

Viewfinder



JULY 2010

From the President's Desk



At our May meeting we saw our club filled with many visitors who braved the long and cold highway to be with us, all the way from 'The Gong' ... [Wollongong Movie Makers](#). This was our first Inter-club meeting with them.



We first had a presentation from **Martha Mollison** about her new book on video making, **PRODUCING VIDEOS A COMPLETE GUIDE** third edition. She sold some copies that were also personally signed by **Martha** making them a real collector's item. This was followed by a slide show by **Martha** on some of the newer lighting techniques



coming out of Hollywood, most of which could easily be replicated by us at home in our own productions. Our member **Trish**, also showed a video that she has been working on with mentoring from **Martha**.



We had a screening of our competition entries, and a '**Members' Vote**' that was won by **Max Milgate**.

After our 'networking tea break', we watched some video work from 'The Gong' - some very polished productions that showed good research, and good stories can make

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PROGRAMME

For JULY Meeting

Wednesday, 14th July, 2010

- * ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- * PRESENTATION by: **IBBY MEHMET**, a professional photographer and videographer who will demonstrate the Canon (7D) Digital SLR stills camera's HD video features. (See Mark Frank's column)
- * AWARDS PRESENTATION for the club's first Video Competition for 2010. 
- * LUCKY MEMBER'S DRAW
One lucky member who paid membership fees before 30th June, will win back \$55.
- * CLUB NEWS
- * "SHOW AND TELL" segment
- Featuring a video by Peter Hamilton
You are also invited to bring "items of interest" to show- including videos (on DVDs please - **not** mini-dv tapes).
- * QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

very compelling viewing. They are productions to be proud of!

We ended up running out of time to see all they had brought with them, although I got the feeling some members would have been happy to sit and watch all night!

At our **July meeting** we will have a presentation from **IBBY MEHMET**. **Ibby** is a professional photographer and videographer working in corporate, documentary and wedding fields. He has recently completed a Hi Definition promotion using a **Canon Digital SLR stills Camera**. These cameras have some outstanding qualities that surpass dedicated video cameras costing thousands more. We will get to see some footage, the camera, and a chance to get some insight on the successful use of the Canon 7D for video production.

Keep the batteries charged!

Mark Franks
President



JOKE OF THE MONTH



A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'



The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?'

The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving!'

From the Vice President



Well here we are again, another club year has gone and we are still going strong. Our meeting last month was very interesting with **Martha Mollison** giving us some hints on all aspects of video production, and then the visitors from Wollongong showing us some of the video productions from their club.

I would like to give you some pretty important findings I have made of late, namely on our return from the USA, I inadvertently formatted a SD Card which my new camera now uses. I was tired and did the unforgivable thing of formatting a card thinking it was the empty card and unusable. You can imagine my horror, when I realized that I just wiped a perfectly good card with film taken at Sea World in San Diego. I rang around different places and they all informed me that it might be able to be saved, however it would cost between \$200 and \$700 to do so. After searching high and low, I came across **Extreme Rescue Pro**. Can you imagine my relief when it showed me that the program **found 148 files**, and because I registered the program, I could open them and save these files to be used later on. I saved the files in three different places including my external drive. So take it from me - **never delete anything until you've made sure that this is what you wish to do!**

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking **Mark Franks** for the time he was our President. He worked very hard and kept our club in a very good condition, and also brought many interesting visitors to our meetings. I can still remember when I approached **Mark** asking him to take over the presidency, and how reluctant he was. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking him for his time as president, and also wishing him all the best for his upcoming position of vice president. **Mark** and I will be working closely together in bringing you new and exciting speakers and presenters.

That brings me to the end of my part, and I hope to see you all at our next meeting on the 14th July, which is the AGM.

Remember...

Make movies, make friends.

Reinfrid Langmann
Vice President



TREASURE ISLAND



Well this is my last newsletter as the current treasurer of South West Video Club for the year ending June 2010, and as most members know, the current committee will relinquish their positions at our next meeting, enabling the nominees for the new Committee to be elected for the coming year.

This year, we have not received any “new” nominations from club members to be on the new committee for 2010-2011 and your “old” committee members (“old” meaning “past” NOT “aged” or “antique”) have agreed to nominate for their present positions, with one exception. Our outgoing president **Mark Franks** has opted to nominate for the position of Vice President, with **Reinfrid Langmann** agreeing to stand for the position of President.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the nominations for the new committee and thank the outgoing committee members for their continued work and support of the club as follows:

Our outgoing President, Mark Franks, has been a member of the club since its inception in July 2001, and has been an outstanding President for the past three years. Mark has worked tirelessly for the club to ensure that our meetings provide a variety of guest speakers and interesting topics to cover all facets of video production to cover the interests of all members, and has always shared his experiences and knowledge in camera and editing techniques. We are pleased that you will continue to be part of our committee Mark, in the position of Vice President, and I thank you for the work you put into the club over the past three years as President.



