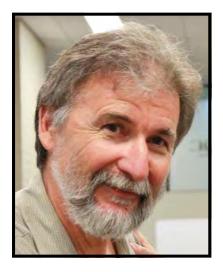


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Presidents message

Unfortunately our rep from Panasonic is unable to make our March club meeting and has had to reschedule to May. He will present a sample of cameras from their range including the new GH4, which I know a few members are interested in. It should be a good evening

This means our March club night program has changed. We are swapping presentations around so we will have a talk on documentaries and we will be spending some time looking at our first competition

entries. I encourage you to look closely when we screen them again as we will be looking at where

improvements can be made. With members suggestions from the floor and selected comments from judges we all should learn something.

The ideas pitched at our February club meeting should be now developing into draft screenplays. So as part of the Club Shoot program we will review progress. This is a chance for everyone to follow the development process and for those members who want to take part to volunteer. I know we had eight ideas pitched initially but not everyone wanted to follow through. Don't be put off, if you now have an idea and want to pitch it this month feel free. There are no set rules to this initiative we just want more members to be involved.

Ruskin, Ilma & I are sharing the role of competition manager. Our first competition used the new online web based system where entries were uploaded and screened on Vimeo. The judges comments have been positive saying the system is easy to use. This means judges can be located anywhere as long as they have access to the web. It also does away with the multiple copies of DVD so is a cheaper for members and a more sustainable solution.

I have also been speaking with Canon and they will be presenting at our April club night, so we should be pretty well up to date with what's out there on the market.

Stay Focused Andy

Sydney Video Makers Club Themes for possible short films Tropfest 2014 Theme object: Mirror

1. By Paul Szilard

There is a one way mirror in a café. Conversations and actions occur in front of the mirror. A watcher is gradually revealed. The watcher is in a wheelchair and the mirror is a window on their world. Climax unknown, but maybe the watcher dying and the mirror shattering.

2. By Andy Doldissen

There is a girl who is blind from birth. There is a medical breakthrough and it is possible that she may become sighted. She is a runner and has a running partner who helps guide her. Prior to the operation, the partner gives her a compact containing a mirror. She has the operation and afterwards the compact falls to the floor and breaks.

3. By Colin Cooper

A family is known to have a special mirror in its history. A young man searches for this mirror and eventually finds it in his great grandmother's stuff. He looks at the mirror which immediately transports him back in time. Various scenes of the family in the past are played out, showing how life for the family has changed over time. The climax shows the changes in the young man's own life.

4. By Ilma Cave

Mirrors = Identity

Various characters pass in front of a mirror. The mirror reflects them as others see them, not as they see themselves. Ultimately they personalities or the characters merge.

5. By Barry Crispe

Princess and the Frog Frog goes to a bank and wants a loan. What will your collateral be, asks the banker. Well, I have a jade elephant. What about a guarantor, asks the banker. Well, Mick Jagger is my father. "Knick knack paddy wack Give the frog a loan His old man's a rolling stone."

6. By Neville Waller

The life of a \$50 note

The note starts life in a pub buying a round of beers.

Then it changes hands the racecourse of a bet.

Next it is handed to a hooker.

A mirror with a line of coke is in the son's room with a rolled up \$50 to sniff with.

The mother is cleaning and notices the note. She takes it.

At church, the mother puts the \$50 note in the collection tray.

The note has now come full circle from evil to good.

7. By Ruskin Spiers

Information is dangerous. What can it do to you?

There are two friends, married. One finds out that the other's missus is having an affair. How does the relationship between the friends change as the result of this new information?

8. By Lee Crispe

Married couple, high flyers, don't see much of each other.

They decide to get a divorce.

Wife crying in the mirror, decides to have one last visit to their holiday home which is being sold. Hubby coincidentally shows up at the house. He saves her from drowning and there is an ending – live happily ever after? ...

