



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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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]

December 2013 End Of Year Competition

A Happy New Year to all of our members and family!

The final meeting for the calendar year was the End Of Year Competition and we had a great roll-up of guests for the night with members and partners, together with the usual "special guests" invited to share our evening and assist in the presentation of the trophies.

Our judges for the evening were from the Camberwell Camera Club and were represented by Wolf Marx who commented on the top ten images in each category.

And now the winners and placegetters! Note that two of the categories only allow for a winner - not a second and third place.

The winner of the "Ed Conway Memorial Trophy" for "Landscape Print Of The Year" was Pam Rixon with "Sandscape". Congratulations to Pam and it was nice that on this occasion the trophy was able to be presented by Ed's sister, Dulcie, a professional photographer in her own right, visiting from the U.K.

Pam with "Cobb And Co Is King" also won the "Fred Schult Memorial Trophy" for "Open Print Of The Year". Pam also took second placing with "Princes Pier" whilst third spot went to Arthur Lilley with "The Tour Guide". Congratulations again to Pam and also to Arthur.

The "Ralph Petty Perpetual Trophy" for "Small Print Of The Year" was won by Liz Watt with "Katherine Gorge" and second placing went to Pat Game for "Melbourne's Tall Ship - Enterprise" Well done to Liz and Patsy.

[I submitted Liz's image, along with a short article on our EOY meeting, to the Manningham Leader for publication. If anyone spots it could they keep a copy for my records?]

Peter Walton with "Salmon Beach" won the "Denis Thompson Memorial Trophy" for "Best Projected Image Of The Year". Peter also had the second placing with "High Country Brumbies". Les Armstrong was 3rd with "Lotus Bloom". Congratulations to Peter and Les.

Peter again won the final category - the "Ron Johnston Memorial Trophy" for "Best Projected Landscape Image Of The Year" with "Ha Long Bay Boatman". Congratulations Peter!

The winning images only along with a list of the winners/placegetters appear later in the Newsletter. The images of the winners receiving their awards are posted on the website.

As always we thank those members who contributed a little extra to the evening by taking on the various duties that are always associated with such an important event.

To Arthur Lilley for his presentation and "management" of the awards for the evening. To Phil Ryan for printing [on very flash paper!] the award certificates for the night and taking the photos. To those members who assisted in the setting up of the hall on the Friday afternoon to avoid any evening rush and, finally, to those who assisted in clearing up afterwards so that everyone had an opportunity to enjoy a chat and some supper. And of course a big thanks to all those who brought that magnificent supper!

The Next 3 Months In Brief

January 17th, 2014

December competition results and members Audio Visuals [length up to 5 minutes]

Hand in Open Topic entries

February 21st, 2014

Judging of January hand-in's with our visiting judge - Lin Richards. Lin will also present to the Club "Lin's World Of Photography"

Hand in the set subject "Reflections"

March 21st, 2014

Judging of the Set Subject - "Reflections" and the hand in of next months Open Topic.

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

Quote:

"My biggest fear is that when I die my wife will sell my camera collection for what she thinks I paid for it!"

Anonymous

Judging Participants

Judges for the next four months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Jan 2014	Pam Rixon, Ralph Petty and Bev Dillon	Robbie Carter
Feb 2014	Lin Richards - Visiting	
Mar 2014	Peter Layton, TBA and Ian Holowko	Chris Park
Apr 2014	Arthur Lilley, Fred Bath and Ellen Lew	Natasha Bilton

