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Charles Seymour Trophy for Best Land-, Sea- or Cloudscape Print Frances Egan Champs Elysees



Frances Egan received several awards including Best Landscape Print and Best Figure Study Print.



Annette James won the Crosby Morrison Trophy for Best Nature Print with "Snow Deer" (see front cover).



H. McConnell Trophy for Best People Print Jim Weatherill *Family*



Dr. Geoffrey Smith Trophy for Best Figure Study Print Frances Egan Catch of the Day

Congratulations! Alan Elliott OAM



Saturday January 26th 2013 Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia - General Division

Mr Alan Frederick Elliott, Dorcas Street, South Melbourne Vic 3205 *For service to photography.*

Current Club Archivist, Melbourne Camera Club; President, 1969; M e m b e r, since 1964; Life Member, since 1989.

Author, A century exposed: one hundred years of the Melbourne Camera Club, 1991.

Member, The Royal Photographic Society, Victorian Chapter, since 1989.

Editor, The Woodbury Papers, 1996.

Contributor to Walter Woodbury: A Victorian Study, 2008.

Associate, The Royal Photographic Society, Bath, UK, 1991.

Member, Australian Photographic Collectors Society.

Member, Daguerreian Society, USA.

Member Cast Iron Committee, National Trust of Australia (Victoria); volunteer, for 30 years.

Mentor, Final-year Photography Degree Students, RMIT University.

Lecturer in Photographing History, U3A, 2003-2004.

Author, A Short History of Photography, 2003.

(Photo by Palli Gajree)



L. A. Baillot Trophy for Best Photojournalism Print Leif Andersen Hanging the Kelp (King Island)



Wilf Broadhead Trophy for Best People EDI Joshua Reuveni Spiritual



Best Special Set Subject Print: After Ken Duncan Gail Morgan Cable Beach Camels



Mal McKay Trophy for Best Novice Member Print Neil Brink Isthmus Bay, Bruny Island, Tasmania

Thank you EOY Judges

We thank the judges of the End of Year competitions for all their work:

Print and EDI judges

Peter Myers, Tuck Leong and Gillian Turner (and emergency judge Peter Kewley).

AV judges

Dean Reynolds, Sue Rocco and Bob Thomas.

We also thanks sponsors Michaels Camera Video and Digital and Peter Michael for their continued sponsorship of special EoY awards.





Ted Rotheram Trophy for Best Nature EDIJudi MowlemMud flats from above

The worthy recipient of the Queenie Gatt award for 2012 was Alan Elliott. This was presented by Charles Gatt, son of the late Edgar and Queenie Gatt.



Image from Best Open AV CompetitionPhil MarleyJapan Impressions



Image from Best 3-21 AV Competition (an AV that takes exactly 3 minutes 21 seconds to run) Charles Kosina New Zealand Climb to Treble Cone Summit

President's Report

Peter Walton

What a great start to the Melbourne Camera Club's new year... our oldest member Alan Elliot awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his outstanding services to photography. (See page 3)

Congratulations Alan. And congratulations on your 2012 Queenie Gatt award. What an inspiration you are ... still kicking goals at 91.

As our club approaches its 125th year (2016), it's timely to remember the old truism: "The only constant is change".

At the suggestion of new board member and marketing guru Jens Karnoe, a member survey was conducted during the Christmas/New Year break. Comments and suggestions were invited regarding, among other things, what changes we could make to keep the MCC relevant and interesting to today's new generation of digital camera users.

Thanks to the 131 members who submitted responses the board now has lots of interesting comments to consider. Here are some of the most interesting findings:

To the question: What new offerings would you like from the MCC? ... the top four were:

1. Lightroom/Photoshop and other post processing demonstrations

2. Practical photo-tours/expeditions.

3.Practical demonstrations, for example: lens focus checking, adjustments and sensor cleaning.

4. An intermediate photography course

This accords with what I'm hearing from other camera clubs, i.e., that there is a widespread desire for more emphasis on practical, how to workshops and other demonstration oriented programs.

To the question: What are your favourite types of photography? ... the top 3 were:

- 1. Landscape
- 2. Travel
- 3. Portrait

Some of the most frequently made comments about the club were:

"We need more young members"

Only one of the survey respondents was under the age of 25, whereas 69% of our members are aged between 36 and 75. (Could it be that the MCC has an image problem in the eyes of young people? If it does, we need to do something about it.)

