



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.

Some members meet at the Cherry Hill Tavern, 189 Reynolds Rd. Doncaster 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 - \$55.00

Family Membership - \$80.00

Full time Student - \$40.00

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

Neville Berick's Passing

Members will be saddened to learn of the death of Neville Berick who passed away 3 weeks ago after a long illness.

Neville joined in 2012 and was a regular, and popular, attendee for his initial 12 months at the club. However persistent ill health over the past 2 years had severely curtailed his movements.

We shall miss his ready wit.

November 2015

Our November meeting was our annual Monochrome competition with the Kay Mack Perpetual Trophy for Best Monochrome Image up for grabs.

Our judge was respected Melbourne professional photographer, Matt Irwin. Matt's photography experience flowed through to his judging and his comments and suggestions were well received by members. We will have him back!

In the Open Prints Pam Rixon's "Cow In Buttercups" scored a spectacular 96 edging out another great image entitled "Flying High" by Phil Ryan that scored a 95. Pam also scored a 93 for "Patterns Of Egg Beach" and Arthur Lilley scored an 88 for "Flinders Tree"

In the Digital entries a "newcomer" [in entries to DPI's!] named Lilley scored a 91 for "Lonely Beacon" to closely head Pam Rixon's "Old Fishing Boat" with a score of 90. Right behind Pam were Marg Walton's "Past Their Prime" with an 87 and Arthur with a score of 85 for "Mountain Storm"

In the Small Prints Graham Kay's "Boy In The Fountain" scored an 80.

Overall, Pam Rixon had 5 Merits/Honours; Phil Ryan had 4 and Arthur Lilley 3.

The winning images along with a list of the placing's appear later in the Newsletter and are also on the website.

Our Next Meeting Is

December 18th, 2015

Our End of The Year [EOY] meeting. Members from the Southern Suburbs Photographic Society will judge our EOY entries.

This is an important part of the Club calendar with invited guests attending. Members are asked to bring supper.

We remind you that members may bring their partners along to enjoy the evening and we encourage everyone to do that!!

KAY MACK PERPETUAL TROPHY – "BEST MONOCHROME IMAGE" -2015

Since Pam's image "Cow In Buttercups" achieved top score of 96 she was awarded the Kay Mack Perpetual Trophy for "Best Monochrome Image"



Pam Rixon, winner of the 2015 Kay Mack Perpetual Trophy for "Best Monochrome Image" with Kay Mack.

"The next version of Photoshop will be released as soon as you purchase the current one"

"Computers smell fear!"

"The new Epson printer uses four million ink cartridges – one for each colour"

Kay Mack – 40 Year Bar

With Kay Mack on board for the evening we took the opportunity of presenting her 40th Year Bar.

Kay is one of only 4 members to achieve those years of service to the Club and, combined with her many years of parallel service to the Australian Photographic Society, in various and distinguished roles, Kay been one of the greater contributors to Club photography in general.

Below is a photo of Kay with Arthur Lilley who kindly presented her with the Year Bar on behalf of the Club.



Kay - shortly after receiving her 40th Year Bar from Club stalwart Arthur Lilley – the official photographer was just not quick enough to record the actual moment of presentation!!

[A filler - Kids at play at the Briars]



The Following 3 Months In Brief.

January 15th, 2016

Internal judging of Open Topic entries followed by a viewing of members Audio Visuals.

Hand In entries for next month's "Open Topic"

February 19th, 2016

Judging of our "Open Topic" entries by guest judge – Rob Sloane.
Rob will also give a presentation of his own work on the subject of Travel Photography

Hand in entries for our next Set Subject "Fire or Smoke or Steam"

March 18th, 2016

Judging of our Set Subject "Fire, Smoke or Steam". The judging will be internal.