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

The Supper Roster

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

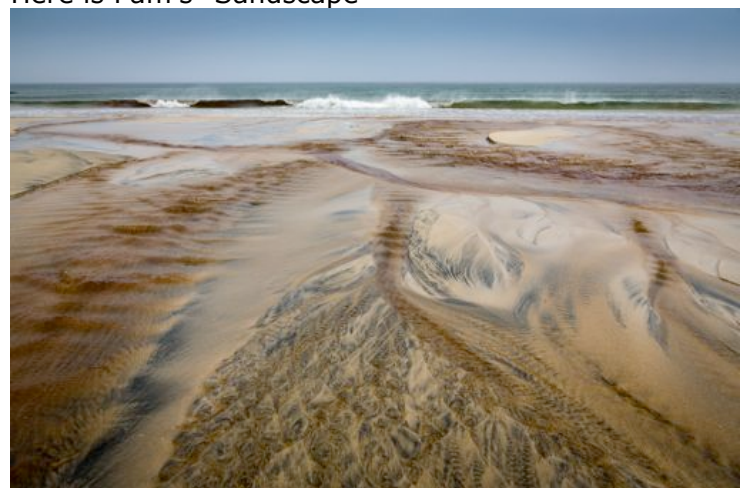
Speak to Pam Rixon at meetings or phone her on 9846 3051 about roster changes.

Jan 2014	Liesel and John Ingrassia
Feb 2014	Mike and Marg Bold
Mar 2014	Ralph and Peggy Petty
Apr 2014	Clive and Liz Watt
May 2014	Robbie Carter & Joanne Mellor
Jun 2014	Bev Dillon and Alan Smith

"Ed Conway Memorial Trophy - Landscape Print Of The Year"

Pam Rixon	"Sandscape"	1 st Place
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Here is Pam's "Sandscape"



"Fred Schult Memorial Trophy – Open Print Of The Year"

Pam Rixon	"Cobb And Co Is King"	1 st Place
Pam Rixon	"Princes Pier"	2 nd Place
Arthur Lilley	"The Tour Guide"	3 rd Place

Here is Pam's "Cobb And Co Is King"



"Denis Thompson Memorial Trophy – Projected Image Of The Year"

Peter Walton	"Salmon Beach"	1 st Place
Peter Walton	"High Country Brumbies"	2 nd Place
Les Armstrong	"Lotus Bloom"	3 rd Place

Here is Peter's "Salmon Beach"



Full Frame Myth

http://www.luminous-landscape.com/essays/full_frame_myth.shtml

An interesting article [and but one opinion!] on Full Frame cameras. Quite relevant at the moment, what with the rapid introduction of the excellent suite of 4/3rds and micro 4/3rds cameras with improved sensors.

"Ron Johnston Memorial Trophy – Landscape Projected Image Of The Year"

Peter Walton	"Ha Long Bay Boatman"	1 st Place
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"Ralph Petty Perpetual Trophy – Small Print Of The Year"

Liz Watt	"Katherine Gorge"	1 st Place
Pat Game	"Melbourne's Tall Ship – Enterprise"	2 nd Place

And here is Liz's "Katherine Gorge"



Set Subject Hand In Dates

The Subject	Hand In
Reflections	Feb 2014
Photo Journalism NEW	Jun 2014
Monochrome	Oct 2014

Note we have moved the June 2014 Set Subject from "Vintage" to "Photo Journalism". "Vintage" will appear in early 2015

A Highbrow Joke that might amuse you

"The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar. It was tense."

Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

With the Christmas/New Year hiatus still with us no date has been set for the next outing but keep watching the Newsletter/Website for details.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2014 At Val and Les Armstrong's at 2pm. The theme will be - "Solitude" [or "Alone" or similar]

Please ring Val or Les on 9841 8707 to note your attendance.

Audio Visual Group

[Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644]

The Group's next meeting will be in February at a date to be fixed so keep that eye on the Newsletter or Website for details.

As usual 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

Get Well Bev Dillon

Few members will be aware that Bev Dillon is recovering from a very serious operation. Certainly modest Bev would not let on!

She is recovering well and will be at this month's meeting so you can offer her your best wishes and learn all the details.

Social Photography Outings

The Committee is keen to extend the momentum of social outings after our very successful day in the Yarra Valley last month.

Rather than leave it just to the Committee to make decisions we have decided to ask all members for *their suggestions* to add to ones the Committee have come up with.

