



Short Snaps

2nd February 2005

Coming Up

- 16th February 2005
Competition - Religious
Guest Judge
- 18th – 20th February 2005
Blacktown Show
- 25th Feb – 11th March 2005
Vinegar Hill Photo Exhibition
- 2nd March 2005
AGM
Social Night
- 4th – 6th March 2005
Castle Hill Show
- 16th March 2005
Competition - Open
Club Judges
- 18th – 31st March 2005
Royal Easter Show
- 19th March 2005
Night Shoot -Darling Harbour
- 30th March 2005
Sydney International Slide
Show
- 8th – 10th April 2005
Hawkesbury Show

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Welcome Back

Welcome back from the long summer break. I hope everyone had a successful summer photographically and we will be seeing the results in the competitions coming up

Fees Due

It's that time of year again. Time to dig into our pockets and pay our yearly fees. Just a reminder that entries for competition are not supposed to be accepted whilst fees are outstanding.

The Battle of Vinegar Hill

As you all know the club has been commissioned to hold an exhibition of prints taken at the re-enactment of the Battle of Vinegar Hill. This is a big fundraiser for our club and a lot of work has been put into the organisation of it. It is to be held at St Bartholomew's Church. Prospect between the 25th February and 11th March. We are looking to all members to help man the show between these dates. Please talk to Nic or John Harrison and let them know when you are available.

It's Show Time

Its that time of year when the agricultural shows are on locally, starting with our own Blacktown Show on the 18, 19 & 20th of February. For those entering prints or slides please get your photos to the showground on either the 14th or 15th February between 5pm and 8pm. We are also looking for people to man the stand for an hour or so during this time. Please let us know when you are available.

Night Shoot at Darling Harbour

We'll meet outside the Chinese Gardens Darling Harbour at 2:00pm on 19th March for a tour around the gardens and then at 4:30pm for those wishing to meet up with us later. We will wander around Darling Harbour during the late afternoon as evening falls ending up on Pymont Bridge after dark. See Jen for more details.

More Outings Coming Up

We have several more outings coming up in the months ahead. These outings are still in the planning stage so please feel free to offer suggestions about what to see when we get there and how to travel.

Autumn Colours at Mt Wilson, May.
Taronga Park Zoo, July.
Camera Rally, September

New Web Site

Our new web site has now gone live. Please see the address at the top of the page.

I am a bit disappointed with the response of photos for the site. Especially the peoples choice page. I'm the only one there.

Please, if you have won a peoples choice award, email me a copy of the photo or let me borrow the photo to scan. I will return it to you next meeting.

This Months Tip

A sun star happens when the sun is partially hidden behind an object in the photo and the rays shoot out in all directions,. The human eye doesn't normally see it, but it can be captured on film. You just have to line the sun up properly behind a tree, the horizon or even a person. Most of it should be covered, with just a bit of it shining through.

Using a narrow aperture such as f/22 will create longer and more spectacular rays. Be careful that you don't look directly into the uncovered sun. Your camera's lens can intensify the light and hurt your eyes and your camera.

If your camera is pointed towards the sun, then everything facing your camera will be in a shadow. For portraits and pictures of things close to you, using a burst of flash will help to lighten up the scene.

Remember that we are rotating around the sun, so you won't have too much time to set up the shot. Set your camera up on a tripod while the sun is totally hidden behind something and wait for the sun to begin to emerge before taking photos.