



Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

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Attend a Meeting:

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

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Web site:

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.

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 -

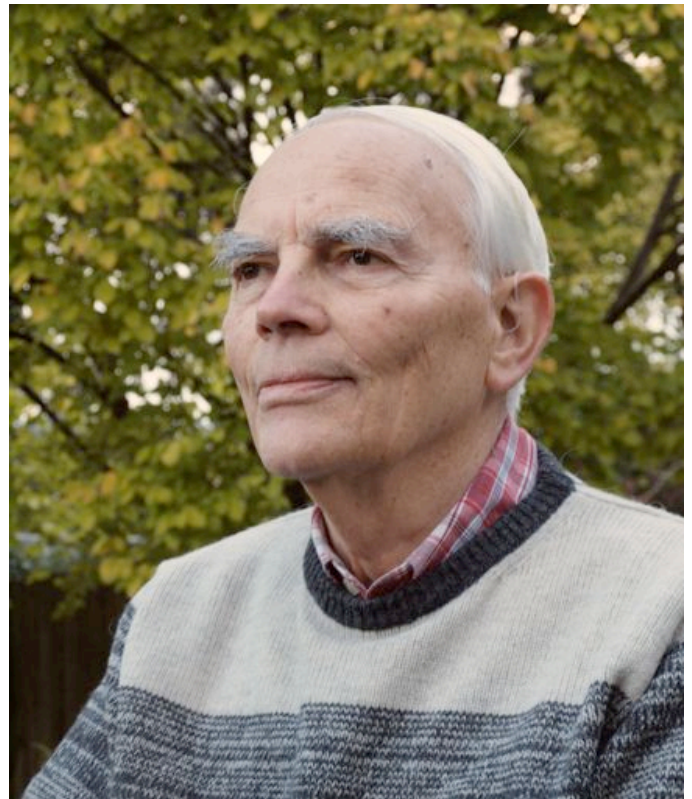
Single Membership - \$45.00

Family Membership - \$70.00

Full time Student - \$30.00

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

Passing Of John Mack



All members will be saddened to hear of the passing of John Mack on March 1st after a long illness.

With wife Kay, John was an active member of the camera club for 39 years and served a term as Treasurer from 1980 - 1984.

In 1984-1987, the Club held the Doncaster National Photographic Exhibition. As Chairman John was a driving force behind the exhibitions.

In 2011 Doncaster organised the RASV/VAPS National Photographic Exhibition. John, with his computer skills, produced the program collating all the results and reports.

Regrettably John's medical condition kept him away from the Club a good deal over the past year or so denying him the opportunity of getting to know many of our new members.

Our sincerest condolences go to Kay and family.

February 2014 Competition

February was an Open Topic competition and our guest judge was Lin Richards.

The scores were quite spectacular and Lin left very few behind in awarding 43 Honours/Merits out of approximately 75 entries!

The highest scoring entry in the Open Prints went to Pam Rixon's "Pittenween Harbour" with a great 99! Well done! Pam also followed it up with a 96 and two 93's in the Open Prints. Peter Walton also had a 93 and a 91 in the Open Prints and there was a slew of 90's that are too many to mention.

In the Small Prints David Cooper had a 95 for "On Guard" Well done David. Pat Game had a 91 for "Point Lonsdale Lighthouse" Congratulations to Patsy.

In the Projected Images best score went to Peter Walton's "Mum, Dad And The Kid" with a 97, followed by Pam Rixon's "Station Pier" with a 93 followed, yet again, with a 94 to Peter for "You Talking About Me".

The usual lists of Merits/Honours [very long this month!] appears later in the Newsletter together with section's winning image. These images, and 3 more of the President's choice, are also on the website.

The evening was completed with a presentation by Lin of his own work.

The Next 3 Months In Brief

March 21st, 2014

Judging of the Set Subject – "Reflections"

Hand in of next months Open Topic.

Club member Graham Kay will conclude the evening with a presentation of his "Travels Around Australia".

April 11th, 2014

Important – This meeting is on the 2nd Friday of the month to avoid the clash with Easter Friday

Annual General Meeting and the election of Office Bearers for 2014/2015. *This is the beginning of our new "Photographic Year" so bring your wallets/cheque books because annual subscriptions are due. Notice of the AGM and*

forms for Committee nomination are attached. Details follow elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Presentation of the "End Of Year - Aggregate Awards".

Judging of the March hand-ins.

Hand in Next months Open Topic entries.

May 16th, 2014

Judging Open Topic entries with our guest judge – Daniel Smith

Presentation by our members Margaret and Peter Walton, and Pam Rixon, on their rather interesting trip to Norway and Iceland.