Ideally we should be getting out and about every 6 weeks - and on a weekend away at least once a year - possibly two.

We are also asking for members to share the load in their organization - either a volunteer to act as the social/photography outings co-ordinator or perhaps a number of volunteers acting collectively, or individually on a "one time basis".

Attached to the Newsletter is a document that lists the Committee suggestions and some guidelines. They include "day trips" and "weekend trips" and we are inviting members to:

- Add their suggestions.
- Volunteer their services.

The attachment is in .doc form. You can download and complete your suggestions and contact details by print or handwriting, and bring it along to the January meeting - or just email it back.

As the document suggests we must be mindful in putting forward places to visit the aspects of distance, cost, facilities and most, importantly, photographic opportunities.

"Just Briefly"

Yet another amusing cartoon [even if you need a magnifying glass to read them!]



I know the following joke might be considered distasteful, as it's bad form to mock people when they are down and out but, on this occasion, it's hard to resist!

"Q - *What is the difference between Cinderella and an English Ashes batsman?*"

"A - *Cinderella knows when to leave the ball!*"

If you are at all hurt, or offended, then complain to Denis Dikschei - it's his fault!

Photography Market, Sunday, March 16th, 2014

The popular Photography Market conducted by the Australian Photographic Collectors Society is on again at the Box Hill Town Hall. The hours are 9am - 1pm and entrance cost is \$5.

There is plenty of Trash and Treasure at these outings although I did notice that stalls and attendance were down a little at the last one. Is it a lack of funds - or buyers with full cupboards?

You Know If You are A Real Photographer When:

A few "you know when's" that I am sure you will chuckle at [and probably recognise in yourself?]

- *Your tripod costs more than your car, and you're thinking of getting another one 'just in case'.*
- *You select your spectacle lenses because they have a high T stop, low flare and low chromatic aberration.*
- *Your wardrobe has a high component of black or white garments so you can control reflections and those black or white garments are color-neutral and grey balanced*
- *You look at the phone numbers 1-424-247-070 ext 200 or 1-635-247-028 and get excited. [You have to think about this one but the professionals will recognise it instantly!]*
- *When an evangelist says the Trinity changed their lives, you ask if they went with the 14-24 or 17-35 for the wide end. [This is a clue for the previous one?]*
- *A random person asks you to take their photograph at a tourist site, and by the time you give the camera back to them, you've completely reconfigured it to your preferences and they can't figure out how it works anymore.*
- *A random person asks you to take their photograph at a tourist site, you take a look at their camera, and instead offer to take one with yours and email it to them.*
- *Your cameras have names.*

I would tell you the website where there are plenty more and just as amusing – but I need them for later Newsletters.

Doncaster Camera Club - Badges

New members might not be aware [and existing members may have forgotten] that the Club has badges for sale – and they are only \$5 each

Enquiries from the Treasurer, Les Armstrong, at the next meeting.

Judging Photographs

"Repeat"

No one has contacted me about borrowing this book so I am repeating the details. It is worth reading.

Two years ago VAPS published a book entitled "Judging Photographs" It was written by well-known Victorian photographer, and judge, Paul Robinson AFIAP, AAPS, SSVAPS, and SSAPS.

The book is comprehensive and covers all aspects of judging, including philosophy, at Club, state and National level.

The book contains checklists for recognizing certain values in the images to be judged and those checklists would be of some help to members undertaking club judging duties or indeed those looking further afield with other Club duties.

If you are interested in borrowing the book please contact me by email or at the next Club meeting.

Some New Year Resolutions For Photographers

320 X 240, 640 X 480, 800 X 600, 1024 X 768, 1152 x 864, 1280 X 960, 1280 x 1024, 1440 x 1080, 1600 X 1200, 2048 X 1536, and 2560 X 2048

[You can tell it's a slow Newsletter month!]

Rare Australian Nature Photograph Of A Falcon's Nest In The Outback



[Dikschei D - again!]

Competition On Offer

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>