



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all of the club delegates that attended the VAPS, AGM on 14th October, we had a good representation of members present. The changes to the Interclub previously circulated to clubs were carried and we will soon issue to clubs the new Convention registration forms and Interclub entry forms.

I am also pleased to confirm that our **2013 Convention** will be held at the **Brighton Grammar School** complex in Outer Crescent Brighton over the weekend of May 25th and 26th.

The Saturday Dinner will be held at the **Royal Brighton Yacht Club**, full details to follow and Convention and Interclub registration forms will be dispatched to clubs in the next week or so.

The new committee is in place other than the VP position; see listing in this Newsbrief. If we fail to get a nomination the committee will decide the position.

I do welcome **Dave Sumner** from Waverley and **Margaret Zommers** from Knox to the committee, and **Brian Basham** from Essendon to the Judging sub committee.

One issue that will affect all clubs is the issue by Consumer Affairs, a new Act covering Incorporated Associations; If your club is incorporated the New Act will replace the current Model Rules as of the 26th November 2012. However there is a transitional period through to November 2013 so there is no immediate need for change.

There are some changes that clubs will need to review when the actual paper is released on 26th November.

The changes include: The Secretary absorbs the Public Officer role.

There is a requirement for a Statement of Purpose to be included in the rules.

There is a statement that clubs must indemnify their Office Holders.

We are seeking clarification from Government on the insurance point; I hope to have clarification on this by end of November.

There is no need for clubs to take insurance or worry about this at this time, we are also working with the Insurers to get quotations in case we do need to investigate insurance options.

If this position changes I will advise as soon as possible, we are attending various briefing sessions and workshops on the new rules and will be able to report to clubs on going.

I do recommend that club Secretaries and Presidents review the outline of the changes at the following links.

<http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-not-for-profits>

<http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/news-and-events/events/incorporated-associations-free-information-sessions>

http://www.pilch.org.au/AIA_Bill2010/

Peter Kewley

POSITION VACANT

VAPS VICE PRESIDENT

We call on clubs to nominate a reliable club member to take on this important position.

The VP duties and responsibilities are detailed in this Newsbrief

Nominations can be made on the standard Committee nomination form available from the VAPS.com.au website.

Nominations should be sent to the Secretary by 27th November.

My First Message as the Badges and Awards Director.

The VAPS AGM was held in October. Lin Richards stepped down from the committee after 16 years. He was the Badges and Awards Director for 11 of those years. I have now taken over the mantle of that position.

Club Secretaries will soon receive a cd of all the annual documentation including applications for Year Bars, Meritorious Service Awards, and State Service Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (SSVAPS).

Year Bars are to acknowledge Club members who have been actively involved in their Camera Clubs.

The Meritorious Service Awards are for Club members who have provided a higher level of service within their own club and the local community.

SSVAPS is for members who have worked both within their Clubs and outside within the wider camera community.

Further requirements for these awards will be found on the Application Forms.

Now is the time for all of our Camera Clubs to consider who of their members is deserving of any of these awards. I personally feel that hard working club members should be acknowledged in this way.

Applications close at the Half Yearly Meeting in March 2013.

If you need further forms please contact me.

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VALE: Edith Blanche Conway

21 September 1940 - 11 October 2012

VAPS Meritorious Service Award 2003.



Sadly Edith Conway, long serving Secretary of Camberwell Camera Club passed away after a short illness on Thursday 11th October .

Not only was Edith very popular with all those people who knew her but her value to Camberwell Camera Club was significant and almost impossible to replace. As Secretary she had served that club conscientiously and superbly for the last 33 years without complaint or criticism.

Edith took over this important club role from Beth Lees in 1979 and has been the backbone of the club ever since. Anyone who has ever performed the duties of a secretary knows how demanding it can be. You are the one common denominator who has the responsibilities of solving all those minor problems that ever changing presidents' do not necessarily know the answer to and Edith was the perfect example.

To any other club or outside individual Edith was the Camberwell Camera Club. The information she had about the club is irreplaceable.

Although Edith had performed Camberwell Camera Club's secretarial duties for over 35 years, due to her unpretentious, good humoured personality along with her slow demeanour she was hardly noticed by many, despite her highly active and logical brain.

