



The 28th Australian National Stereo Photography Convention

Cowes, Victoria, Australia

Friday 3 May-Sunday 5 May 2024

The Convention

The 28th Australian National Stereo Photography Convention is an opportunity for stereo photographers (from beginners to the highly experienced) and enthusiasts (from the simply curious to the totally committed) to come together to take and show stereo photos, to trade tips and techniques and to share some quality time discussing all things stereo in a relaxed, photogenic setting.

It will be held in the St Philip's Anglican Church Hall at 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes, Phillip Island, Victoria over the weekend of Friday 3 May to Sunday 5 May 2024. The hall is on the corner of Thompson Ave, (the main street of Cowes) and Church St. It is on the left hand side as you drive towards the beach just past the Coles supermarket.

Phillip Island is highly photogenic with loads to do, great places to visit, fine places to eat and is a fabulous place to rest and relax.

Cowes is 140 km south of Melbourne and 1,000 km south-west of Sydney. It is most easily accessible by road but there are buses that run from Melbourne to Cowes and trains that run from Melbourne to Cranbourne from where there is a bus to Cowes.

We'll also try to coordinate car pooling as well as we can.

The Program

The registration desk will be open at the Hall late afternoon on Friday 3 May. The program hasn't been finalised yet but the convention will formally begin with shows and workshops on Saturday morning. There will also be shows on Saturday and Sunday evenings and tours, workshops and photo opportunities spread throughout the weekend. Saturday afternoon will be left free and the convention dinner will be held on Sunday evening.

Excursions

Phillip Island has so many things to do and see that we can't do it justice in just a weekend. However, we will arrange a couple of visits which will be included in the convention program and there will be time for a couple more for those who arrive earlier on Friday.

Program Excursions

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum

According to the NVVM website (www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org) their mission is to remember, interpret and relate the experience of the veterans of the Vietnam era and the enduring impact of the war on society. It is filled with memorabilia of all kinds from tanks and helicopters to medals, stories, memorials and even the ballot balls used to decide who got conscripted and who didn't. It's a very interesting and emotive place to visit.

Churchill Island

Churchill Island, which is just north of Phillip Island, was discovered in 1801 by Lt James Grant who planted crops and trees there making this location the very first farm in Victoria. It is named after Mr John Churchill of Dawlish, Devon, who had given Lt. Grant seeds of trees and vegetables to "plant in the New World". There's a historic homestead, horses, sheep and sheep dogs, blacksmithing, cattle, highland cows, birds, gardens and lots of things to see. You can see more at:

www.penguins.org.au/attractions/churchill-island/

Optional Excursions

Phillip Island is best known for the Penguin Parade where up to several thousand penguins return to their nests at sunset each night after fishing during the day and people gather to watch them. The Penguin Parade is a night-time activity, when we would normally be having shows, and so we haven't made it part of the formal program.

Seal Rocks, one of the large Fur Seal colonies in Australia with over 5,000 seals, is just off the South West tip of Phillip Island. There is a two-hour boat cruise giving a close-up view of this colony. The current cost is \$98 so we made this optional too.

The Penguin Parade

Website: www.penguins.org.au/attractions/penguin-parade/

Unfortunately, the penguins get quite badly spooked by flash lights and even though flash photography was banned for many years it still happened, sometimes by people who simply didn't know their camera (or phone) well enough to turn it off, and sometimes deliberately. The result is that all photography is now banned during the Penguin Parade.

There are three levels of viewing. General Viewing uses the old set of seats that many of the penguins now avoid. Penguins Plus uses a new grandstand closer to the penguins' new path and Underground viewing is a smaller space, at ground level, beneath Penguins Plus with an eye-level view of the penguins as they walk past.

The costs, in 2023, are:

- General: \$27.70 (\$19.30 for pensioners and senior cards);
- Penguins Plus: \$65;
- Underground: \$75.

You can see these options at: www.penguins.org.au/attractions/penguin-parade/activities/

Phillip Island Seal Cruise

Website: www.penguins.org.au/attractions/seal-cruise/

The boat cruise leaves the Cowes jetty at 2:00 pm each day and returns around 4:00pm.

The costs, in 2023, are:

- Adult \$98
- Concession \$88
- Group (5-19 people) \$80.40

If anyone wants to attend the Penguin Parade, and/or the Phillip Island Seal Cruise, please let us know using the Registration Form.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please register as early as possible as it is important for us to know the number of attendees well in advance. A discount of \$20 per person will be made if full payment is made by 16 February 2024.

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Email:
Names of others included in this registration (for name tags):
Special dietary requirements:
Will you need a ride?
Can you offer a ride to anyone else? If Yes, how many could you take?
Have you booked accommodation? If so, please indicate where.

Attendees	Number	Cost per Person	Total	
Adults		\$185 or \$165*	\$) * If paid in full before) 16 February 2024)
Children		\$115 or \$95*	\$	
Grand Total			\$	
Signature				Date

Will you have:	Yes/No	Details, e.g., no of shows, title, duration (if known)
A digital show?		
A workshop?		

Registration forms can be posted to Bill Botterill, 16 Saxton St., Box Hill North Vic 3129 or emailed to cowes2024@gmail.com. Please include a \$50 deposit to secure your registration.

Cheques should be made out to the Victorian 3D Society. If you email your registration form, please either do a direct electronic transfer to BSB: 063 552; Account Number: 10338088 or post a cheque to Bill Botterill. Unfortunately, only Australian currency can be accepted.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION REGISTRATION

Please note that the costs of these excursions are not included in the convention registration fee and that at the time of preparing this form their actual costs, in May 2024, are not yet known. Current costs are given in the Information Pack above, but these are certain to change (and most likely increase) before May next year.

If you would like to go on one of these excursions, please fill in the details below and return the form to us at coves2024@gmail.com before 16 February 2024. We will then find out the latest costs, including any group discounts that may be possible depending on the numbers. We will communicate these to those who have registered with a view to finalising the booking before the end of March. Full payment will be required in order to make the final bookings.

Name:
Email:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE BOTH FOR FRIDAY 3 MAY 2024

Penguin Parade: Friday evening (3 May 2024) just before sunset

Viewing Option	No of Adults	No of Concessions (Including Seniors)
General		
Penguins Plus		
Underground		

Please note that, there are currently no concessions for the Penguins Plus and Underground options

Phillip Island Seal Cruise: Friday 3 May 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00

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