



Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

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Visitors are most welcome to come to one of our monthly meetings and discuss membership details.

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www.doncastercameraclub.org.au

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].

December 2017

A Happy New Year to all members!

The December meeting was our gala End Of Year competition – our “Best Of The Best” – and it proved to be just that!

Our judges were members of the Caulfield Photographic Society who were represented on the night by Mario Mirabile and Kath Gillies. Mario did an excellent job delivering the comments on the entries.

It was pleasing to see some new faces in the winning circle and congratulations must go to all the winners and place getters.

The winning images along with a list of all the placing's appear later in the Newsletter and are also on the website where they view a lot better than in the Newsletter.

Our thanks again to Arthur Lilley for all the work he did in setting up the PowerPoint presentation. It's a big job preparing for EOY and Arthur makes it all go off without a hitch.

Also, thanks to Phil Ryan for his work in preparing the certificates and to those members who assisted in the afternoon in setting up the hall, running the projector and to those who contributed to the delicious supper. Also thanks to Paul Franks for taking the pictures of the evenings winners

This Month's Meeting

January 19th, 2018

Internal judging of December's hand in.

This is our annual Audio-Visual Night – length up to 5 minutes. A popular night on our calendar.

Hand in your images for the February Open Topic competition

The Following 3 Months In Brief

February 16th, 2018

Our guest judge and presenter will be well known Melbourne photographer Tom Putt

Hand In Your Images for the March "Set Topic" competition. The subject is "Portraits"

March 16th, 2018

Internal judging of February's Set Topic entries - Portraits.

Presentation by Club member, Liz Reen, of her "Travels Along The Zambesi"

Hand In Your Images for the March Open Topic Competition

April 20th, 2018

The Annual AGM and Aggregate Trophies

Internal judging of the March Open Topic competition entries.

Hand In Your Entries For The May Open Topic Competition

Judging Participants for the Next 3 Months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Feb 2018	Tom Putt - visiting judge and presenter	
Mar 2018	Graham Kay, Judy Mitchell and Glenn Mills	Peter W Young
Apr 2018	Bruce Millikan, Robbie Carter and Liesel Ingrassia	Jo Mellor

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
Portraits	Feb 2018
Shadows	Jun 2018

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 0421813531 about roster changes.

This is the start of the 2018 supper roster that was circulated last month. Unfortunately, I also put the wrong telephone contact for Pam in my e-mail. So, use the number above rather than the one I gave you!

We ask that all members rostered ensure that, where **unavoidable changes occur**, they give plenty of notice to Pam.

Supper Roster Details - 2018

Jan 2018	Franne and Ian Holowko
Feb 2018	Bruce Millikan and Ron Clark
Mar 2018	Barb and Bill Prudden
Apr 2018	Bev Dillon and Paul Franks
May 2018	Robbie Carter and Jo Mellor
Jun 2018	

Social Events/Outings

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.

Proposed Date	Venue
10-12 th March, 2018	Steam Rally at the Scoresby Heritage Centre [TBA]

Scoresby, 10-12th March, 2018

A little way off but this is an interesting site full of steam engines of all descriptions, tractors, steam shovels everything "steamy" from a bygone era.

The 10-12th are Open Days and we will decide later on what day we will designate as a Club Day.

The site is very accessible. It's in Ferntree Gully Road adjacent to Eastlink - about 15-20 minutes for most of us. It's a great exhibition for the young ones [grandkids I mean!]

Annual General Meeting - April 20th, 2018

Don't forget the AGM is coming soon to a monthly meeting near you!!

There will be fill details in the next newsletter with forms for you to nominate for executive positions if you wish to serve your Club!

Results For End Of Year Competition[s] - 2017
Landscape Print Of The Year
[Ed Conway Memorial Trophy]

Placing	Member	Title
1 st	Pam Rixon	Lake Penhoe Light Show

There is only one place-getter for this trophy and here is Pam's "Lake Penhoe Light Show"



Pam receiving her trophy from Rosemary Conway



Small Print Of The Year
[Ralph Petty Perpetual Trophy]

Placing's	Member	Title
1 st Place	Judy Mitchell	A Welcoming Home
2 nd Place	Judy Mitchell	Merchant House, Persia

Congratulations to Judy [on two counts] and here is "A Welcoming Home" [but on the next page!!!!]



