

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS FOR BOCKEY

Ian Bock's lifetime of service to photography has been recognised in this year's Australia Day honours when he was awarded the Order of Australia.

Ian has been involved with the camera club movement in Victoria since 1956 when he joined the Southern Suburbs Photographic Society.

In 1965, he joined The Melbourne Camera Club, and in 1967 he was voted onto the Club's Council/Board. He has served on this body ever since, being President of the Club 8 times, including 1991, the Club's Centenary year. He has also served in the roles of Vice-President, Secretary and 12 times as Club Treasurer.

Ian is perhaps best known for his involvement with VAPS, the Victorian Association of Photographic Societies – the state-wide umbrella body for the 60+ camera clubs that operate throughout Victoria. For approximately 25 years, Ian was a delegate to VAPS for The Melbourne Camera Club. He was a member of the VAPS Committee of Management from 1985-2005, President in 2001-2 and Treasurer for 5 years. He also held the office of Public Officer for nearly 10 years.

It was partly through Ian's involvement with VAPS that he earned a reputation for his judging and presentations, lectures and writing on photographic topics. Ian has visited most camera clubs in Victoria – many on a regular basis. He is a respected judged, and is a skilful and witty presenter. The subjects that Ian presented over the years have varied – some of his most popular talks related to his photography of crystals, industrial photography, the etch bleach process, manipulated images (both before and after digital), Photoshop and his audio visual "The Mind Bockles" which is full of visual humour. Ian has always been most generous with his time and sharing his knowledge with camera club members throughout the state.

Ian's contribution to photography extends well beyond the Victorian camera club movement. He has lectured and judged interstate as well as judging at Australian National and International Exhibitions/Salons. He has actively supported the Australian Photographic Society, the Australian Portfolio Photographic Society, the Australian Photographic Collector's Society, the Melbourne PC Users Group, his local church, local art group and community.

He has had a number of images and technical articles, on photography and processing, published. He has run courses both through the camera club movement and in the wider community.

Ian has been recognised for his service to photography by both the Victorian (VAPS) and Australian Photographic Society (APS) and holds the SSVAPS and SSAPS.

We are delighted that our friend and colleague Bockey has be honoured with the Order of Australia. Bockey's service and commitment to photography has been second to none, and the award is well deserved. Congratulations Ian.