



Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

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Meetings:

The Club usually meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Manningham Uniting Church - Westfield Drive Site, 20 Westfield Drive, Doncaster, at 8.00pm.

A number of members meet at the Doncaster Hotel at 6.00pm prior to the meeting for a meal and a chat. All are welcome to join them.

Workshops are held generally 6 times each year usually as part of a meeting or separately on a suitable night.

Social Events - The club organises a number of social events during the year including BBQ's & live theatre.

Membership Subscriptions -

Single Membership - \$45.00

Family Membership - \$70.00

Full time Student - \$30.00

[Add \$10 if you elect to receive the monthly newsletter by post]

March 2013 Competition

This was our popular Portrait competition and there were lots of excellent entries. Our judges were Pam Rixon, Kevin Wilson and Graham Kay. As usual we thank the judges for a great job.

The high standard continued from last month and there were 27 entries that achieved an Honour or a Merit.

The leading scores in the Open Prints went to Franne Holowko's "Black hMong Woman Sapa" with an 89 and Val Armstrong's "Brown Eyed Beauty" also with a score of 89.

In the Digital Projected Images the winner was Adrian Donoghue's "The Bird Princess" with a score of 81 closely followed by Ian Holowko's "Memories 2" with a score of 79.

In the Small Prints, Bruce Millikan had a score of 79 for "Weatherman" followed closely again by Ian Holowko's "One In a Crowd" with a 76

Overall honours went to Bruce Millikan with 6 Honours/Merits followed by Ian Holowko with 3 Merits/Honours.

Congratulations to everyone!

The winning images in each section, together with a list of all the Merits and Honours, appear later in the Newsletter. Those three winning images plus another three selections are also posted on the web site where they look a lot better than the small prints reproduced here.

We completed the evening with an excellent and interesting presentation by club members on alternate uses for your photos.

Arthur Lilley spoke on producing Christmas and Thank You cards.

Graham Kay gave a detailed presentation of producing a photo book in Lightroom 4. For those members interested in that presentation the March edition of Australia Photography-Digital has an article showing "how to do it" - step by step!

Pam Rixon presented her take on producing Calendars – a useful way to show friends and relatives your photographic achievements!

Kay Mack completed the night with her photo books and her interesting experiences involving children in the making of books with photos as an educational tool.

There was a nice selection of the results achieved by members on display at suppertime. The talent never ends!

The Next 3 Months In Brief

April 19th, 2013

This is the night of our Annual General Meeting [see article below].

The AGM will be followed by the presentation of the Annual Aggregate competition awards for Small and Open prints and Digital Images.

Please hand in your Open Topic entries for May.

Please bring a plate of supper for sharing!!

May 17th, 2013

Our guest judge, Bronwyn Casey, will judge the results of the April hand-ins to be followed by a presentation from Bronwyn entitled "Stage Shows From China"

Please hand in your Open topic entries for June.

June 21st, 2013

The results from the May hand-in will be presented and our guest will be John Lee from the camera store, "Shutterbox" in Hartwell. The subject of his talk will be "You And Your Camera"

Please hand in your **set subject entries** – "Food" for July.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **19th April 2013**

The Annual General Meeting will be conducted at our April gathering. On this night we review the past year's progress, introduce our new Program for 2013-2014 and hold elections for Committee.

By now nominations should be in the hands of the Secretary so, if they are not, then it is too late.

The AGM also heralds the start of the Club's financial year and, of course, payment of our annual subscriptions now falls due. The Treasurer will be ready with his receipt book on the night so it would be helpful if members could bring payment and re-sign early. The amounts payable are listed on the first page of the Newsletter.

As this is the final meeting for our "Photographic Year" we should celebrate the election of the new Committee, together with the winners of the Aggregate Competition[s]. It is fitting we do so with a nice supper. Please don't forget to bring a plate!!!

Judging Participants

Judges for the next three months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
May 2013	Bronwyn Casey - Visiting	
Jun 2013	Bruce Millikan, Val Armstrong and Clive Watt	TBA
July 2013	Adrian Donoghue, Marg Bold and Marg Walton	Ros van der Schalk

Can't make the date? Then you **must advise the Judging Steward, John Smith, and the monthly co-ordinator as soon as possible.**

The new 2013-2014 judging schedule has now been distributed to all co-ordinators, judges and observers.