"We need more female members" (survey shows we're 76% male, 24% female.)

"We should start our meetings on time" (some are even suggesting that we should start them at 7.45 or 7.30.)

"We should have more outings" (some are suggesting we have some weekend excursions, including overnight stays.) "The MCC's website needs updating".

"More opportunity to have our photos critiqued by experienced members".

Now it's up to the board to find the best way to deliver on the various desires and suggestions put forward by MCC members, as part of the survey.

It has already held a full day reviewing the survey results and formulating broad strategies for the future. We look forward to sharing more with you in the near future, when we have developed concrete action plans. Meanwhile (and at any time) please feel free to put forward your thoughts and suggestions to any MCC board member or office bearer.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Jens Karnoe for preparing, conducting and providing the findings of this important survey. Well done.

By the time you're reading this issue of Exposure our next Introduction to Photography Course will be getting under way. This is an incredibly popular club initiative which is usually oversubscribed ... it was again this time around.

If you are a club member with lots of experience under your belt, your attendance at these sessions as a "helper" would be appreciated. After each evening session there are typically more people asking questions than there are presenters on hand to answer them. The more we can satisfy the course participants' thirst for new knowledge, the more likely we are to win them over as new members and enthusiastic club ambassadors.

The course runs over six Tuesday evenings starting on February 5th through to March 12th. There are also three Sunday morning practical sessions; Feb 10th, 17th and March 3rd. As well as contributing as a helper, it's likely that you'll also learn a few new tricks yourself ... I usually do.

few new tricks yourself ... I usually do. Our 5 minute "show and tell" segments at the start of meetings (except print nights) are proving very popular with members. As well as being of interest to the members by showing them what we've been shooting lately, presenters have the opportunity to gain valuable member feedback.

Don't be shy. If you've been shooting interesting stuff lately, we'd like to see it. Show us as many images as you like, ideally 20 or so, but for a strict total presentation time of 5 minutes, or 300 seconds, whichever occurs first. Email me to organize your own time slot ... peter@peterwalton.com

If you haven't been shooting any interesting stuff lately, isn't it time? Let's aim to make 2013 "The year of greater member participation".

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My Perspective : My Retrospective An exhibition by Jim Weatherill held at the Clubrooms 15-18 November, 2012 to celebrate his 70th birthday.



Joy - 1964 Taken at Monash University and won an award in the student Photographic Society's competition. This was probably the start of taking photography seriously.



Lana Spider - 1993 Never took out a major award – but the local Warragul newspaper used it on their front page to publicise the Warragul National Exhibition.



Gum Tree, Central Australia - 1994 *Taken with infra-red film – a favourite.*



Man at Moomba – 1988 An image that won top monochrome in a VAPS interclub, for the Woodend Camera Club.



Antonecia – 2004 A pleasing portrait of a lovely young lady.



Rainbow Valley N.T. - 1994 My first international acceptance.



Billie's In Love – 1996 Taken one Sunday morning in Hobart outside a pub with a mural on the wall.



The Gang Boss – 2004 An environmental portrait taken in Broken Hill.



Tina's Hat – 2006 *A charming young model from the Sudan.*



I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles - 2006 At the G20 demonstrations in the city.



I Drink VB! – 2007 The Pride March in St Kilda.



Morning Ritual – Luang Prabang – 2007 Early morning in Laos.



Oh Really!! – 2005 Great interaction between the two young punks.



Marie's Companion – 2008 Taken for the local community paper – an image of a North Melbourne identity.



