



MAY 2004 – Planning Meeting

Our May meeting was postponed and turned into a Planning Meeting. It was held at the Flying Duck Hotel in Prahran. Several new initiatives were adopted at this meeting. The aim was to make MAP easier to plan and run. Here are the notes:

Meeting Frequency & Location

- It was confirmed that Monthly Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of Each Month is still suitable and convenient for Members.
- In order to eliminate the needs for purchasing food & alcohol as well as set up & pack up as well as GST hassles etc, it was decided that MAP would trial meeting in a free Function Room at a hotel so that everyone can purchase their own food & drinks. This also eliminates the need for someone to get there early and stay late to unlock & lock up the venue. The entry fee will be adjusted accordingly.
- In according with this Prahran Neighbourhood House have been advised that we no longer wish to meet there and the keys have been returned.
- AS A TRIAL OUR NEXT MEETING – TUES 1ST JUNE – will be held in the Duck Room of the Flying Duck Hotel in Bendigo Street Prahran. If this venue is deemed suitable, meetings will continue to be held here.

Meeting Structure & Content

- There was a general consensus that there should be more interaction between members. To cater for this, there will be a dedicated discussion time at each meeting where members can discuss issues, problems etc.
- New suggested format for Meetings includes:

7.00pm	Arrive (get drinks, food etc)
7.30pm	Welcome, Admin, Open Discussion Member's Opportunity to Show Work
8.15pm	Guest Speaker
9.00pm	Finish

This format is a guide and can be refined over time.
- There was a concessus to have a guest speaker at each meeting rather than every 2nd one. It was decided that Guest Speakers could include:
 - 1. Established Professional Photographers**
 - 2. Industry Related Experts (Art Directors, Graphic Designers etc)**
 - 3. Members from Our Own Ranks with Expertise or Experience in an area of interest to other members.**



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- The suggestion was made to have 'Themed Nights' for the presentation of Members Work. Themes may include sport, fashion, colours, editorial etc. Or Members may bring in any work they want some feedback on. Alternatively Members may bring in their folio for critique although this may require planning in advance so as to allow sufficient time.
- It was decided to have a MAP planning meeting at the beginning of each year, so everyone can contribute idea and help plan the events for the coming year. It is envisaged this would take place at either the end of Jan or start of Feb. This may present problems with people returning from holidays. The other suggestion was that the February Meeting of each year is used to plan the year.

MAP Newsletter

- It was decided that the MAP Newsletter will be posted directly to the Webpage rather than emailed to each member. Instead members will be emailed a link to the Webpage to check it out for themselves.
- Photography Exhibitions will continue to be published in the Newsletter together with notes from Guest Speakers, Classified and anything else of relevance or interest. Email anything for inclusion to maphotographers@yahoo.com.au

MAP Exhibition

- We are currently seeking subject suggestions for the 2004 MAP Exhibition. So bring your suggestions to the June Meeting.
- It was also suggested that we appoint a Curator for the MAP Exhibition this year. This will also be discussed at the June Meeting.

Getting Together Outside of MAP Meetings

- There was strong desire amongst the group to get together for social events. For this reason together with forming a better network amongst ourselves, a MAP Contact List including mobile numbers & email addresses, will be distributed to everyone. This will make it much easier to contact each other. Please email maphotographers@yahoo.com.au if you DO NOT want your details included.
- A list will be circulated at the next meeting for everyone to complete or update their details. This will then be emailed to everyone as PDF.
- The suggestion was made to have 'excursions' on weekends to attend exhibitions etc. This would be informally arranged at meetings by anyone wishing to get together with other photographers outside MAP.



SUGGESTED SPEAKERS FOR THE REST OF 2004

Here are the list of speakers for the rest of the year. So far speakers for Sept & Nov are confirmed. We are currently trying to contact Guy Little to get him to speak to us at our June Meeting.

If you are contacting a speaker, please endeavour to do so as soon as possible, so we can lock in the dates or find an alternative speaker. Thanks.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Person to Follow Up</u>
1 Jun	Guy Little	Copyright	David Russell
6 Jul	Gallery Curator	Exhibitions	Toni Psarras
3 Aug	Andrew Ashton	Photoshop	Tash Hallis
7 Sep	Craig Shell	Working with Talent	Rhiannon Slatter
5 Oct	Greg Ford	Wedding Photog	Tom Putt
9 Nov	Peter	Photo Libraries	Tom Putt
Dec	Christmas Party		

ASSIGNED ROLES:

Here are the people who have nominated to take on a regular job as part of running MAP. Your effort is appreciated as it takes a little bit of effort from a lot of people to make MAP happen.

MAP Email & Webpage:	Sally
MAP Newsletter:	Judy to take notes, Rhiannon to collate Sally to publish to webpage & email link
MAP Finances:	Judy & Erin
MAP Noticeboard:	Michela
Planning meetings:	Sally & members
On the night Jobs:	Rotation amongst members

In Closing

Just a quick note from me to say that I was really encouraged by the turn out at our planning meeting. I realised a while ago that I was doing too much for MAP and needed some help. So I just wanted to thank those who attended the meeting or gave apologies. It was a great relief to me that so many of you were willing to help with the various tasks involved in running MAP. So thank you for your support. – Sally



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