Set Subject Hand In Dates

The Subject	Hand In
Food	Jun 2013
Monochrome	Oct 2013
Reflections	Feb 2014
Vintage	Jun 2014

Merits And Honours

Open Prints

Frane Holowko	"Black hMong Woman Sapa"	89
Val Armstrong	"Brown Eyed Beauty"	89
Arthur Lilley	"Ruffed"	88
Bruce Millikan	"Sir Gus"	85
Bruce Millikan	"Dark Days – Sombre Thoughts"	82
Ian Holowko	"Dungeon Queen"	80
Les Armstrong	"Quiet Time"	80
Les Armstrong	"Neville"	79
Judy Mitchell	"Welcoming Curiosity"	78
Bruce Millikan	"Ingrid"	78
Arthur Lilley	"Jessie"	78
Ralph Petty	"Say Cheese"	76
Val Armstrong	"Guitarist"	76

Here is Franne's "Black hMong Woman Sapa"



Digital Projected Images

Adrian Donoghue	"The Bird Princess"	81
Ian Holowko	"Memories 2"	79
Peter Walton	"Himba Women"	79
Peter Walton	"Young Blonde"	78
Adrian Donoghue	"Warrior Princess"	78
Denis Dikschei	"I'm Special"	76
Denis Dikschei	"Neville"	76
Bruce Millikan	"Lord Mayor So"	76
Bruce Millikan	"Governor At Work"	76
Peter R Young	"Luka"	76

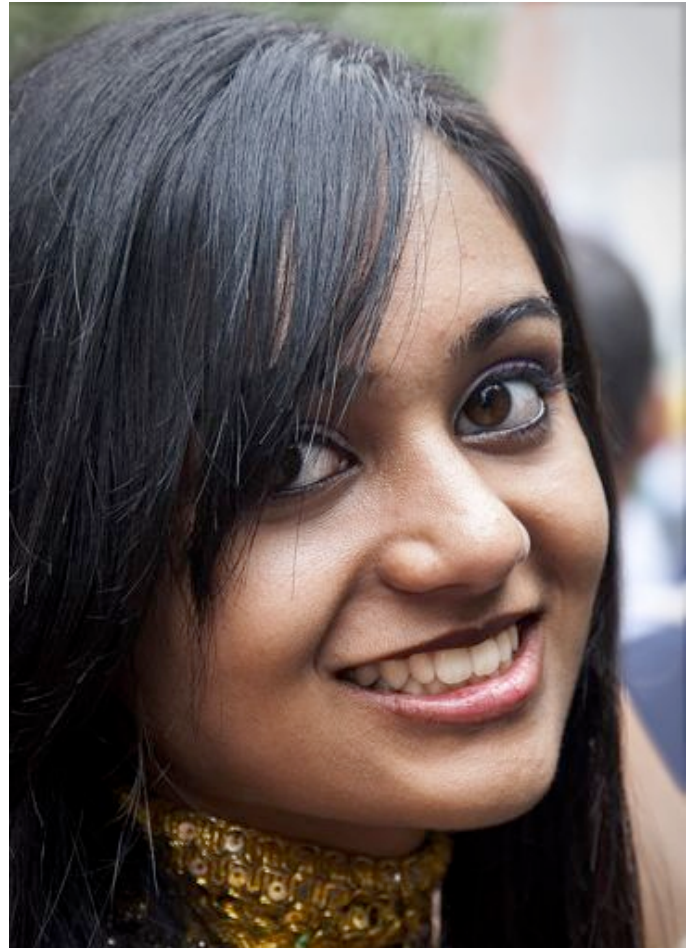
And here is Adrian's "The Bird Princess".



Small Prints

Bruce Millikan	"Weatherman"	79
Ian Holowko	"One In A Crowd"	76
David Cooper	"Face Of Knowledge"	76
Judy Mitchell	"Uan Anciana En El Mercado"	76

Copyright issues presented some difficulties in showing Bruce's winning entry so I have displayed Ian Holowko's "One In A Crowd"



VAPS CONVENTION

May 25th to Monday 27th, 2013

The Convention is scheduled for the weekend of May 25th/26th with a Monday morning photo shoot at Cape Schanck on the Mornington Peninsula.

The venue is the Brighton Grammar School, 90 Outer Crescent, Brighton and the Annual Dinner and presentation of awards will be held on Saturday night at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

Registration forms and the program were attached to the previous Newsletter[s] and you may be too late to register, at least for one of the days. Brighton is not that far away!

APSCON 2013 – Bunbury,

Western Australia

21st September – 27th

September, 2013

www.a-p-s.org.au

APSCON 2013 will be held at the Quality Lord Forrest Hotel in Bunbury, Western Australia from the 21st September to the 27th of September.

Bunbury is a beautiful city situated on the shores of Geographe Bay and is the gateway to the southwest area of Western Australia with great vineyards and beautiful forests. How do I know – I used to live there! [Tour No 4 is the go – it takes you to Margaret River].

Some of the keynote speakers are:

- Peter Eastway
- Christian Fletcher
- Richard White
- Nick Rains

- Plus many others. In fact a bit of an all-star cast!