Some interesting articles / tutorials / videos on the web – selected by Peter F

<u>Click</u> on the name of the article in the PDF to be taken to the website

A Cheap & Easy Way to Create a Professional-Looking Infinite Black Backdrop

Panasonic Announces Price for the 4K GH4

The History of Editing, Eisenstein, & the Soviet Montage

Learn How to Make a \$3 DIY Pistol Grip out of a Jump Rope

The Art of Shaping Light: A Brief Guide to Using Flags to Add Contrast to Your Scene

Video Editors, Here Are the New Years Resolutions that You Should Be Making

How to Guide Your Audience: A Masterclass in Storytelling Through Editing

'Is It Dead?' Keep Your Script Alive by Avoiding These Screenwriting Clichés

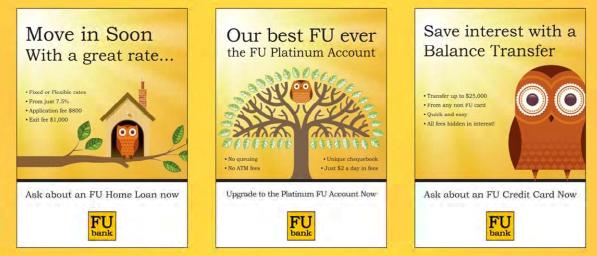
Building a Bank!!

If you're thinking of dressing up a building or an office block to be somewhere it's clearly not you might be interested in how we created the FU bank branch at the start of our FU bank ad - here's how it was done!! And, in case you're wondering where the shop we used is, it's on William Street in the city.

The first thing we did was to create a few of the more general things we'd need to create the feel of a branch both inside and out. This included logo and a few posters selling various different bank products from our new bank.



A simple logo block was all we needed to start dressing the bank!



Some dummy posters which would go in the branch on the walls and also be visible in the window.

Having done that we found a suitable shop, this one happenned to be the Hertz hire car centre on William Street. We made absolutely sure to use a tripod or this would not have worked, or at least not so easily. The camera needs to be 100% still for the whole shot.

We also needed to be careful of a couple of things in composing the shot. The main issue was that during the shot nothing moved in front of the parts we intended to turn into FU Bank signage or posters. That could have been people, birds, trees, anything at all although the biggest risk was pedestrians.

The next thing that was important up fron was knowing what we were going to do to the shot afterwards and choosing both the location and the angle with that in mind. In fact we shot two different shops just in case!

With the Hertz shop, the black colour suited us since that fitted with our FU bank colours. Also, it was fairly well decorated and smooth which made it easier to hide the joins between what was real and what was invented.

As you'll see in a minute, our customer did move in front of the roller advertisement which we knew we wanted to change and turn into an FU bank ad. We could easily have got round this in the edit by simply coming in as he's past it but, by having him move in front of it for just a few frames, although it meant slightly more fiddly masking for the effect, it is one of those little things that helped to "sell the effect". It would have worked fine without it but it's a combination of these little things that help overall.



The before shot, including the customers shoulder just in front of the bus advertisement, this was the opening frame.



With the bank livery added and the bus sign changed too.

The dressing of the bank was all done in Photoshop and then imported into After Effects to be laid over



This is basically what was actually produced in Photoshop and then laid over in After Effects. The black areas would all be transparent.

Notice in the bottom left hand corner of the bus sign (bottom right) where you can see how the sign has been cut out so that when it is laid on top of the actual video it doesn't block the customers shoulder. All this masking was added and animated as he moves in After Effects. See next page...





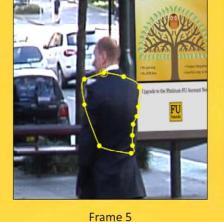
Frame 3







Frame 4





Frame 6



Frame 7

Frame 8

As the man moves through frames 1 - 6 the mask moves with him. What the mask is doing here is cutting out the left bottom corner of the sign otherwise that would appear over the top of his shoulder since in reality it has all been placed on top of the video layer. By masking along his shoulder line and removing the 'new sign', his shoulder appears to stay in front of the sign. By moving the mask slightly in each frame the sign is revealed as he moves and all looks normal.

Once you get to frame 7 the whole sign is visible and so the mask is having no effect, which is fine since his shoulder is no longer in front of the sign.

Lets look at one of the other shots in the ad, the one when the customer visits the ATM...

We ended up rushing this shot and just choosing the closest ATM rather than one with quite the right look. This meant we had a shot which was made very busy by all the signs and so on from the shop which it was next to. To fix this we simply added a wall where one might well have been anyway!

Since the actor moved in to the scene from the right of the shot and never went in front of the wall this was a very simple thing to do and hugely changed the effect of the shot. Also, his moving in from the right covered the next doors window which was equally busy.



Before

A busy and cluttered shot which should never really have been taken but sometimes you take what you can find on the day and this was the nearest ATM and we were running out of actor time.

When you look at it your eye does not get drawn to the ATM immediately, even after the FU bank branding and sign has been added and that is a problem. So...



