



NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL LATE NOTICE – CHANGE OF EVENT FOR MAY.

The number of items submitted for an auction is still far short of a viable event so the “first auction” for 2026 has been cancelled. The next scheduled auction for 2026 is on 16th August.

Next event – Social afternoon – 17th May 2pm AMRA Hall

The committee is planning a social afternoon on 17th May. Come along with a few items for a market day plus some fun events including a raffle, a “free table” where you can also put items that you don’t mind giving away and a preview of the next issue of Back Focus with an opportunity to contribute critically or otherwise. Some party-like refreshments will be provided.

APCS Program for 2026.

NOTE CHANGE TO THE MAY EVENT

- May 17th Social meeting AMRA Hall – see above
- June 21st Social meeting AMRA Hall
- July 19th AGM AMRA Hall
- August 16th Auction AMRA Hall
- September 20th Box Hill Market
- October 18th Presentation – Practical camera repairs – AMRA Hall
- November 14th & 15th Auction AMRA Hall

AGM – July 19th

The AGM for 2026 is coming up quickly and one of the key matters is the election of a committee of management. While the management of the APCS has been very much “more of the same” for a few years, it is time for change as the existing membership ages and younger people involved with photography seem not to be as interested in collecting.

We need some new approaches and the people to make it happen, and it also seems probable that our traditional methods of communications with members is moving to the social media. If you have expertise in that area and in dealing with organisational change then this is an opportunity to ensure that the future of the APCS is well supported. Please consider standing for the committee positions. President, Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer executive positions along with typically half a dozen general committee positions need to be nominated and elected at the AGM.

In recent years, face to face committee meetings have been accomplished using the on-line ZOOM platform so member location can be anywhere.

Back Focus, the Newsletter and journals from other societies now on-line

The electronic archive of the APCS is now available directly from the APC website. Click on the “LIBRARY” tab and you can see the APCS archive including Back Focus, the Newsletters and Journals produced by other societies – all downloadable as PDF files.

Classified Advertisements

This column is available to you to publicise what you wish to buy and sell. To place an ad, send an email including all the details to adverts@apcsociety.com.au with a JPG photo if you wish. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. For successful sales please remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. Electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word “Sale”.

For Sale

Leitz Focomat Ila automatic focus enlarger with both 50mm and 95mm Focotar lenses, 35mm and 6x9cm negative carriers and darkroom items including Paterson System 4 Multi tank with 4 spools, Ilford Multigrade Filter set, enlarger timer etc. \$800 or reasonable offer for the lot. Call 0408173662 for details.



For Sale

Various surveys of Australian film history. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 filmart@dodo.com.au

Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit you, you can visit my Melbourne home studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me on 0402562267 or email hello@photoshoptutor.com.au – Your personalised tutor David Ewing.

Wanted

4x5 enlarger, Beseler (either 45MCRX / 45MXT or 45V-XL) or Omega (D-5 series, either D5-XL or D-5500) with colour head preferred. Sydney based but willing to pay for shipping within Australia. Please email Andrew, andrewherrick@hotmail.com.

Wanted

Sandy Barrie is looking for a copy of Australian Camera Magazine for May 1993, as his copy was badly damaged in a flood in 2011 and again in 2022. Email to apbarrie52@dodo.com.au

Wanted

Old Photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes, glass plate negatives, photo postcards & street photos from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am an avid collector who has conducted decades of research into 19th and early 20th century Australian and New Zealand photographers. Contact: Marcel Safier, Brisbane, msafier@ozemail.com.au 0411 238 612.

Wanted

Geoff Harrison is looking for Metal plate holder(s) to fit a 6.5x9cm Patent Etui. Phone 0408 376695 or email gharrison@bigpond.com

Wanted

Leica screw mount Wide Angle lenses, Leica finders, a 2-speed MOOLY motor drive, any of the left-hand shutter releases and Leitz filters in boxes – all to add to the collection. Phone Steve on (03)9429 2152

Offers invited

Four exceptional display cabinets from the estate of Max Amos are available for offer – currently located in Heatherton (VIC). Enquiries in the first instance should be directed to the President (Rod) phone 0408 173662 or president@apcsociety.com.au Photographs are shown below and sizes can be initially judged from the context of those images. Two of the cabinets are essentially a pair – shown one on top of the other.

Events

See the flier below for the Sydney Markets for 2026

**THE SYDNEY
CAMERA
MARKETS 2026**

**MARCH 29
AUGUST 2
NOVEMBER 22**

Newington College
Centenary Hall
200 Stanmore Rd,
Stanmore 2048

**Entry Fee:
\$5 General,
\$3 for Students**