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NEWSBRIEF

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President's Letter

Another year has passed and our Annual General Meeting is almost upon us.

This is the time where we review the previous 12 months and report on our activities and table our proposed plans for the next 12 months. All committee positions are declared vacant and a new team is elected to take VAPS forward for the next 12 months.

All affiliated clubs have nominated councillors to represent their clubs. I would suggest it is important that these councillors attend the AGM to represent their clubs views.

The AGM is on October the 24th at the Melbourne Camera Club at 1 pm.

We did not start the year well with the passing of John Commin in February. We continued the year with John's direction at the forefront.

This year Rob and Lyn Sloane are stepping down from the Committee. They have been two hard working committee members for many years.

Rob was President from 2005 to 2007 and Secretary this last year.

Lyn was Secretary during Rob's Presidency.

They were the moving force for the Interclub and the VAPS National Competition.

Rob was instrumental in creating the more informal Musters that we hold annually.

No matter how much I write about Rob and Lyn, it only scratches the surface of the work and dedication that they gave to VAPS. They will be sorely missed by us all.

Next year's planning is coming along well. We have a Japan trip happening in April. That trip is already fully subscribed. There is also another Vietnam trip proposed for February next year. More details inside this Newsbrief. It is a great photographic tour.

Next year's Muster will be the weekend of 20th to 22nd May. There will be more information at the AGM.

We have a great Spring for photographers. Go and enjoy.

Fred Everett

We are offering a Vietnam Photographic Tour Again.

When: February 14th to March 6th 2011



Price is \$5550 for 20 days.

Tour goes from Sapa in the north, Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Min City (Saigon) and the Mekong Delta. It finishes with 4 days in Siem Reap and the Temples of Angkor.

The trip is set at a gentle pace with good hotels..

Make a group up from you local club.

For further information and a detailed itinerary contact:

Fred Everett : feverett@dcsi.net.au

BALLARAT INTERNATIONAL FOTO BIENNALE 2011

The dates for the Ballarat International Foto Biennale 2011 are August 20th -- September 18th . I would ask you all to add this to your club diaries and tell your members, colleagues and friends to follow the "BIFB2011 website":<http://www.ballaratfoto.org/bifb11/enter.html> with the latest additions and even add support by finding us on facebook. During a festival such as this we all unite through our love of photography.....so would encourage you to come to Ballarat, either as a day trip by train ,organised bus trip for a few days or bring a caravan and stay a month. You can exhibit ,volunteer to man Exhibitions or just come and enjoy the experience (we need YOU ALL).

Carolyn Buckley

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"Ballarat International Foto Biennale":<http://www.ballaratfoto.org/bifb11/enter.html>

"VOLUNTEER":<http://www.ballaratfoto.org/bifb11/volunteer.html>

"Ballarat Tourism":<http://www.discoveraustralia.com.au/victoria/ballararat.html>

2011 LuminOdyssey Photography Expeditions
with David Burren AAPS

LuminOdyssey is running at least three overseas photography expeditions in 2011. These trips will take you to wonderful locations and are special because we have expert photography instructors leading them, and their primary job is to help you come back with new photographic skills as well as wonderful images. The three expeditions currently scheduled are:

Antarctica, March/April 2011

This special voyage is being run in partnership with Aurora Expeditions (our November Antarctic trip with Aurora booked out quickly!). The ship will be taking 27 passengers (plus our two photography professionals) and the entire voyage will be geared towards photography!

Spitsbergen, July 2011

Again with Aurora Expeditions, but this time we will be taking a smaller group of photographers (up to 15) to the high Arctic, where we will attempt a circumnavigation of Spitsbergen. As well as glaciers, mountains, and seascapes, as it will be summer we'll see flowers, Arctic Foxes, huge bird colonies, seals and more: including polar bears!

Kenya/Zanzibar, August 2011

Join our group of 12 photographers on a 2-week safari from Nairobi, visiting the Samburu and Lake Nakuru regions and then the Masai Mara, timed to coincide with the legendary Serengeti Migration! This is followed by a trip to the spice island of Zanzibar for a radically different taste of Africa.

Further details can be found on our website <http://luminodyssey.com> so please have a look. Bookings for all of these trips are being managed by the tour operators we've partnered with (who are each licensed travel agents). Places are already filling, so you should book sooner rather than later!