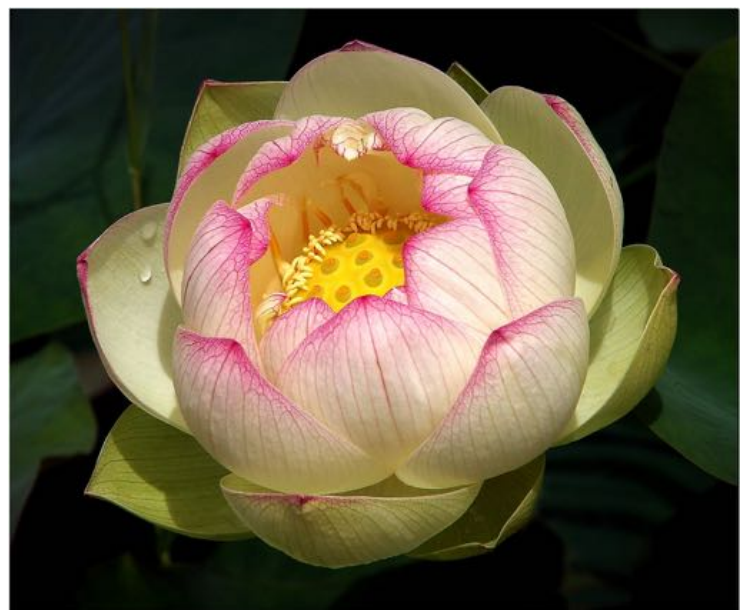
And here is Judy accepting her trophy from Ralph.



Best Print Of The Year
[Fred Schult Memorial Trophy]

Placing's	Member	Title
1st Place	Val Armstrong	Pink Tipped
2 nd Place	Judy Mitchell	Ancient Labyrinth
3 rd Place	Les Armstrong	I'm Looking At You

Congratulations to Val and here is "Pink Tipped"



Here is Val receiving her trophy from Jill Parkinson of The Uniting Church.



**Digitally Projected Image
Of The Year**
**[Denis Thompson Memorial
Trophy]**

Placing	Member	Title
1 st Place	Margaret Walton	Henningsvaer Aurora
2 nd Place	David Greenwood	Working Horses 2
3 rd Place	Les Armstrong	A Delicate Lotus Flower

Here is Marg's winning entry "Henningsvaer Aurora"



Filler
[*"The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."*]

And, as Marg was not present on the evening, here is Peggy Petty accepting the trophy on her behalf from Lois Thompson.



**DPI Landscape/Seascape
Image of the Year**
**[Ron Johnson Memorial
Trophy]**

Placing	Member	Title
1 st	Marg Walton	Alone At Geysir

Here is Marg's winning entry "Alone At Geysir"



And with Marg still absent Judy Dunn accepted the trophy on her behalf from President, John Smith.



Photography Exhibition at the Monash Gallery Of Art

<https://www.mga.org.au/exhibition/view/exhibition/220>

The MGA have a current exhibition by John Gollings titled "The History Of The Built World. It's a large showing and takes up every available space inside the gallery and flowing out into the foyer.

There are stunning photographs of buildings in Australia, U.S.A., Cambodia, India, China, Libya and Indonesia. It includes Gollings 1973 series "Every Building On Surfers Paradise Boulevard" along with a 2012 compilation of "Every High Rise On The Gold Coast".

There is also a series of photographs of rock art in Arnhem Land.

Well worth a visit before the exhibition closes on March 4th.

[Thanks to Kay Mack for that information]

MENTORS/WORKSHOPS

All members are welcome to contact the mentors but please respect the condition that it is the mentor's right to determine time and place. So please be patient.

Contact details for the mentors are:

Lightroom

Graham Kay
[0403 199 713]

Photoshop

Marg Walton
[9848 4823]

Printing

Arthur Lilley
[9842 5257]

Matting

Gary Leete
[0400 504 462]

[Note: these will be conducted at Frameco's premises at Seaford for ease of space and materials.

Composition And Other Fundamentals

Peter Layton
[0409 947 618]

Colour Management/ Calibration

Glenn Mills
[9857 4730]

AJPA Image Evaluation Workshops

If you haven't registered for the 2 workshops [the first was Sunday, January 14th - and you needed to attend the 1st session to be able to participate in the 2nd] then you are probably a bit late - unless you talk to the organizers about squeezing you in for the 2nd!

However, if you missed out, but are still keen in pursuing judging, then you might be interested in the guest speaker the AJPA are featuring next Saturday. Details are:

Presenting Joanne Stolte (USA),FPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, International Judge

Saturday, 20 January 2018

Venue: St. Peter's Church Hall, cnr Neerim Rd & Ames Ave, Murrumbena

2pm to 3pm 'The PSA Portfolio Distinction'

3:30pm to 5:30pm 'The PSA Pictorial & Reality-Based Definitions

Bring along a notepad because this kind of opportunity is a rare occurrence.



APJA Members \$10, Others \$20
Registrations and Payments at 1.30pm.