Our outgoing Vice President, Reinfrid Langmann is also a founding member of the club, holding the position of President for the first four years and Vice President for the next five. Reinfrid also works tirelessly for the club, goes to great lengths to get guest speakers to attend our club meetings and maintains contact with other video clubs and video editing suppliers both in Australia and overseas to promote South West Video Club and our activities at every opportunity. He is extremely proactive in obtaining the



generous prizes donated by our sponsors for Club Competition winners and is an enthusiastic and hard working member of our committee. We are pleased that Reinfrid has agreed to stand for the position of President for the new committee and I look forward to working with him again on the new Committee.

Under the rules of our club Constitution the names of members standing for any position must be published prior to the Annual General Meeting. If more than one person nominates for any position, members must vote to decide who is elected for that position. If only one person nominates for any person, members DO NOT have to vote, as that person will be automatically elected for that position.

As there were no other nominations to be on the new committee, the rest of your current committee have agreed to continue in their present positions for the coming year. It will not be necessary for members to vote and the nominations for the new committee will be as follows:

President:	Reinfrid Langmann
Vice President:	Mark Franks
Secretary:	Mark Driver
Treasurer:	Jan Hudson
Editorial Officer:	Josie Milgate
Public Officer:	Max Milgate
Technical Coordinator:	David Tran
Webmaster:	Peter Hamilton

Other than the Committee members, **Ron Potter** has agreed to continue in his role as **Competition Manager**.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the rest of the committee for their continued work, dedication and friendship over the past nine years, as the remaining committee members have all held their current positions over that time.

Starting with a special thank you to our Secretary **Mark Driver**, for his work in recording the minutes of each meeting and handling all correspondence - no mean feat with our committee meetings tending to cover more than one topic at any given time.



To **David** who not only keeps us all up to date with the latest technology, also donates his time and business premises for club use.



To **Max** and especially **Josie** for the fantastic creative newsletter she puts out to all our members, given that



she usually creates it in the wee small hours of the morning when most of us are sleeping, and after having to “chase” up the committee members (me included) for articles to be contributed “on time”.

The final newsletter is then forwarded to our webmaster **Peter** to be updated and relayed to members via the incredible internet.



Although **Kevin** and **Ron** are not officially members of the committee, they both have attended committee meetings in the role of **Competition Manager** and have done a great job in organizing the club competitions.



As for me, I will still continue in my role of **Treasurer** to harass members to pay their fees and encourage members to buy tickets in our club raffle each month, as this is the only way that the club will survive financially.



Last month's Raffle winner, **Josie Milgate**

Finally it is the efforts of the whole committee, not one person that continue to make our club the best in the Sydney region, if not the best video club in the State and it is a pleasure and privilege to be part of a great team which places the interests of their members first and foremost. I am pleased to call you all my friends and look forward to working with the committee for the benefit of the club once again over the next twelve months.

Back to reminding all members (and inform potential new members) of the cost of annual membership fees of the club and about our Members' Library.

Annual Fees

Annual Members fees are due on 1st July each year and remain at \$55.00 for single membership, \$65.00 for joint memberships (married couple or partners) and \$105.00 for family membership (family group from same household).

Members' Library

The club has several training videos and CDs, music CDs as well as Royalty-Free video Footage for members to borrow.



To be eligible to borrow the CDs you must be a **current year financial member** and have paid a once only CD Training fee of \$25.00 (this is separate to the yearly membership fee) which enables you to use the training CDs for one month at a time.



Visitors' Fees

Visitors and non members can attend club meetings twice at no charge with a fee of \$10.00 charged on the 3rd and subsequent attendances to our group meetings until such time that they become a member.

Club Competitions

The club runs regular User Group competitions as well as individual entry competitions. To participate in any club competition you must be a current financial member.

Lucky Member Draw

We had lots of members take advantage of the opportunity to win back their membership fee by paying their fees at our last meeting as advised in last month's newsletter.



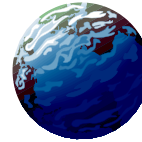
Those members who have renewed their fees before the end of June will go into a draw at our next meeting on 14th July to win back the cost of their membership to the value of \$55.00. Good luck to those members who are eligible.

Until we meet again on the 14th July and don't forget to bring your money cash or cheque if you haven't paid your fees yet, as well as lots of small coin to buy tickets in our raffle

.....Happy Videoing

Jan Hudson
Treasurer





NEW PRODUCTS:

DreamBook ePad

Ever dreamed of getting an Apple iPad but could not afford to pay for the unit?

Look no more... **Pioneer Computers Australia** has just released a new range of **DreamBook ePad** from 7" to 10" and starting from \$199.00.



Launched in Computex 2010



Looking and feeling exactly like the iPad, the unit runs on Google Android 1.7 which allows users to surf on the net, play video, listen to music, Ebook reading etc

Similar to iPad, the battery in ePad can last for 10 hours.