David Burren AAPS will be one of the instructors on each of these expeditions. David is a professional photographer who's also a member of Knox PS and regularly judges for clubs around Victoria. He's an accredited member of the AIPP, and an Adobe Certified Expert in Lightroom. When he's not out and about photographing the natural world, he's teaching classes at a tertiary photography college in Melbourne. Come along and learn from an expert!



LUMINODYSSEY.COM
PHOTO EXPEDITIONS





Workshop Details

Venue: The Springtime Nature Photography workshop will be held at the Great Ocean Ecolodge, in the grounds of The Cape Otway Centre for Conservation Ecology, in Lighthouse Road, Cape Otway.

Accommodation: Luxury accommodation at the Great Ocean Ecolodge or budget options at neighbouring Bimbi Park.

Included:

- All meals, accommodation and tuition.
- Guided walks to special sites.
- Access to our Nature Studies Room (equipped with digital projector and screen).
- Introduction to our Ecological Research Program.
- Introductory lectures covering Australian flora and fauna and wildlife behaviour.

Costs & Facilities

We have arranged a variety of options to suit your budget:

Great Ocean Ecolodge Double Room: \$1750 pp
Ensuite, double room accommodation for one workshop participant. Enjoy a little privacy or bring your partner (non-participant) for a small extra charge of \$300. (Couples who both wish to participate: \$1300pp)

Great Ocean Ecolodge Twin Share Room: \$1300 pp
Ensuite, twin share room accommodation - share with a friend or another participant on the course.

Bimbi Park: \$900pp
Shared cabin accommodation at nearby Bimbi Park. All meals at the Ecolodge. Complimentary transfers between the Great Ocean Ecolodge and Bimbi Park.

Travel: The Great Ocean Ecolodge is located on Lighthouse Road, just off the Great Ocean Road. Travel time from Melbourne: 3 hours; from Geelong: 2 hours; from Apollo Bay: 25 minutes. There is an excellent train/bus service from Melbourne - we can meet you in Apollo Bay. If you are travelling from overseas or interstate, please contact us for further information.

Bookings: Please email info@greatoceanecolodge.com.au for detailed booking information. A comprehensive workshop schedule will be forwarded upon confirmation of bookings.



Great Ocean Ecolodge



The Cape Otway Centre
for Conservation Ecology

Springtime in the Otways

A Three Day Nature Photography Workshop with Esther Beaton

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th November 2010

The Great Ocean Ecolodge
@ The Cape Otway Centre for Conservation Ecology



The Otways are magnificent all the year round, from the wild winds of winter through to the still, shimmering heat of the summer. And when spring comes to the Otways we are treated to unforgettable moments....

Tiny kangaroo joeys leave their mothers' pouches for the first time; wobbling on unsteady legs they hop back to safety at the first sign of danger. Exquisite koala joeys venture onto their mothers' backs, gripping tightly as they move carefully through the eucalypt forests. The returning birds are busily seeking out tree hollows for nesting sites, and the forests resound to their excited calls and chatter. Underfoot, the native orchids and wildflowers emerge from the protective leaf litter that has sheltered them throughout the long winter. Native bushes bear edible fruits and berries, tiny dewdrops sparkling from their tips.

Oh to be able to record these magical moments on camera!

Australian native wildlife is so shy and retiring that it is hard to capture the elusive wallaby peeping through the leaves, or the little bat coursing across the sky at twilight. When we do find ourselves in the right place at the right time, we want to be sure we can take full advantage of the situation.

Join our Nature Photography workshop in November and learn how to set up and capture those 'once in a lifetime' opportunities.

We are delighted to be sharing the special skills of renowned and award winning wildlife photographer Esther Beaton. Esther has more than thirty years experience, working side by side with biologists, ecologists, botanists, zoologists and other specialists. A wonderful teacher, Esther understands Australian flora and fauna, and she is dedicated to sharing her skills with people who share her passion for the natural world.

"As photographers, we have a mission far grander than just pretty pictures. When you assign yourself the task of travelling deep into a region, getting to know it at a core level and recording its wonders with iconic imagery, you are contributing far, far more. You are leaving a legacy. As nature photographers, our job is to use our skills plus our determination to create majestic bodies of work. One day, that might be all that remains."