Patterned – 2009 An example of Body Art by artist Elena Lieu

End of Year 2012 Results

Prints

Print of the Year 2012 Joint Winners

Ian Bock Silver #2 John Parkinson Bunker Bay

Land-, Sea- or Cloudscape

First Frances Egan Champs Elysses **Highly Commended** Leif Andersen First Light Wanaka Tree Jane Clancy Storm Clouds Approaching

People

First Jim Weatherill Family **Highly Commended** John Mallett **Decisions** Decisions Ian Bock The Instrument Maker

Figure Study First

Frances Egan

Nature First Annette James Snow Deer **Highly Commended** Steve Spencer

Feeding Time Robert Fairweather Saltwater Crocodile

Catch of the Day

Photojournalism

First Leif Andersen **Highly Commended** Judi Mowlem Jim Weatherill The Cremation Ceremony

Hanging the Kelp Scavenger

Creative

First Ian Bock **Highly Commended**

Annette James

Silver #2

Butte from Dead Horse Point Three Hands

Bunker Bay

Floral Art

Sun Roof

Window Cleaning

Secret meeting

Ian Bock Open

First John Parkinson **Highly Commended** Nicole Andrews Shelly Black Ray Huntley Judi Mowlem

Open Novice Prints

Neil Brink

Isthmus Bay, Bruny Island Tasmania

Highly Commended Motocross Toby Frost Gail Morgan Zanders View

Special End of Year Print Competition: After Ken Duncan First

Gail Morgan Cable Beach Camels **Highly Commended** Echuca Wharf Martin Clancy

Print Essay

First Jane Clancy Communication Changes **Highly Commended** Robert Fairweather Drake a' Dabbling Martin Clancy Vine to Glass

The Bockey Communication Changes Jane Clancy

Queenie Gatt Award

The Queenie Gatt Award is "for the most outstanding non-photographic contribution to the club". Any member can nominate a worthy recipient, and the Board votes on the nominations received. The recipient for 2012 is Alan Elliott

EDI

EDI of the Year 2012

Jane Clancy Snails on the Move

Land, Sea or Cloudscape First Martin Clancy Strath Creek **Highly Commended** Sharon King Rock and Light Judi Mowlem Kununurra Fields

Jane Clancy People

First Joshua Reuveni **Highly Commended** Jane Clancy Martin Clancy Ken Warburton Alan Elliott

India David Three Bares Jeff

Spiritual

One lone tree

Nature

First Judi Mowlem Mud flats from above **Highly Commended** Phil Marley New Holland Honeyeater Gary Richardson How many more?

Photojournalism First

Marg Huxtable Fearless Threesome **Highly Commended** United in Grief Steve Spencer Marg Huxtable Heavy!

Creative First

Alan Donald Blue Mist **Highly Commended** Steve Spencer Life goes by in a blur Phil Marley Inversion

Open

First Jane Clancy Snails on the Move **Highly Commended** Ray Huntley On the Stairs Ray Huntley Handrail Leucadendron Alan Donald Melbourne Alive Joshua Reuveni

Michaels Camera Video and Digital Awards

Best Monochrome Print

Steve Spencer Guilty as Charged **Best Colour Print** Judi Mowlem Life In Detail Best EDI Peter Walton Yarra Valley Shadows

Aggregate Trophies

Photographer of the Year Jane Clancy

EDI: Open "A" First Second Equal Third

Steve Spencer David Gilliver Marg Huxtable

EDI: Open "B"

First Second Third

Joshua Reuveni Alan Donald Martin Clancy

EDI: Set Subject

First Second Third

Frances Egan Jane Clancy Marg Huxtable

Prints: Open "A"

First Second Equal Third Ray Farrugia Margaret Huxtable Ray Huntley

Prints: Open "B"

First Second Third

Greg Hotson Frances Egan Jane Clancy

Bubbles Segall

Prints: Open Novice First Second

Equal Third

Ken Warburton Kathryn Hocking

Prints: Set Subject

First	Gary Richardson
Second	Ian Bock
Third	Jane Clancy

Audio Visuals Competitions Judges:

3-2-1 Competition (an AV that takes exactly 3 minutes 21 seconds to run).