After:

A plain wall is added over the top in After Effects.

This creates a much cleaner composition, your focus goes much more immediately to the ATM and since the wall follows a natural vertical line it was very very simple to do and no one was any the wiser.





Editing





Colour Correction

Special Effects

Audio

File Formats

Having a problem with your videos?

Maybe it's an editing challenge, audio problem, colour correction job or special effects issue you need help with? Of perhaps it's something else, either way the 'Clip Surgery' at Focus Night is designed to help!

At the end of every Focus Night we're going to start running a 'Clip Surgery' so, if you need help, bring along the clip you're having problems with, hand it in at the beginning and we'll see if we can fix it that evening or maybe take it away and solve it by the next meeting.

The problem doesn't have to be complicated, it can be anything from exporting a file, removing the boom mike cable from your shot, colour correction or adding special effects.

Whatever it is, bring it along, along with the **source files** on a USB stick and we'll see what we can do to help!

Example: Removing Boom Mike Lead.

Here's the before & after but if you need help doing it, just ask.





Clip Surgery - Every Focus Night



Script Ideas

Develop an idea into a script or check out the ideas on the Club Website

At the last club night 8 ideas were suggested as seed ideas for the club production. The ideas are all detailed on the Club Production page of the clubs website. These are currently open to the public to view.

Here's a quick reminder of the ideas, they're not supposed to be polished ideas and so some don't have - or perhaps don't reveal - the endings.

- A cafe with a 2 way mirror gives a disabled man a unique world view.
- A blind girl is given a mirror before an operation to recover her sight. After the operation she looks at and then drops the mirror.
- A magical family mirror enables holders to see how lives change.
- A mirror reveals a persons character as seen by others.
- A princess and a frog story based on a well known joke.
- Follow a \$50 note through some colourful characters and to church!
- Discovering her best friends' husbands affair changes a womans life.
- A separating couple independently decide to spend a last night in their previous home, surprising an enthusiastic estate agent.

Develop the Ideas to a Script

If you'd like to develop one of these ideas to a script please do and then bring it along to the March 26th Club Night. Alternatively if you have any other ideas which are ready as a script then please bring them along too.





From the S.V.M. LIBRARY DESK FOR MARCH 2014 CD Disk 28.3 200 PRO SOUNDS

All mp3 format Sound.

This disk has 200 sounds and the two highest sounds are at 1.15 and the second at 1.59 second most of all the other sounds are from under 20 seconds**eartHeart**

, this is set out in Alphabetical order e.g. "A" $3 \times AIR$ brake-horn-leak, times will be shown as 1 to 3 seconds or as 1-4-8 seconds shown as with a "s" at the end.

"A" Access denied 1s, 2 x Adjusting Radio 6 to 18 s, 3 x Air brake – horn- leak 1to 3s, Air port 28s, 3 x Alarm-beep-ring 3 to 10 s, Ambulance 12s, Aooga horn 1s, Applause 7s, Atomic bomb blast 17s,

"B" Baby rattle 3s, 3 x **Back** up – beep 10-11-21s , **Bagpipes** 10s, **Balloons**- burst- snap-stretch all 1s, **Banging-** tin-echo 2 to 10s, **Barnyard** 18s, **Baseball**-bat all 1s, 2 x **Battle** 16-20s, **BBQ** sizzle 7s, 5 x Bees 2-3-4s, 2 x **Beep** 1to 8s, **Bell** 5s, **Big** door open 3s, **Big** pool splash 4s, **Bird** & a bee 21s, **Black** hole 6s, 2 x **Boat** air horn 3 & 9s, 2 x **Boo** echo 6 & 7s, **Bottle** rocket 3s, **Boxing** bell 3s, **Break** glass-window-plate all 1s, **Brown** nosed 10s, 2 x **Bubbling** 2 & 8s, **Bugle** plays taps 32s, 2 x **Bus** door –horn 2 & 3s, **Button**-beep click-droop- flutter-zip all 1 & 2-5s, 8 x **Buzzer** all 1 & 2s,