Ken O'Sullivan's gear!!

Some of the camera gear of our past member Ken O'Sullivan will be made available at the next meeting [Arthur Lilley will be in charge]

There are a couple of cameras [one a Pentax], some Sigma lenses, filters, a very solid Velbon tripod plus some other bits and pieces.

Do have a look to see if some items are of interest. Ken had a reputation of keeping his equipment in good order and condition.

Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

[Repeat]

"A small but enthusiastic group photographed the beautiful, historic Werribee Mansion on Sunday the 24th September. Taking the Chirnside family three years to build, it was completed in 1877. The 60 room Italianate Mansion is Victoria's largest and most elaborate private residence. Those who attended had a good afternoon, thanks to Adrian for the organizing".

[Thanks to Marg Walton for that article]

Next Meeting to be advised



A picture of the mansion interior by Paul Franks

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9850 9621]

[Repeat]

T&S Group 19 September 2017

We had seven members in attendance with apologies from the others.

Ralph is still finding variety & interest in his tree stump studies. The differences to be seen are well highlighted in his growing collection.

Peggy shared an album she had put together of images taken in her rear view mirror on the road to Kinglake. She assured us that she parked the car before taking each photo! Her initial title was

"A Day in Review" but "Rear Vision" was suggested as an alternative.

Les photographed "Resting Places" – empty seats along the Mullum Mullum track, at Port Fairy and in an unidentified park. These left us speculating on the people who might sit there.

Val has begun a collection of photographs of miniatures, tiny china ornaments that she owns. She brought a couple along so that we could see the actual size. It was suggested that she might also include images of her bonsai collection under the same title.

Judy M. had a printed book of land & seascapes & patterns of seaweed on the sand taken during a five day stay on Phillip Island during this winter.

Kay had her printed book of WalkerCam Images to show.

Judy D. told us of the wonderful animal images that were lost when her camera was stolen on her recent African trip.

Next Meeting: TBA. Usual venue.

Audio Visual Group

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

avgroup@doncastercameraclub.org.au

The December meeting of the group was principally to discuss the AV's that would be selected for showing at the Club's January meeting.

Also discussed, again, was the possibility of moving the AV night to a month other than January and the possibility of showing an AV on some Club nights when there was not an external presenter.

Next meeting at a date TBA.

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

<http://doncastercameraclub.org.au>

[Menu bar -Special Interest Groups]

Medical Updates!

A couple of members have not started off the New Year fighting fit!

We reported at the December meeting that Pat Game was not in the best of health.

Pat had a short stint in Box Hill Hospital but has since been discharged. However, she remains on the "short list" for an operation to repair a blockage to one of the arteries close to her heart.

Judy Dunn has also had a spell in Donvale Rehab. After fracturing one side of her pelvis in a fall Judy now has "matching pelvic fractures" having

enduring a similar injury to the other side when she was in America a couple of years ago! Judy should be out of Donvale by this Monday.

I am sure both of them will need some cheering up so why don't you give them a call and have a chat – I'm sure they would welcome the contact.

"Just Briefly"



Technical/Technique Corner, And Other Matters

Some interesting, and I hope helpful, articles from the wide world of the Internet. Sometimes articles are brand specific but more often than not the points discussed are relevant to all cameras or computer operating systems. If Canon has a certain function – so will Nikon/Pentax - just with a different name.

Sometimes the articles/links are not even about cameras and gear!!

Everything Aperture Does to Your Photos.

<https://photographylife.com/landscapes/everything-aperture-does-to-your-photos#more-150830>

An excellent article on the effects of aperture selection on your images.

Many professionals select "aperture priority" as their primary camera setting because of its effect on so much of the resultant image particularly that all-important "Depth Of Field".

How To Take Sharp Landscape Photos

<https://photographylife.com/landscapes/how-to-take-sharp-landscape-photos#more-150838>

An article from the same "stable" [Photography Life] as the previous article. The website is a very good source of instruction.

Some of the points made are rather obvious [but are nonetheless important] Partway through is a section on the getting the right exposure which, in many ways, follows on from the previous article.

What Are Histograms? A Photographer's Guide

<https://photographylife.com/landscapes/what-are-histograms-a-photographers-guide>

An excellent explanation of the histogram and how it works

The Best Photographs of 2017 - Collection

<http://www.johnpaulcaponigro.com/blog/19022/best-photographs-2017-collection/>

I found this excellent selection of photos on the internet – they really are great shots and a lot of them. I am taking them step by step.

Something to while away the summer hours – and perhaps gain some inspiration!

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>

Note: Rather than log on to the website each month to read Newsbrief you can, at no cost, sign up to have a copy e-mailed to you each month.

John