Many of us said our goodbyes to Edith at St Mark's Anglican Church, Canterbury on October 22, 2012.

Edited by Bev Pascoe from notes written by Matt Moore of Camberwell Camera Club

From our VAPS Historian, Alan Wilson who found the following letter from Patrick Lawrence in the Newsbrief of 1st December, 1989. We feel it is worth printing in Newsbrief of 2012. **"The Evils of Photography"**
How attitudes have changed since 1851.

*Old Vicarage
Shinfield, Berkshire*

9th January 1851

*Sir,
I beg to bring to your notice the serious harm likely to come from the increasing popularity of photography. Since Mr. Talbot and M. Daguerre perfected their processes a few years ago, there has been an alarming increase in the popularity of this unnatural pastime.*

The stage has now been reached where permanent damage is likely to be inflicted on painting, engraving and the arts in general.

Already, I am informed, the fascinations of the photograph albums have had their effect on thousands of children who would be better employed in the pit or mill; and I can vouch unhappily for my own family circle that idleness and vanity are encouraged by the constant posing for portraits, and the subsequent posing over them in unhealthy crouching attitudes. This day, alas, I have been obliged to call my five daughters before me for reproof.

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From The (Ex) Badges and Awards Director

Many of you will already know by now that I am no longer a member of the VAPS Committee. After some sixteen years of involvement, I decided that the time was right to step down and hand over to somebody else.

My successor in the Badges and Awards portfolio is Mr Fred Everett and all future communications regarding this area should be directed to him. Fred's contact details are on the back page of Newsbrief.

Fred is a very capable person as has been amply demonstrated in the past with his involvement in various areas of VAPS activity and I am more than confident that he will do an excellent job in this portfolio.

During the eleven years that I was Badges and Awards Director I had truly wonderful support from many quarters in the Camera Club movement and greatly enjoyed the role I played - not for the prestige or the kudos - far from it - rather it was the contact on a very personal level with lots and lots of people I dealt with - Year Bar recipients, Awards nominators and the Award recipients themselves. When preparing the many Award citations I have written up over eleven years, it never failed to amaze me how much the various Award Nominee/recipients had done, both within their Camera Clubs and outside them in the name of helping others to enjoy their photography better, to encourage others and to advance our craft and skills in a hobby that we all love.

As far as my involvement with the Committee is concerned, I have always had and enjoyed first-class loyalty and support from the nine Presidents I have served under and the various Committee members that have come and gone throughout the last sixteen years, including the immediate past and the newly elected Committee for the coming year and I sincerely thank EVERYBODY involved - I have often felt rather humbled at the help and support I have received along the way.

During the whole time I held the portfolio, I had the able assistance of my wife with her computer skills to set up Year Bar spreadsheets, Year Bar listings, typing of Award citations and many, many other little things that she did and often during bouts of indifferent health and I have always been immensely grateful to Jan for what she has done for me with her assistance on the computer but above all, for her loving support to me throughout. In all fairness to her I felt that it was thus right to step down from the VAPS Committee.

Although I have stepped away from Committee involvement I will still be around as a judge and as such I will be able to maintain contact with many of you in time to come.

As I said at the VAPS AGM, it has been a great ride but now it is time to get off and do other things.

Lin Richards ssvaps

**To Celebrate his 70th Birthday
An Exhibition of the photography of Jim Weatherill.**

**Thursday 15 Nov. 2012 8.00pm club meeting and artist talk.
Saturday 17 Nov. 2012 12.00 - 5.00 pm (cake and candles 3.00 pm)
Sunday 18 Nov. 2012 12.00 – 5.00 pm exhibition closes.**

**at The Melbourne Camera Club,
cnr. Dorcas & Ferrars Sts. South Melbourne. Melways ref 2K A3**



**AN INVITATION TO VIEW AUDIOVISUAL PRESENTATIONS
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If you are interested in Audiovisual Presentations, we invite you to attend the Camberwell Camera Club Audiovisual Exchange with Pretoria at

7.30pm on Wednesday 7th November, 2012

Although judging of the 1st PAVC National AV Salon has been done, we have been asked for audience feedback with comments and suggestions to be shared with the Pretoria AV Group. No AV experience is required and all comments are appreciated.

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