- C" 2 x Camera click all 1 & 2s, Can opener 10s, 22 x Car-alarm-brakecrash-door-pass by-horn-screech-start- all from 1 to 13s, 12 x Cartooncharge-door-fall-phone-run-split-whistle-squeak-yell 1 to 45s 7 x Cat-meowpurr-screech-yell all 1 & 2s, 3 x Chain-rattle-saw 1 to 6s, Chimes 6s, 7 x Christmas music box from 16 to 1minute 59 seconds, Church bell 10s, City traffic 54s, 4 x Clock- chime-tick 2 to7s, 3 x Cock gun all 1s, 2 x Coin table 1 & 4s, 6 x Computer beeps all 1 & 2s,2 x Crow 1 & 2s, 4 x Crowd cheer 2-4-6-8s
- "D" Deck the halls 10s, Dial phone 3s, 2 x Dog bark 1 to3s, 8 x Doorbell from 1 to 3s, 3 x Dot matrix printer 1-4-8s, Dove coo 19s, Drag race 9s, Drain 3s, Dream 3s, Drill short 3s, Drive up & park 10s, Drop bomb 7s, Duck 1s, Dull thump 1s,
 - **"E"** Eagle 2s, 9 x Electric-current-arc-carving knife- drill -shock-door-heartping- from 1 to 8s, 2 x Elephant 1 & 2s, Elevator 6s, 2x Elevator 3 & 4s, Emergency system 7s, 3 x Explode 2-6-7s,
 - "F" 2 x Fall 1 & 6s, 3 x Fanfare 1 to 8s, 2 x Faucet 2 & 6s, 21 x Fire- cracker-missiles-truck siren-fireworks-from 1 to 58s, Fishing reel 2s, 3 x Flat line 3-4-11s, Flush toilet 11s, 2 X Fly-metal 1 & 2, 2 x Foghorn 2 & 3s, Footsteps 8s,Forrest 10s, 3 x Frog 3-5-7s, Frosty the snow man 17s, Fry bacon 15s,2 x Future beep 1& 2,

- "G" Generator 25s, 4 x Ghost moan 7-17-21-22s, 2 x Glass break 1 7 2S, Grave walk 3s, Groan 2s, 2 x Grow 1 & 2s, 3 x Gun battle 3-6-8s, Gun shots 4s,
- "H" 3 x Hail 16-17-19s, 4 x Hammer- metal-once-saw 1-4-5-8s, Hand bell 7s, Hand saws 5s, Happy new year 3s, 4 x Harley-idle-engine-start 6-9-10-16s, Hawk 6s, 2 x Helicopter 4 & 17s, Hit crowd cheer 9s, Home alarm 6s, 6 x Horse-gallop-neigh-run 2-3-4-9s, Howl 2 & 6s,
- "I" 5 x Ice-in a glass-skating-walk 2-5-7-9-10s, 2 x Implosion 2 & 3s, 3 x Indian-call-drums 2 & 3s, Inside a jet 2s,
- **"J"** 2 x **Jack** hammer- long 5 & 14s, 7 x **Jet-**fly-idle-pass-start 3-4-6-11-13 s, 5x **Jungle**-birds-5-7-14-17-19s,
- "K" Kettle whistle 7s, Kick door 3s, 3 x Kids cheer-playing-scream 3-8-26s,
 - "L" Lab 8s 6 x Laser fire-pulse-sword 1 to 4s, 7 x Laugh cartoon-man all 1 & 2s, Lawn mower 4s, 3 x Lion scream 2 & 3s, Locust 8s, Luger 1s,
 - "M" 3 x M16-distant-single shot 1 to 9s, M50 4s, 2 x Machinery all 3s, March 5s, Meat sizzle 2s, 7 x Metal-clang-door open-grind-special all 1 & 2s, Metronome 1s, 4 x Missile-beep all 1 & 2s, Modem 3s, Motor boat 11s, Motor cycle 8s, Movie projector 8s,
- "N" Navy whistle 1s, Nice day 2s, Nigh ten gale 2s,
- "O" 3 x Ocean-*waves 9-10-15s*, Office phone 4s, Oil strike 25s, 6 x Old car horn-phone-phone ring-train-gun battle 1-3-6-11-17s, Organ 8s, 3 x Out board motor 3 & 6s, 3 x Oven buzzer-door 3-5-7s,
- "P" Paper crumple 5s, PA squeal 4s, People laugh 7s, People talk 12s, 5 x
 Phone –talk-busy-pick up –ring 1-3-5-8s, Piano smash 12s, 5 x Plane crashfly over-idle-low 3-16-17-46s, Play basketball 4s, 5 x Police arrive- bullhorn -pass- radio 3-4-15-17-23s, 6 x Pool ball hit-break-pocket-shot-splash 1-2-3-4-23s, 2 x Pour drink ice- soda 2 & 8S,
- "R" 4 x Race car-pass 4 7 5-20S, Radar ping 2s, 2 x Railroad crossing 5 &6s, 5 x Rain -shower-storm-thunder 8-15-30-33s, Restaurant talk 9s, 3 x Rifle shots all 1 & 2s, 3 x Ring bell all 1s, Road buzz 10s, Road construction 3s, 3 x Rocket count down-blast off whistle 10-17-24s, Roulette wheel 6s, 2 x Run towards 2 & 3s,
- "S" 3 x School bell 3-4-9s, 6 x Scream-man-short-shut up-what all 1 & 2s, Screen door-close 1 & 4s, Seagulls door-close 1 & 4s, Seagulls 11s, Seashell horn 8s, Shake roll dice 3s, 3 x Shield all 2s, Shoot glass-weapons 3 & 4s, Shopping 13s, 7 x Shot gun all 1 & 2s, Siren 15s, 5 x Siren hilo-horn-wail -wa wa 1-4-5s, Sleigh bells 5s, Slide projector 16s, 4 x Small bell-chimesgiggle-waterfall 1-2-6-10s, Smoke alarm 6s, Snake drum roll 5s, 2 x Snore 2 & 3s, 2 x Snow ski-skiing 5 & 12s, Space ship land 10s, 3 x Sparrow-close 3 7 7S, 2 X Spooky laugh 4 & 14s, 2 X Spray bottle-paint 2 & 4s, Sprinkler 5s, Staple gun 5s, Starting gate 3s, 2 x Static & long 1& 4s, Storm blows