(www.esterbeaton.com)



The Cape Otway Centre
for Conservation Ecology



Great Ocean Ecolodge

There have been changes made to the VAPS web page.

<http://www.vaps.com.au>

On the front page side section you will notice an announcements pane. We want to encourage you to go to the announcement page.

On the Club listings page there is a little blue button added at the front of the suburb. When you hold the mouse over it, it will display the affiliated club in that suburb.

If any details are incorrect download the Affiliated Clubs Locations and Information for Web Site form, complete and send as an attachment to webadmin@vaps.com.au

I would still like to receive photos to add to the front page.

They do not need to be large, 700 pixels either edge is fine.

We are a photography group and should be proud to show off our work. Please email photos to webadmin@vaps.com.au

Kath Gillies Web Administrator.

<http://www.vaps.com.au>



THE YEA CAMERA CLUB Inc.

AMATEUR SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

ENTRIES CLOSE 15th October, 2010

Judging: 23rd October, 2010

Exhibition Grand Opening Friday 29th October 7.30pm (By Ticket Only)

Exhibition 30th October & 31st & 1st 2nd November 2009

Public Viewing From 10 am till 4 pm (2nd November 10 am till 3pm)

At Yea Town Hall
High Street YEA

See details on our VAPS website:
www.vaps.com.au “Competition Information”

Southern Suburbs PS has moved to the Community Hall, Livingston Street, Highett (Melways 77 D8)
Meeting nights are unchanged - 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8pm. - Norm Jackson, Secretary SSPS

AMAZING ANAGRAMS

Comfort is

When you rearrange the letters

Microsoft

... - - - -

Ladybug

When you rearrange the letters

Bald guy

VAPS WEB SITE

CHECK OUT THE NEW
VAPS WEB SITE

www.vaps.com.au

FLASH

NOW ONLINE

FLASH is a new quarterly online journal published by Centre for Contemporary Photography. FLASH features reviews, interviews and commentary on photography and video in Australia by a diverse group of established and emerging writers. FLASH visitors can directly engage by posting their own comments on site.

Edited by Kyla McFarlane,
FLASH is a free journal.
<http://www.ccp.org.au/>

ARTS VICTORIA

It is on again !!

Caulfield Photographic Society Inc.

In Association with Victorian Association of Photographic Societies Inc.

IMAGE EVALUATION SEMINAR 2010

Where?	St Peter's Church Hall Cnr Ames Avenue and Neerim Road Murrumbena (Melways ref: p68 5K)
When?	Saturday October 23rd 2010 11:00am to 5:00pm
Cost?	\$20.00
What do I get?	Illustrated presentation and discussion Light refreshments Tea and coffee
Programme to be finalised.	
Enquiries?	Call Paul Robinson on 0409 625 700
Bookings?	Call Susan Rocco on 03 9530 9253 suerocco@gmail.com By Monday 18th

HEAD FOR THE GRAMPIANS

As winter winds up, it's time to get out of those studios and darkrooms and let Mother Nature be our muse.

There are few places where Mother Nature is so attractive to artists and photographers in springtime as the Grampians; abundant wildflowers present a glorious, evolving display and the region's many other botanical treasures are at their best, including magnificent public and private gardens.

Spring's the crowning glory of a region famous for spectacular and distinctive mountain scenery at this southern-most tip of the Great Dividing Range. It's also developing a reputation for art and culture.

Grampians attractions ideally suited to a spring excursion include:

- + *short flower-filled walks that lead to stunning scenery such as MacKenzie Falls and the famous Balconies - ideal when carrying equipment.*
- + *For more serious sessions with easel, sketchbook or camera, explore roadside wildflower displays. Roads with reliable blooms include Roses Gap Road, the Mirranatwa Gap, the Grampians Rd between Dunkeld and Halls Gap and all with splendid scenic mountain backdrops.*
- + *Annual botanical events such as the Pomonal Native Flower Show and Grampians Wildflower Show and wildflower photography workshops.*
- + *Picturesque public parks and gardens, as well as significant private gardens, including selected Western District homesteads offering rare open days this spring.*
- + *Several ancient rock-art sites, comprising more than 80% of Victoria's remaining Aboriginal rock art.*
- + *Regional galleries, including Hamilton Art Gallery's impressive collection of more than 7000 works including Streeton, McCubbin, Nolan and Heysen or Horsham's significant Max Dupain's collection and many private art spaces and Spring exhibitions.*

The Grampians is a well-established tourist region with many competitively priced accommodation and dining options, including self-catered holiday houses and cabins ideal for small groups.

springintothegrampians.com.au has more information on the experiences on offer, including suggested self-drive itineraries, festivals and open gardens.