Keep in touch via the Australian Photographic Society link above.

Official Club Outing

Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

May 4th/5th, 2013

<http://www.lakegoldsmithsteamrally.org.au/index1.php>

All members will have received an email with the broad details of the proposed trip to Ballarat/Lake Goldsmith. So far only 17 people have indicated to me their intention to participate in the weekend but I do hope for more and will be looking for a show of hands at the meeting this Friday, as we will need to firm up our booking for the Saturday evening meal at the Ballarat Leagues Club.

All the details were in the March Newsletter but I will have some final information before the day. We are looking for another site to visit for members who are not rushing off home after Lake Goldsmith – something historical in the district and Ballarat should have many of them.

Also – perhaps a place to meet and have a coffee and sandwich [or more] on the Sunday.

We will progress those matters a bit further when I have a better indication of attendance and just how long individual members are staying in the area.

The Club's Website

<http://doncastercameraclub.org.au/>

[Repeat]

If you are not a regular visitor then you should be. Over time, [and not too long a time!] we will be looking to make the website the major source of static information that should not have to be repeated in the Newsletter.

The Special Interest Groups section has been enhanced by the addition to the Urban Landscape page of extra images and a "slideshow". The Themes and Series also have another slideshow added of some of their member images.

Thanks to our Webmaster, Phil Ryan, for his efforts. The website, great to start with, just gets better and better!

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Please support our sponsor by purchasing all of your matting and framing needs from them. Don't forget the 10% discount available to Club members!

The Supper Roster

Members should arrive around 7.40pm to prepare cups, saucers and the urns.

Speak to Pam Rixon at meetings or phone her on 9846 3051 about roster changes.

Apr 2013	Peter W Young & Peter R Young
May 2013	Roz van-der-schalk and Judy Mitchell
Jun 2013	Jan Pearce and Alan Robertson
July 2013	Ian and Franne Holowko
Aug 2013	Margaret & Peter Walton
Sept 2013	Kay and John Mack

Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The most recent shoot took place at Luna Park and surrounds on Sunday, March 3rd.

The next "shoot" will be on the 9th of June in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. We will meet at 4pm at Shawcross Pizza Joint, 324 Brunswick Street.

As always, please let Adrian know if you plan to attend.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013 at the home of Kay and John Mack.

The Group will continue developing the common themes of "Isolation" and "Neglect" plus any individual ongoing themes or series.

Also the Group's webpage now has the addition of an interesting slideshow.

Please let Kay or John know if you wish to attend.

Audio Visual Group

[Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644]

At the last meeting the group viewed AV's from Liesel, Liz and Pam - all great presentations.

Clive Watt gave a comprehensive rundown on audio enhancement using the free Audacity program - clever man that Clive.

As usual we do thank Colleen and Phil for their hospitality in making their home available to the group

The next meeting will be at 10am Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at Colleen and Phil Ryan's.

Discussion will centre on the subject of "Change"

Please let Phil know if you wish to attend.

For details of all the Groups follow this link:

http://doncastercameraclub.org.au/?page_id=269

Sherbrooke Theatre Night

The Sherbrooke Theatre's current production is "The Female Of The Species" by Joanna Murray Smith and **the Club's night is April 27th**.

"Margot Mason, celebrated feminist, academic, mother and author of best-seller, has never had any problems with inspiring adulation. As she sits in her country home, struggling with a deadline, in walks Molly Rivers, student, idealist and daughter of one of Margot's biggest fans. Initially flattered, Margot is less pleased when Molly handcuffs her to her desk and threatens to kill her. This deliciously funny farce looks at the fallout for the fans when our celebrated heroes change their mind".

Please note: Does contain offensive language.

Notice is a bit tighter than usual so if you are wanting to attend I suggest you give the co-ordinator, Ian Game, a ring on 9729 7965 **as soon as possible**.

For Donation To A Good, Honest, Upstanding DCC Member

Difficult, if not impossible to find, but nevertheless I will continue.

The Club's old wooden carry case, used to transport prints, lies "a mouldering" at the Competition Steward's home. It's just doing nothing as we have, like most people, switched to the slimmer, more lightweight, "Artists Folders" So we are happy to donate it to a good home.

It is 500mm X 400mm in size [20" X 16" in old money] and quite solid. We don't suggest you use it as a carry case but it would make an ideal and secure storage facility for prints.

The only proviso in claiming the box is that it never ever again darkens the door of the Competitions Steward's home - so don't try it on by putting your monthly competition entries in it!

NIK Software By Google

www.niksoftware.com/nikcollection/usa

Some members will be aware of the popular, and industry standard, Nik software. It is available in a "Suite of 6" or stand alone components that include:

- Silver Efex Pro 2 for B & W conversions.
- Sharpener Pro 3
- Viveza 2
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The entire suite is now available for the excellent price of USD\$149 - a reduction of 70%!