15s, Stunt plane 9s, **Submarine** alert 5s, **Swamp** jungle-monster 1 &35s, **Swim** 19s, **Swing** 1s,

- **Take** one 1s, **Tennis** 3s, **Tension** 4s, **Thunder** & rain-rumble-storm 2-6-8-27, **Time** machine 3s, **Toy** train horn 2s, 2 x **Traffic** jam-horn all 2s, 8 x **Train** arrive-horn-move-pass fast-pass slow-pull away-whistle 3-4-5-15-16-17s, 2 x **Trash** can all 2s, **Tree** branch 5s, 3 x **Truck** brake- drive by- horn 1 to 8s, **Trumpet** 3s, 5 x **Type** ding-fast-writer-shift 1-7-8s,
- "U" 2 x UFO all 2s, Uncock 1s, 2 x Underwater-scuba 3 & 13s,
- **"V" Vacuum** cleaner 9s, **Volcano** explode 31s, 2 x **Volk**s wagon horn-start 1 & 11s,
- "W" Wagon 12s, 5 x Walk-hall-in woods-on sidewalk 6-7-22, War drums 17s, 2 x Warning- bass 2 &3s, 5 x Water balloon-drop fill 1-6-7-14s, Wave roll in splash 8 & 9s, Welder 12s, 3 x Whip-crack all 1s, 9 x Whistle blow-down-here-short-sparkle-up-wolf-while you work 1-2-3- to 8s, 3 x Wind- chimes 2-5-8s, Window slide 1s, 2 x Which laugh –long 3 & 6s, 4 x Wood chipper-click-planner-splinter 1 to 11s, Wrapping paper 7s

"X" Xylophone 2 seconds,	"Y"	Yawn
4s, You got mail 4s,		"Z"
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Zipper -- Zoom --- Zoom away all 1 second.

Some sounds I have left out as they are single pieces and less than 1 second or they did not work at all.

More on the Music and Sound Effect's next month.

You're Librarian Graham Sainty

FEBRUARY MEETING NIGHT 26TH February, 2014



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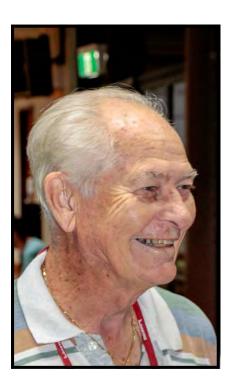
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Graham Sainty and Stuart Plant

Beryl Stephens and Don Reade



Beryl Stephens

George Karadonian and Kent fry



Ruskin Spears giving advice

Beryl Stephens, Jim Whitehead with Barry and Lee Crispe



Ian Scott with Barry and Lee Crispe

Paul Szilard



Paul Szilard with friend



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Member's guests may be invited to meetings; the first visit is free, subsequent visits are \$5. New members are always welcome. Annual membership is single \$60, self and spouse \$85, Overseas and Country members \$35

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