So start planning your Spring into the Grampians adventure!

Chris Burchett, CEO

See if you can figure out what these words all have in common.

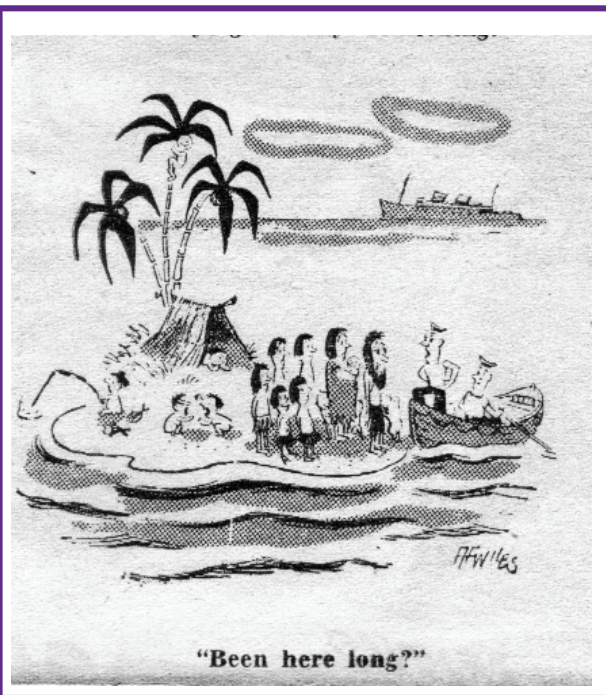
1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess
- 8.

Are you peeking or have you already given up?

Give it another try

Look at each word carefully.

The answer is at the very bottom of this page.



PALINDROMIC PRATTLE

(Words or sentences which read the same from front or back)

Anne, I vote more cars race Rome
to Vienna.

Bombard a drab mob

ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Publication deadline:
25th of the month.

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Commercial advertisements cost \$50 for a half
page,

Newsbrief Editor - Bev Pascoe

SPECIAL OFFER TO CLUB MEMBERS - WE STILL HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR LIGHT-ROOM/PHOTOSHOP - BOOK THROUGH YOUR CLUB ASAP.

VAPS is pleased to announce that it is teaming up with Photoshop and Lightroom expert David Harradine to present a series of one-day courses in Lightroom and Photoshop.

There are four courses on offer; Lightroom and Photoshop Levels 1, 2 & 3. Each course will involve around six hours of instruction. VAPS has arranged a SPECIAL DISCOUNT price of \$195 pp, per full day course. Normally priced at \$395 this offers exceptional value for camera club members.

Clubs have been provided with a full brief on the courses, so see your Club Secretary and register your interest through your club.

Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

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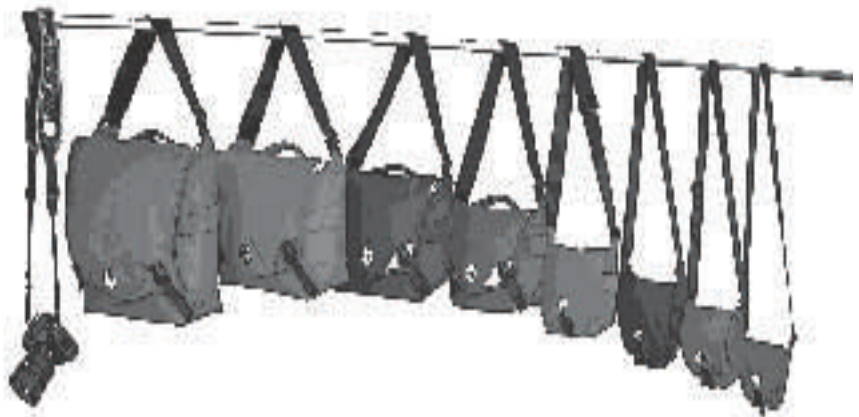
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