Click on the link above for the download page. You can have a 15day trial or buy immediately. There is no comment on time available - it just

seems that Google [the new owner of Nik] want to "put it out there"

With the AUD/USD at around \$1.05 and the added bonus of a 15% discount when you enter the code MU-43 in the discount box [it worked for me] then the price for Australian buyers is about AUD\$120 – a bargain as the Silver Efix Pro 2 component is worth that alone!

[Thanks to Pam Rixon and Phil Ryan for alerting me to that offer]

VAPS Half Yearly General Meeting

To save pain and suffering I attended the meeting on your behalf.

It was quiet and uneventful and some of the matters discussed were:

- Adoption of the new components of the Constitution Rules required by Government for organizations such as VAPS and camera clubs in general.
- Consideration of a junior section in the VAPS Interclub Competition [*I indicated the Club's interest in the under 60's section!*]
- Tele-conferencing of future meeting to enable more participation by country clubs.

It was also interesting that approximate 10 delegates from individual clubs indicated that they had recently upgraded their digital projector to a High Definition model.

"Just Briefly"

Sans Mirror

www.sansmirror.com

This is an interesting website for those members interested in the very popular "mirror less cameras"

It is written by Thom Hogan who also conducts the equally popular bythom website @ <http://www.bythom.com/> where he writes exclusively about Nikon equipment.

Sans Mirror is as good as the bythom website and Hogan has very few equals in his knowledge and frankness of digital photographic equipment. He might prefer Nikon equipment but is not always kind to them like some of these commentators.

Yahoo Email Account Now Closed

The Yahoo email address is officially closed and the Gmail account is now operating solo. It hasn't entirely eliminated correspondence with dodgy Nigerian scammers and offers of risqué health products but we are down to about 1 per day rather than 5!

Funny Sign In A Window At Maldon

"Lost Dog. 3 legs, blind in one eye, missing right ear, tail broken, recently castrated. Answers to the name of "Lucky"

An Amusing [for some] Picture Photographed At The New York Metropolitan Museum Of Art.



Taking the judging panel to new levels!!

Sandra and Ivan Webb

Some members will remember previous members Sandra and Ivan Webb who were pleased to announce the arrival of baby David Ivan on March 19th. A little mate for his brother Joseph.

Congratulations to all.

Themes And Series Article By Kay Mack

An excellent article under "APS Focus" by Kay Mack in in this April's edition of Australian Photography – Digital.

The content of the article is a continuation of subject[s] raised at the 2012 APS Convention that was attended by 7 members of the Club.

The article includes some images taken by Club member, Pam Rixon.

Don't forget the Club has a "Themes And Series" Group meeting regularly [see the website for details or the article earlier in the Newsletter]

The Groups website page is currently featuring a slideshow titled "Abandoned Seats Of Manningham" by Pam Rixon.

Epson R3000 Printers

Two more of our members have just taken delivery of one of these A3 + pigment ink printers. The output from them is stunning and I recommend that anyone looking to do their own printing strongly consider one of these machines. They are not cheap to run but, in relation to other printers on the market, they are also not that expensive.

When you see the results you won't be considering any costs!! Trust me.

Photographs Of Interest And Excellence

Nothing from the members yet again so it's held over for one month!

Competitions On Offer

There is a continuous cycle of competitions on offer in Australia and overseas and from time to time, we highlight those that have proved popular and give good value.

Fremantle Portrait Prize

www.fremantleportraitprize.org.au

This competition offers a first prize of \$5,000 and you can enter up to 5 images!

Having just completed our own portrait competition members should have some good

Acceptances don't start until May 5th so there is plenty of time to organize yourself. Visit the above link for details.

Hervey Bay – 2nd International Salon

www.herveybayphotographyclub.org

Open for entries but closes on April 26th, however this is a digital only competition and entry is by "upload" [don't post a CD or send by email] so there is plenty of time.

There are 4 sections at \$6 per section or \$20 the lot! Maximum of 4 entries in each section

Details are at the above link.

Follow the links below to source other competitions.

The Australian Photographic Society [APS] is at http://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=172&Itemid=165

This takes you right to the page for competitions endorsed by the Society.

A further source is the VAPS website at

<http://www.vaps.com.au/>

[Note: some of the VAPS competitions may be replicated by the APS]

FIAP is the International Organization. FIAP lists all it's approved competitions at:

<http://patronages.fiap.net/>

[You need to select the year/month you want under the yellow headings!]

That's all for this month.

John

PS – At the bottom of page 4/column 2 is one of those funny square "thingys" with the pointy corners. It refuses to be deleted. Does anyone know how to erase it?