Hand in next months Open Topic Entries

Notice Of Annual General Meeting – April 11th, 2014

Attached to the Newsletter is a formal notice of the Club's 2014 Annual General Meeting [AGM] that includes a section to be completed if you wish to nominate for the Committee [something we do urge everyone to consider]

If you wish to add something to the agenda then you should do so *in writing* to the Secretary by 28/03/2014

Nominations for Committee should be completed and *in the hands of the Secretary* by 04/04/2014.

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 3 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Apr 2014	Arthur Lilley, Fred Bath and Ellen Lew	Natasha Bilton
May 2014	Daniel Smith - visiting	
Jun 2014	TBA	

Our 2013-2014 Program is complete and a fresh judging schedule will be issued within 2 weeks.

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
Photo Journalism	Jun 2014
Monochrome	Oct 2014
Vintage	Feb 2015

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.

Mar 2014	Ralph and Peggy Petty
Apr 2014	Robbie Carter and Joanne Mellor
May 2014	Clive and Liz Watt
Jun 2014	Bev Dillon and Alan Smith
July 2014	Judy Mitchell and Ellen Lew
Aug 2014	Peter Holzer and David Cooper

Here's Something Cute



Thanks Judy Dunn

Merits And Honours – Open Prints

Pam Rixon	"Pittenween Harbour"	99
Pam Rixon	"The Old Kitchen"	96
Pam Rixon	"Storm At Kilcunda"	93
Peter Walton	"Look At Me"	93
Peter Walton	"Contemplation"	91
Jennifer Jones	"Three Belles"	91
Peter Walton	"Concentration"	90
Val Armstrong	"After The Rain"	90
Val Armstrong	"On The Bank"	90
Arthur Lilley	"la porta"	90
Ralph Petty	"Mobile Homes"	86
Les Armstrong	"Taking A Break"	85
Val Armstrong	"Swirling Sea"	85
Judy Mitchell	"Yesteryear"	85
Judy Mitchell	"Great Australian Bight"	80
Pat Game	"Tall Ships, Europa and Oosterschelde"	80
Judy Dunn	"Looking At You"	79
Les Armstrong	"Two Of A Kind"	76
Ralph Petty	"Waiting For The Rain"	76

Pam is overseas so I can't get an image of "Pittenween Harbour" but here is Peter's "Look At Me"



Merits and Honours – Small Prints

David Cooper	"On Guard"	95
Pat Game	"Point Lonsdale Lighthouse"	91
Judy Mitchell	"Bushfire Remains"	90
Judy Mitchell	"Oasis"	90
David Cooper	"The Web"	85
Judy Dunn	"Southern Yellow Billed Hornbill"	85
Pat Game	"Julie-Anne"	85
Judy Dunn	"In Glacier National park"	76

Here is David's "On Guard"



Funny saying

"Where there's a will, I want to be in it"

Merits And Honours – Projected Images

Peter Walton	"Mum, Dad And The Kid"	97
Pam Rixon	"Station Pier"	93
Peter Walton	"You Talking About Me"	93
Chris Falla	"Amalfi, Italy"	91
Marg Walton	"Old Schoolhouse"	91
Val Armstrong	"Through The Clouds"	91
Judy Dunn	"Lesson Time"	90
Les Armstrong	"One Tree Mound"	86
Pam Rixon	"Rock Tower"	80
Les Armstrong	"Move Over"	80
Peter Walton	"Lake Cobbler"	76
Les Armstrong	"Surfing In"	76
Judy Dunn	"On Guard"	76
Judy Dunn	"Posing"	76
Marg Walton	"Beautiful Boy"	76
Marg Walton	"Bodie Bomb"	76

And here is Peter's "Mum, Dad And The Kid"



VAPS 2014 CONVENTION **May 24th, 25th and 26th**

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

This year the Convention will be held in the Mecure Hotel, Geelong.

We urge all members to attend the Convention. It's a great way to meet photographers from other Clubs and to see their work displayed in the InterClub competition.

Registration form[s] and programme details, including a colour brochure, have been previously sent to all members and are now also available from the VAPS website [see link above].

VAPS 2014 InterClub Competition

Held as part of the annual VAPS Convention and we will, as usual, be entering the Club in the Open Prints, Digital Projected Images and the Audio Visual sections.

Thank you to all members for their co-operation in providing images for selection consideration.

The Digital Projected Images have been finalized [14 members spread across the 15 images] and the prints will be done shortly. I will have a list for you in the April Newsletter.

Digital Projected Image Sizes

While we are on the subject of Digital Images it is again timely to remind everyone that the new dimensions for Digital Projected Images are 1,400 X 1,050 with a file size of no more than 1Mb.

