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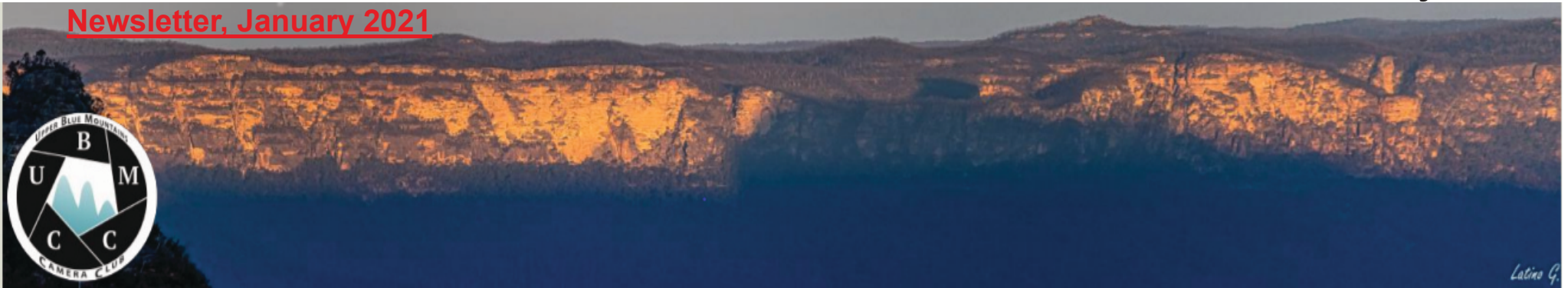
Now that 2020 is behind us, the club is off to a rollicking start to 2021 – most importantly with a new venue. Some things will be different, others the same. Here are the basics of what you need to know to continue enjoying the club's activities throughout the next 12 months.

WHO? It's the same club but with a greatly expanded and invigorated committee; hopefully a return of many familiar faces and many more new members. 'Meeting' on Zoom for almost a year was understandably difficult for many people and we are really excited about gathering in person again (state and federal regulations on Covid permitting).

WHERE? Our new venue is the **ballroom** of the **Palais Royale Boutique Hotel**, 230 Katoomba Street, Katoomba. It is opposite the Blue Mountains YHA building and there is plenty of parking, either on the street or behind the hotel. The ballroom is huge and allows us to safely and comfortably hold

our meetings in compliance with the Covid distancing requirements, even if our numbers grow.

WHEN? Exhibition Nights are being held on the **first Wednesday of each month**, at the usual starting time of **7.30pm**. **The first meeting is on February 3**. Someone from the committee will meet-and-greet members and newcomers at the hotel foyer and steer you towards the ballroom. For the moment, only Exhibition nights will be at the Palais. Info nights will have to stay on Zoom for now.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
- **Covid sign-in:** you will have to sign in at the hotel reception desk, using Service NSW's Covid Safe Check-in app. Bring your phone and allow time to sign in.
- **Refreshments**: to keep everyone as safe as possible we ask that you buy cups of tea or coffee from the hotel bar. The club won't be providing tea/coffee or biscuits until it is deemed safe to do so. On the upside, you can have a beer/wine/G&T during meetings!
- **Images for Exhibition Night:** for the first Exhibition Night there is a cap on members' entries at **two DPIs plus two prints** (B&W, colour or one of each). We will review this when we see how the new venue works out and how many members submit images. There are no changes to the entry

requirements that are clearly set out in detail on the club's website click here http://upperbluemtnscameraclub.com.au/?page_id=2216 for details.

This includes the naming protocol for DPI images and for preview images for hard copy prints.

- To kick off the year we will have a guest judge - **Ben Pearse,** Ben is a local to the Mountains and covers a range of photographic genres including Portraits, Weddings, Headshots, Commercial Property, and Fine Arts.- Further details click Here

Ben Pearse will lead a portraiture photography workshop on Saturday 30th June - further details click Here

HAVE A BALL: The Art Deco ballroom is considered one of the finest large venues in the Blue Mountains so feel free to dress up for the occasion! Put on your blue-suede shoes. On February 3 please bring along one or two of your favourite prints, from last year or before. We'd like to really put on a show of our current members' work to show newcomers what we do!

PS: Fees will be due by March 1. Details to follow.

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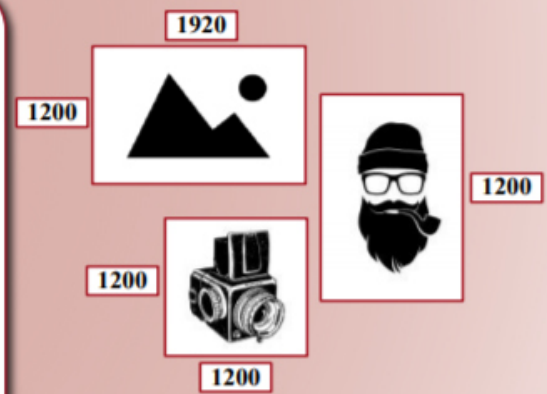Webmaster: Greg Wood: gsw333@gmail.com

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