The advantage of ePad over the iPad is, it also has a **built-in video camera**, with optional:-

- * External GPS with built-in Maps for support position and navigation
- * External Bluetooth and built-in Wi-Fi for wireless internet
- * External 3G Dongle which allow connection to 3G network
- * USB Keyboard/Mouse
- * USB Storage Device: which allows user to access extra storage

Astone Media Gear AP-200 500G

1080p Portable Media Player 2.5 SATA HDMI/H.264/MKV/RMVB/VC-1/DTS Downmix/WiFi(Optional)

Astone Media Gear AP-200 is a portable and powerful **1080p HD** media player which truly **decodes, playback and outputs High Definition 1080p** videos through **HDMI** interface.

AP-200 is able to play the HD MPEG2, HD VC-1, HD AVC/H.264 movies from internal 2.5 hard drive or external USB devices such as flash drive or USB drive to HDTV screen. It supports 2.5 internal SATA hard drive and you also can use it as a USB powered 2.5 portable HDD.

Astone Media Gear AP-200 is compatible with Astone AW-N290 USB 802.11n wireless Dongle. Just plug this dongle into USB port of AP-200 to enable the wireless function, so you can easily enjoy playback your movie from your computer or NAS server wirelessly.

To see the demo unit, please call David in the office.



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Kaiser Baas - RoadRecorder Black Box for your Car

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The palm sized **Kaiser Baas RoadRecorder** will continuously record video, audio and positional data while you drive, acting as a Black Box for your car.

Now you can continuously record incidents that happen around you while you drive, including accidents that you witness or are involved in.

Memory Box for your Car

The RoadRecorder will allow you to record inconsiderate and bad drivers, accidents, road conditions and unexpected events, then simply connect to a PC to view your recordings. Files continuously overwrite themselves allowing you to capture up to 52 continuous event recordings (up to 310 minutes). In addition, the internal G-force sensors will activate every time you brake suddenly, swerve or have a collision and create a recording of the event.

The RoadRecorder mounts to the inside of your windscreen, acting as your eyewitness on the road and allows you to review video, audio, speed, time, G-force data and the vehicles location on GoogleMaps.



Three Easy Ways to View an Incident:

- * Playback directly to an in-car video display using A/V output
- * Download recorded events directly to a USB memory stick for PC playback using USB host port
- * Directly connect to a PC for setup and playback of video recording using PC connection

David Tran

*Digital Planet Technologies/
Technical Co-ordinator*



Editor's Corner



Your committee's 12 month term has once again ended. We have tried to provide a variety of guest speakers to cover the various interests of members in video making as well as give you every opportunity to display your talents through competitions and our Show and Tell segment. I enjoy watching members share features of their newly acquired cameras and other technological gadgets with other members at our meetings.



I hope our efforts have met with your approval. If you feel that some of your particular interests have not been covered, our suggestions box is always available at the meetings.

I would like to thank the rest of our committee for providing us with their free time, and the efforts they make to allow our club to be a continuing success.

As important as our efforts are, remember, your participation in competitions and activities of the club are vitally important for the club to be successful.

I'd like to thank **Martha Mollison** for her presentation on the importance of lighting at our last meeting. She showed us many approaches to lighting, some old and some new, plus her own personal observations on the subject.



In fact, my sister, **Florence**, who visited our club last month and has a passion for art (not video editing), expressed that Martha's presentation on lighting was a great help for her. Our computer teacher, **Pushpa**, who was a first-time visitor, also enjoyed the evening and expressed interest in joining the club as she would like to create wonderful videos of her young children. This month, also, another of our friends, **Debbie**, a photographer, has expressed interest in visiting and also joining our club. I hope all our members can spread the word

about how friendly our video club is, and introduce more members to our great club.

Speaking of visitors, my heart was "won over" by a gorgeous baby named **Kwajo**, who in fact "opened his arms" for me! How could I resist nursing him??! Thank you to his friendly parents, **Sam** and **Nana**. They were introduced to the club by long-time member, **Prince**.



Congratulations to **Harold Pollard** who was awarded a trophy from **FAMM** (Federation of Australian Movie Makers Ltd) for the most improved video maker of our club.



Many thanks to all the members of the **Wollongong Movie Makers' Camera Club** who accepted our invitation and braved the cold to attend our last meeting. It was great to share some of their first-class videos and to fraternize with people who have a common interest.

Thank you to **Trish Glossop** for hosting the first workshop for **Pinnacle Studio 14** at her home on Wednesday, 7th July.

Nine members attended and we were able to establish where each of us are at, in relation to our knowledge of the video editing software. It was a wonderful friendly get-together, complete with projector and screen, as well as coffee and cakes! Even though we were "feeling our way" on the night, I think we all learnt some interesting tips by sharing our knowledge, and were also able to establish a programme for next month.



Have fun sharing knowledge.

Josie Milgate
Editorial Officer/
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Club Meetings:

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Time: 7.00pm on **2nd Wednesday** of the month

February - November
(Christmas Party in December)

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