Hand In Entries for next month's Open Topic

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Jan 2016	<i>Pam Rixon, Ralph Petty and Gary Leete</i>	TBA
Feb 2016	<i>Rob Sloane - visiting judge</i>	
Mar 2016	<i>Peter Layton, Ian Holowko and Liz Watt</i>	Peter R Young
Apr 2016	<i>Bruce Millikan, Bev Dillon and Glen Mills</i>	Greg Swenser

Can't make the date? Then you **must advise the Judging Steward, John Smith, and the monthly co-ordinator [the judge listed in italics] as soon as possible**

Set Subject Hand In Dates

The Subject	Hand In
Fire or Smoke or Steam	Feb 2016
Doors and Windows	Jun 2016

"Every portrait is a self portrait"

"Falling cameras are attracted to rocks"

The Supper Roster

The schedule has been updated for the 2016 "season" with the next 7 months listed. A copy of the schedule has also been forwarded to all those members on the supper roster for 2016.

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 or 0421813531 about roster changes.

Dec 2015	Peter R Young, Peter W Young and John and Liesel Ingrassia
Jan 2016	Mike and Marg Bold
Feb 2016	Adrian Donoghue and Kevin Wilson
Mar 2016	Ean Caldwell and Glenn Mills
Apr 2016	Barb and Bill Prudden
May 2016	Fred Bath and Jennifer Jones
Jun 2016	David Cooper and Judy Mitchell

Social Events Column

This **schedule** is a reminder of *the future day/weekend outings* we have planned for the Club and will be supplemented by more detailed emails, or entries below, closer to the dates.

Expected Dates	Venue
January 17 th , 2016	Melbourne Night Outing

Combined Christmas/ 60th Anniversary Lunch

Our combined 60th Anniversary/ Christmas lunch at the "Huntress" restaurant in Warrandyte was a great success with 40 members in attendance.

The day was especially significant as we were able to present to Ralph Petty his 60th Year Bar noting that Ralph was the inaugural Treasurer of the Club they were incorporated in November 1955.

The organization was a joint effort and thanks go to Liz Reen for designing of the amusing place mats featuring some of Ralph's funny images over the years.

Also to Gary Leete for arranging the display boards for our excellent display of prints from some members over the years. Gary also organized the printing of the placemats.

And to Phil Ryan for putting together a "slideshow" of members DPI's that ran on a loop throughout the afternoon. The layout and presentation was first class.

Thanks also to Marg Bold for acting as the official photographer for the day providing some great images [some are on the website] for our archives.

And last, but certainly not least, our thanks to Joanne Mellor for providing us with a magnificent birthday cake to celebrate our anniversary. And I haven't forgotten Robbie Carter who also baked a gluten free cake for the dietary challenged.

Thank you one and all for making the day a memorable one.

On the following page is an image of the "birthday boy" cutting the Club's anniversary cake.



[Photo – Marg Bold]

And here is an image of that magnificent cake.



[Photo – Marg Bold]

And one of the happy revellers!



[Photo – Mike Bold – obviously!]

The Briars, Mornington

27 members attended the outing at the Briars and from feedback everyone enjoyed the day. That might be a record for a DCC social day. Let's keep that level of attendance up for the future.

The Briars is an interesting historical site and not well known to most Melburnians– and that's a pity. We have 2 images from the day.

The first is 2 flocks of chooks enjoying themselves – you choose which flock is the most excited.



The 2nd image is of the backs of 3 members. How exciting – can you pick who they are?



[Photo – Jennifer Jones]

Melbourne – Night Outing
January 17th, 2016 [Sunday]

We are organizing an evening/night out in Melbourne for the purpose of night photography – i.e. slow shutter speed photography to get all those pretty Melbourne night-lights.

Pam Rixon and Marg Walton are busy organizing the event and **a later email will follow with all the details.** Pam and Marg have also agreed to provide some assistance to those who require it on just how to get those images with all the colours and nice and sharp.

[Note: this assistance will not extend to showing you how your camera operates. There are too many makes and models to know exactly how the settings on your particular camera work.

You should have *read the manual* and have a *reasonable idea of what is required for this type of photography.* Pam and Marg’s help will extend to trying to improve on what you have got – if it needs improving – maybe you are better than you think!

This will be a fun evening and I urge everyone to put the date in his or her diaries.

You should bring a tripod.