This size conforms to the requirements of entries for the VAPS Interclub and the official VAPS explanation is:

"the maximum horizontal dimension allowed is 1400 pixels and the maximum vertical dimension allowed is 1050 pixels with a maximum 1000kb file size"

If we conform to this guideline we will not have to have our selected images re-sized each year to meet their requirements [65% of this years images required re-sizing and it is time consuming]. The new sizes will also allow for better projection when the club finally swaps to a higher definition projector. The image should also be in the .jpg format, *not a .tiff or .psd as some members currently use.*

We do understand that re-sizing/file sizing can be confusing to some members [although apparently not to those who do conform]

If you have any doubt as to what the guidelines mean or don't know how to resize an image then please ask one of the Committee and we will try and show you what to do.

Geelong Camera Club – 125th Anniversary - Sat, 17th May 2014

One week prior to the VAPS Convention the Geelong Camera Club are celebrating their 125th anniversary [some effort that!]

The Club has issued a general invitation [see attached] to all members of VAPS Clubs. The invitation has all the necessary details for you to RSVP [and pay for dinner]

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Special Interest Groups Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The most recent meeting was held yesterday at the Shrine of Remembrance in St Kilda Road. A successful day with 10 in attendance and by now lots of pictures have been submitted for the website? A good day, and not affected at all by the Grand Prix.

The next meeting date will be announced via the Newsletter and the website. All welcome.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

Circumstances prevented the February meeting from taking place and a fresh date is yet to be decided. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter or Website for an update.

Audio Visual Group

[Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644]

The Group held their first 2014 meeting on February 12th and the primary focus was on a review of 2013 achievements and plans for 2014.

The group will, through the Club, enter 4 Audio Visuals in the annual VAPS Interclub.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 26th, at 8pm [note the change to an evening meeting]

Please advise Phil if you are attending [e.g. respond to his email or, if you are new, ring on 9846 6644]

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

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

"Just Briefly"

Another amusing cartoon!



Some Interesting Links On Matters Of Photography

Check your Composition with Lightroom

<http://photographylife.com/check-your-composition-with-lightroom#more-69350>

For those who use Lightroom as an image editor the link above is a short and useful primer on the use of Lightroom's overlay templates to assist you with *composition*.

Basically, Lightroom allows you to overlay any image with several different guidelines, called Crop Grid Overlays. Very useful.

The Best Things In Life Are Free

Anyone got some older stereo speakers they could donate to the club?

As you are aware a growing number of members are learning and making AV's and lately many *guest speakers bring AV's to go with their talks.*

The committee has been looking at compiling a decent club sound system. To date, when sound is required, members have been bringing their own 2.1 computer sound system. Solves the problem, but a lot of effort.

We are thinking of buying a reasonably priced stereo power amplifier and are hoping that a club member just might be able to *donate an older model set of suitable speakers.*

The benefits of such a system are:

- We will have higher quality sound.
- We could provide a microphone for presenters who want one.
- We can store the sound gear at the church.

If you think you might have a "donation" you can talk to, or contact, Clive Watt or Phil Ryan and we can discuss ohms, watts and footy tipping.

Size is of course a consideration. We don't want any teeny weeny's that came out of your old FJ nor can we store those ones you used when you ran the rock concerts. I don't know – something in between? Big enough to rock, but small enough to store comfortably!!

Clive and Phil will know.

Competition On Offer

[Only a couple of weeks to go with this one – get in quick]

2014 Biennial Shoalhaven Photography

www.shoalphoto.org

Entry forms are available at the above web site.

"The Shoalhaven Photographic Club Inc, with the backing of the Shoalhaven Arts Board, invites entries in the Biennial Shoalhaven Photography Competition and Exhibition.

There are three major prizes: first place - \$1000, second place - \$500 and third place - \$250, and a further five Highly Commended of \$100, and five Commended of \$50.

**This is a DIGITAL ONLY competition.
Entries may be Colour or Monochrome.
Entries close on 28th March 2014.**

The competition is open to all amateur photographers from Australia. This is an open subject competition that allows photographers freedom to demonstrate their personal creativity in subject matter and presentation.

An exhibition at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre will be open from 10th May - 2 June 2014. The exhibition will showcase the prize-winners as selected by the judges and a selection from the entries received.

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.

The VAPS website is at <http://www.vaps.com.au/>

[Some VAPS competitions may replicate APS] FIAP is the International Organization. FIAP lists all it's approved competitions at <http://patronages.fiap.net/Mensuel13.htm>

Consider entering the "circuit style" competitions [2,3 or more competition sites under the one name] they may give you best value for your entry fee.

Another exhibition site is at the Photographic Society of America [PSA] <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?exhibition-current-exhibition-list>

That's all,

John