First Charles Kosina New Zealand

Open Competition

First Phil Marley Japan Impressions **Highly Commended** Gary Richardson Yellowstone Barb Butler 'twas an exciting day for Barry the Bee



Best Creative EDI Alan Donald Blue Mist



 Alan Elliott Perpetual Trophy
 for Best Photojournalism EDI

 Marg Huxtable
 Fearless Threesome



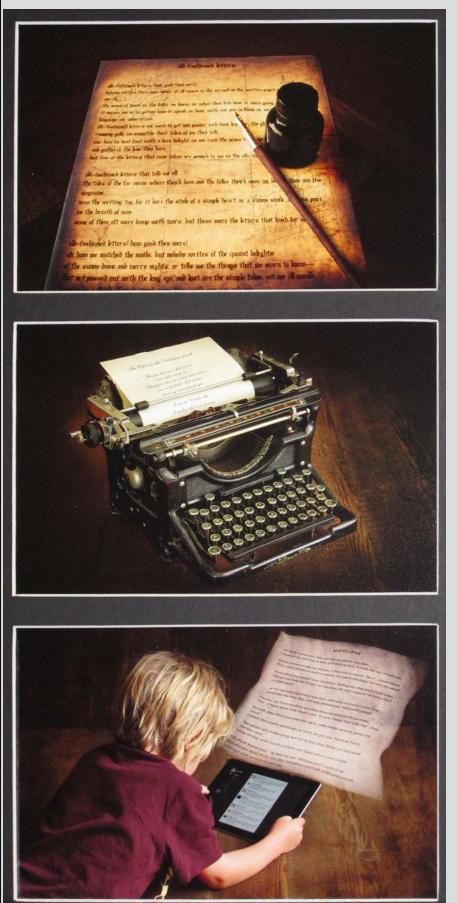
Alan Donald had the Best Creative EDI



Marg Huxtable receiving the Alan Elliott Perpetual Trophy for Best Photojournalism EDI

The Bockey

Ian Bock



Melbourne Camera Club's "Photography is Fun" Trophy - The Bockey and Best Print Essay Jane Clancy Communication Changes



This award, instigated by Ross Penny, is given to the maker of the photograph which the judge considers the maker had most fun producing.

Again, this year, the judging was not an easy task but I looked for a photograph that I would most enjoy making.

There were a number of contenders but Jane Clancy's was finally selected.

It was a triptych showing the changes in the mechanics of written communication over the last century.

In each image an example of the message is included and, whilst I am generally not in favour of text in a photograph as the viewer always try to read it, in this case there is so much text that the viewer accepts it as part of the image.

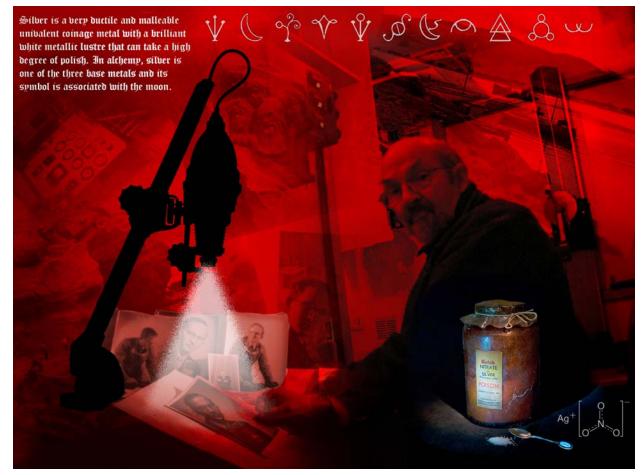
Is this a case of more is less? More text is less intrusive?

The post-production treatment is well done and gives each image an atmosphere pertinent to the period and also reduces the need to read the text.

Overall, as well as the tasks of capture and post-production, this photograph required significant planning after the initial idea was conceived.



Photographer of the Year, Jane Clancy received numerous awards including EDI of the Year, Best Print Essay, The Bockey and Best Open EDI. Here she is receiving "The Bockey" from Ian.



Joint Winner of Charles Du Rieu Trophy for Best Print of the Year 2012 and Best Creative Print Ian Bock Silver #2



Harry Cleveland Trophy for Best Land-, Sea- or Cloudscape EDI Martin Clancy (below) Strath Creek



Best Colour Print Judi Mowlem Life In Detail



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Best BW Print Steve Spencer Guilty as Charged



Best EDIPeter WaltonYarra Valley Shadows



Joint Winner of Charles Du Rieu Trophy for Best Print of the Year 2012 and Best Open Print Winner John Parkinson Bunker Bay



Alan G. Gray Trophy for Best EDI of the Year 2012 and Grace Lock Trophy for Best Open EDI Jane Clancy Snails on the Move