In the meantime here is a You Tube link to guide you on your way –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVLzAhIn2zI>

And another:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K3pOueQWm4>

Another image from the Briars outing!!



Either by Ian or Pat Game [probably the skinnier one]

Merits And Honours – Open Prints

Pam Rixon	"Cow In Buttercups"	96
Phil Ryan	"Flying High"	95
Pam Rixon	"Patterns Of Eigg Beach"	93
Arthur Lilley	"Flinders Tree"	88
Les Armstrong	"The Long Wave"	78
Phil Ryan	"Going Home"	77
Pam Rixon	"Tower Bridge"	76
Phil Ryan	"Misty Morning Ride"	76
Bruce Millikan	"Evening Departure"	76
Graham Kay	"Dredging The bay"	76

And here is Pam’s "Cow In Buttercups"



Merits And Honours – Projected Images

Arthur Lilley	"Lonely Beacon"	82
Pam Rixon	"Old Fishing Boat"	90
Marg Walton	"Past Their Prime"	87
Arthur Lilley	"Mountain Storm"	85
Pam Rixon	"Castle Stalker"	79
Phil Ryan	"Where Man Has Been"	79
Marg Walton	"The Old Windmill"	77
John Wu	"Joshua Tree, National Park"	77
Val Armstrong	"Silver Seed"	76

And here is Arthur’s "Lonely Beacon"
 [Unfortunately the Newsletter column format is totally unsuited to that of panorama and therefore does not do justice to this image]



Merits and Honours – Small Prints

Graham Kay	"Boy In The Fountain"	80
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And here is Graham's "Boy In The Fountain"



Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The last meeting was on *Sunday, December 6th* at The RAAF Museum, Point Cook.

Seven members attended and, according to reports, a good time was had by all with the anticipated hot day not really eventuating.

Images of the days outing have yet to filter through but will feature on the website and no doubt be up to the high standard set on previous outings.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack – 9850 9621]

The Themes & Series group met on 08 December, 2015 at Greenslopes. We had 9 people present: Bev Dillon joining us for the first time and June, our visitor from last meeting, attended again.

Kay's latest book was unfortunately not back from the printer but she shared her copy of Roger Skinner's book: *A Life in Light: 50 years in photography* which was launched this year at APSCON. Kay also had copies of the catalogue for the 2015 APS Contemporary Division group exhibition *Found*.

Les had photographed some interesting aspects of Coombe Cottage, the historic Australian home of Dame Nellie Melba.

Peggy's offering juxtaposed the old and new buildings of Perth: contrasts in architecture.

Bev told us of two exhibitions she had seen recently in London. One at the Tate Modern by Ursula Schultz-Dornburg was of bus shelters in Armenia in various stages of disrepair, some with people using them, some empty. The other, at the Geffrye Museum was titled *A Street Seen: the Residents of Westbury Road*. A collaboration between an artist who had sketched the streetscape, showing the sameness of the frontages, and the photographer, Andrew Buurman, who had photographed the residents in their back gardens to show diversity.

June combined a series of still photographs and videos of her Hills hoist into a short movie titled *Ode to a Clothesline*. She once again proved that you don't have to travel far to produce intriguing images.

Phil had a series of images of the Surfers Paradise skyline, taken from Coolangatta at different times of day and in different light.

Ralph is still fascinated by the endless variety in tree trunks. His latest set of these included the cut surfaces of one magnificent specimen that no longer stands.

Pam has now completed a project that has occupied her for some years by photographing all the accessible piers and jetties of Port Phillip Bay – 154 in all. She is having these printed as a book that we are looking forward to seeing soon. In the meantime she shared her 2016 calendar with 12 stunning scenes from her 2015 travels.

Val showed the beginning of a collection of images illustrating well-known songs from musicals such as *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Climb Every Mountain*, and *Let's Go Fly A Kite*.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 02 February 2016 at 1.30 pm at the usual venue.

"Three buttons on your camera serve absolutely no purpose whatsoever!"

Audio Visual Group

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

[Repeat]

The last meeting of the AV Group was on October 7th where Phil and Liesel updated the members on their attendance at the AV Enthusiasts Group Of Victoria meeting held at The Melbourne Camera Club on Oct 4th.

