl, who was a member of the Coal Country Camera Club. I couldn't help but notice the wonderful photographs on the walls and several recognisable names on those images so I asked the club for details. I also went back and attempted to photograph the images on the wall, only moderately successfully but at least it gives an idea of just how impressive they are.

Liz Cocks was recently awarded SSAPS, the Australian Photographic Society's Award for services to photography.

VAPS nominated Liz for this Award which was presented to her by Bert Hoveling at the recent opening of the Ballarat National Exhibition at the Ballarat Art Gallery.





Travel, Photograph & Learn from a Pro

Photographing exotic locations is always exciting, but going with a seasoned pro is even better. This year Peter Walton is escorting three photo tour/workshops for World Expeditions.

These are not your standard tours; they're structured specially for photography enthusiasts. The emphasis will be on being in the most photogenic locations during the best light and not rushing.

Turkey	Mar 26 to Apr 11	\$5290 inc air fares ex Mel/Syd/Bris
The Silk Road	May 5 to 19	\$3750 plus air fares
Laos-Cambodia	Sep 8 to 24	\$4900 inc air fares ex Mel/Syd/Bris

Prices are based on twin share accommodation. Single supplement rates apply. Complete details are in the PDFs attached below

About your escort

After 15 years in advertising photography, Peter travelled extensively working for Jetset, Qantas, Australian Tourist Commission, Malaysia Airlines, Scenic Tours and Reader's Digest. His images now appear on ads, travel brochures, landscape books, road atlases, Australian stamps and numerous landscape calendars. You can see his work at his website www.peterwalton.com.

World Expeditions have previously engaged him to photograph and escort photography tours in Tasmania's Tarkine Wilderness, Nepal, Central Australia's Larapinta Trail and Antarctica. He is member of the AIPP and is on their judging panel. He now escorts photo tours while helping others to get the most out of their photography.

Here's what others have said about these tours.

I had an awesome life changing experience on the Tarkine Photography trip. Everything I expected and more. We had a great tour guide and Peter Walton was very helpful with his photographic knowledge. I can't wait to book on his next photography tour wherever it goes.

Lex Whadcoat,, Bairnsdale

As an enthusiastic amateur photographer the most important factor in my development has been from taking workshops with the professionals. Over the past decade I have taken at least one photography workshop each year and benefitted greatly. I have never come away from one without some images of exhibition potential and great admiration for the people who conduct them. Take one!

!Peter Dwyer, Frankston Camera Club

Peter is passionate about his art, and generous with his knowledge. I had the good fortune to be on a fantastic photo tour of Nepal he escorted in 2008. He gave us valuable guidance and tips that helped us all get great pictures. His wealth of experience and excellent communication skills make him a natural for escorting photo tours. If you're keen to learn more about photography while you travel, I can't think of a better way of doing it."

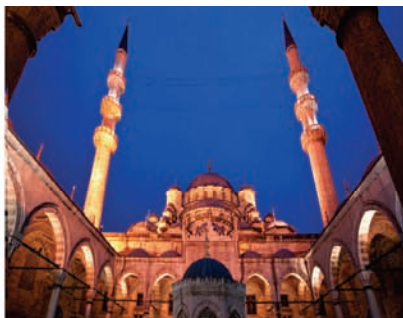
Stan Davies. Dalglish WA

To book onto one of these photo tour call World Expeditions toll free on 1300 720 000 or email Peter Walton : peter@peterwalton.com

[Turkey PDF](#)

[Silk Road PDF](#)

[Laos Cambodia PDF](#)



Blue Mosque Istanbul



Registan on The Silk Road



Mekong Boatman Laos

FROM THE BADGES & AWARDS DIRECTOR

By now, most Clubs will have received their Nomination Form for a VAPS Meritorious Service Award, and one for the Award of SSVAPS, as well as a Year Bar Application Form. If not already received you should have them very soon.

I would urge all Club Committees to start thinking about nominating members who are deserving of either a Merit or Service (SSVAPS) Award to recognise outstanding service to their Club and the community in the name of photography.

Successfully nominated people will be presented with their Awards at the Annual Dinner in May 2011 which will be on Phillip Island this time.

No less important are Year Bars, which are given to Club members in recognition of their years of active involvement in Club activity.

If further copies of these three forms are required, feel free to photocopy as many as you need. Alternatively, you may access them direct from the VAPS Website at www.vaps.com.au and click on the "documents" tab to bring up the menu for the various forms which VAPS have, and you can then print them off.

If you have any questions about filling out either Award or Year Bar forms, please give me a call at home any **EVENING** on 9713 2792 or email me at vapsawards@optusnet.com.au and I will be glad to assist in any way I can.

Lin Richards SSVAPS

VAPS Badges & Awards Director

PHOTOSHOP & LIGHTROOM TRAINING for VAPS Members

Since August 2010, 50 members from 10 clubs have attended David Harradine's training courses.