Methods and techniques for including narration in AV's were also discussed and a group meeting will be dedicated to this aspect of AV making.

The following AV's were shown and discussed:

"Terracotta Warriors" by Liesel Ingrassia

"Walking On Ice" by Pam Rixon

"Images of The Cruise" by Glenn Mills

"Margaret Olley Art Centre" by Phil Ryan

"The Great Escape" by Phil Ryan.

The next meeting is in November on a date to be decided so keep an eye on the website or the Newsletter. However there is a meeting scheduled for Dec 6th.

Details of all DCC "Groups" and their meetings are on the website at:

<http://doncastercameraclub.org.au>

[Special Interest Groups in the menu bar]

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An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a nightclub.

The doorman said. "sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai"

"Just Briefly"



Doncaster- Templestowe Historical Society Annual Garden Party **Saturday, February 20th, 2016**

The Club has a strong association with the Historical Society through Kay Mack [and the fact that many of our members qualify as "historical"]

They are holding their annual Garden Party on the lawns of Schramm's Cottage and an invitation is extended to DCC members.

The cost is \$25 for a spit roast followed by dessert and coffee. Drinks are BYO and as it is held outdoors they suggest you also bring chairs and a folding table.

Enquiries are to Graeme and Glenys McIntyre on 9848 3264 or leave a message at Schramm's Cottage on 9848 7508.

Bookings no later than February 11th.

This could be an opportunity for Club members to extend Club fellowship – why not get together and attend as a group? The surroundings at the cottage are excellent for an evening get together!

Wanted Ads!!!!!!

Observer Wanted for January, 2016 Judging

The observer's role on internal judging panels normally goes to newer members so that they can observe the process and hopefully fulfil a later role as a judge in future competitions. It is not always filled on the set months and to be frank, because of some unavailability, I have lost track of those members who have been an observer, and those who have not.

Consequently I am looking for a member who has not done the observing role [or of course, the judging role!] to volunteer for the January 2016 judging panel.

You get to sit in on a regular judging panel, offer your opinions and score the entries. The difference is that your scores don't count towards the final result and you will not be asked to speak to the entries on competition night.

Please ring me on 9890 2957 if you would like to volunteer.

House Sitter Required

Graham and Christine Kay are embarking on yet another epic journey for 4 months from June 1st, 2016 [give or take a week or two]

They are looking for a house sitter for their Doncaster East home.

If that interests you [or interests someone you know *and trust*] then you might like to chat to Graham on 0403199713.

Technical/Technique Corner

6 Tips For Using ISO Effectively With Your Camera

<http://digital-photography-school.com/6-tips-for-using-iso-effectively-with-your-camera/>

Here is a link that might help you understand the ISO component of your digital camera.

It will be useful if you plan to go the proposed night shoot in January.

Mastering The Exposure Triangle

<http://digital-photography-school.com/mastering-the-exposure-triangle-for-newbies/>

A simple [but often not well understood] guide to the basics of all photographic images.

It's all about the amount of light that comes down the centre of that "tube thing" stuck on the front of your camera!!

VAPS And VAPS Newsbrief

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

The Victorian Association Of Photographic Societies is the umbrella organization for all Victorian clubs

It publishes, on a monthly basis, a newsletter titled "Newsbrief" and the latest November edition can be found at

<http://www.vaps.org.au/newsbrief>

2016 VAPS Convention

[Repeat]

This will be held in Albury-Wodonga on June 3rd [Friday], 4th and 5th. The main venue will be the Albury Commercial Club.

Lots of details to be completed but the Albury-Wodonga area is a wonderfully scenic area with the Murray River and Beechworth/Yackandandah in easy reach.

There are great landscape views along the Buckland and Kiewa valleys.

This sounds like the spot for taking in both the convention and an extra few days for sightseeing – perhaps even a long cruise on the river??

With all the photos etc. this month I had a great deal of angst in aligning all the columns so articles didn't start and finish on different pages. This caused the use of many fillers – hard work this editing!!

That's all this month!

John