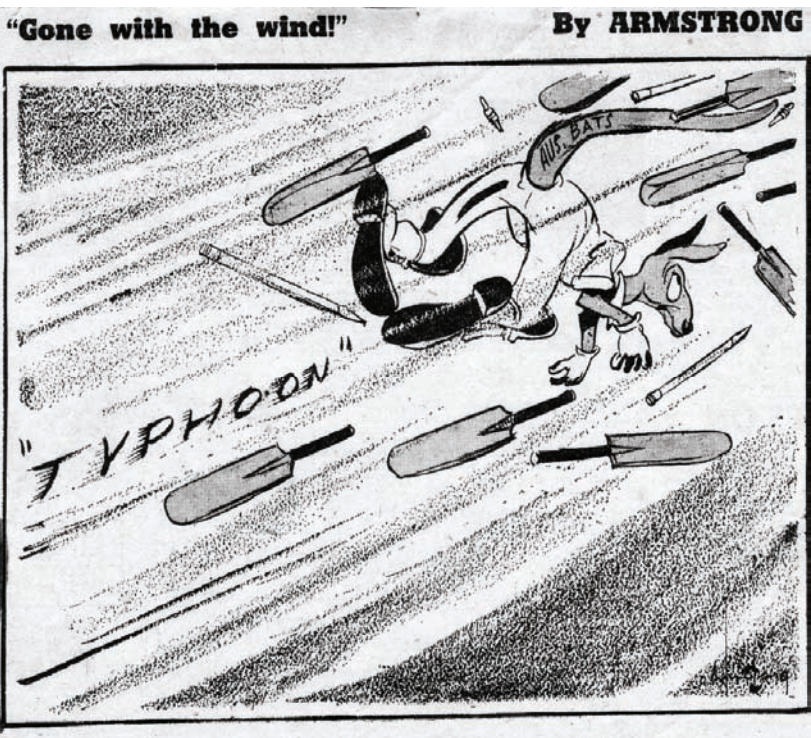
The feedback we have received has been excellent.

The courses will recommence in February 2011.

There are 3 levels of Photoshop, and Lightroom courses.

All courses run for the full day, usually on a Saturday.

It has just been that time again (picture on right) and it appeared that Typhoon Tyson had returned to the England Team after half a century.



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VAPS CONVENTION –MUSTER 2011

The VAPS **Convention** will be held at Cowes on Phillip Island over the weekend of May 21st and 22nd.

We have a range of quality speakers and quality workshops for the weekend.

There will be the usual informal Dinner on Saturday night, and there will be a landscape /seascape workshop or two on the Monday morning for those who don't have to rush back to work.

The venue for the **Convention** is the Cultural Centre and the Interclub Exhibition is at the Parish Hall directly opposite. Our Annual Dinner will be held at the Continental Hotel.

There is a variety of accommodation on the island and the **Phillip Island Tourist Information** office should be able to assist. <http://www.visitphillipisland.com> Telephone: **1300 366 422**

The Continental Hotel has the accommodation listed below available also. Their phone number is **5952 2316**

EXECUTIVE SPA SUITE:

The executive spa suite features a king size bed (or two singles, if required), fold out sofa bed (if required), dining table, a large colour television, heating/cooling, tea and coffee making facilities, microwave, toaster, ensuite with two person spa and separate shower and a private balcony or patio with direct water views.

The rate is \$130.00 per night.

DELUXE OCEAN VIEW SPA SUITE:

The Ocean View Spa Suite features a queen bed and fold out sofa bed (if required). A large colour television, heating/cooling, tea and coffee making facilities, ensuite with two person spa bath and separate shower, plus a private balcony or patio with fantastic water views.

The rate is \$120.00 per night.

THE OCEAN VIEW STANDARD SUITE

The Ocean View Standard Suite features two double beds divided by an ensuite, a large colour television, heating/cooling, tea and coffee making facilities, and an ensuite with shower/bath. Plus a private balcony or patio, with direct water views.

The rate is \$110.00 per night.

STANDARD SUITE:

These suites feature a king bed (or two singles, if required), fold out sofa bed, dining table, coffee & tea making facilities, heating/cooling, large colour television, private ensuite and balcony or patio.

The rate is \$100.00 per night.

GARDEN SUITE:

The Garden Suite is a one-bedroom suite, featuring a queen bed, separate lounge room with fold out sofa bed, tea and coffee making facilities, large television, private ensuite and courtyard. (These are our basic suites)

The rate is \$90.00 per night.

2 BEDROOM SELF CONTAINED APARTMENT

This Suite is a large two bedroom self-contained apartment that consists of a queen bed in the master room and two single beds in the second bedroom and offers a separate living and entertaining area opening out to your own private terrace overlooking the water. The suite features a 42-inch plasma TV, DVD, stereo, fully equipped kitchen, microwave, tea & coffee making facilities, heating/air-conditioning unit and private ensuite. The rate is \$180.00 per night.

Also, all rates include a Continental Breakfast.

More details and the Registration form will be available shortly.

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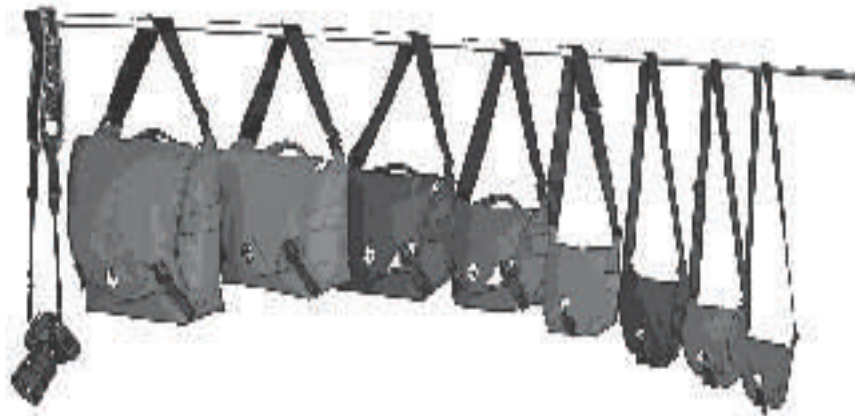
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