



Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

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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].

June 2014 Competition

May was again an Open Subject and our judges were Pam Rixon, Val Armstrong and Marg Walton. As always, thank you to the judges.

In the Open prints Ralph Petty had the highest score of 88 for "Cutting Corners". Kay Mack had an 85 for "Motoring In France" and Phil Ryan an 83 for the "The Armed Launch"

In the Projected Images the best score went to Peter Walton's "Queensland Stockman" with an 87. Next followed Marg Walton's "St Bathans Reflections" with an 82 and then an 82 to "Winters Glow", again by Peter Walton..

In the Small Prints Judy Mitchell's "A Difficult Life" scored a 79 closely followed by Judy again with a 78 for "Forbidden City"

On the night Val Armstrong had 4 Merits/Honours and Peter Walton, Phil Ryan, Arthur Lilley and Judy Mitchell had 3 Merits/Honours each.

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

We rounded the evening off with an excellent presentation by Peter Walton on the adjustments he makes to his images in Photoshop. It is astounding what can be achieved in the hands of an expert and we thank Peter for the demonstration.

The Next 3 Months In Brief.

July 18th, 2014

Our guest judge and presenter is Ron Speed, President of VAPS. Ron, who is a professional photographer based in Bendigo, will give us a presentation of his work and also present Year Badges to 4 members.

Hand in Open subject entries.

August 15th, 2014

Our Guest judge is Rob Sloane and our presentation is by Club members, Clive and Liz Watt, on their South American travels.

Hand in Open Subject entries.

September 19th, 2014

Portrait Workshop – models to be provided. Bring the camera for a great night.

Hand In Open Topic entries

Continuing Change Of Venue For The Pre-Meeting Get Together!! [Re-re-advising!!]

They are still meeting there, having not yet caught the eye of security. The venue is:

*Cherry Hill Tavern,
189 Reynolds Road, Doncaster.
[Just up the road from the Pines Shopping
Centre].*

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Aug 2014	Rob Sloane - visiting	
Sept 2014	Les Armstrong, Liz Reen, Liz Watt	Judy Dunn
Oct 2014	Phil Ryan, Clive Watt and Kevin Wilson	Ean Caldwell
Nov 2014	Ringwood Black & White - visiting	

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
Monochrome	Oct 2014
Vintage	Feb 2015
Comedy	Jun 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.

July 2014	Judy Mitchell and TBA
Aug 2014	Peter Holzer and David Cooper
Sept 2014	Christine Rees and Lois Thompson
Oct 2014	Adrian Donoghue and Alan Robertson
Nov 2014	Ean Caldwell and Gary Leete
Dec 2014	Chris Park, Christine Kay, Pat Game and Neville Berick

Merits And Honours – Open Prints

Ralph Petty	Cutting Corners	88
Kay Mack	"Motoring In France"	85
Phil Ryan	"The Armed Launch"	83
Arthur Lilley	"Once A Prison"	81
Val Armstrong	"Drying Out"	80
Phil Ryan	"Bearly A Macedon Picnic"	80
Arthur Lilley	"The Guardian"	79
Arthur Lilley	"Lake Como"	78
Phil Ryan	"At The Bottom Of The Garden"	77
Les Armstrong	"Patience Rewarded"	76
Judy Mitchell	"Heading For Home Port"	76

And here is Ralph's "Cutting Corners"



Merits And Honours – Projected Images

Peter Walton	"Queensland Stockman"	87
Marg Walton	"St Bathans Reflections"	82
Peter Walton	"Winter Glow"	81
Val Armstrong	"Cream Bud"	80
Marg Walton	"Victoria Falls rainbow"	78
Chris Falla	"French Alps"	77
Val Armstrong	"Reflections"	77
Haja Mohideen	"Sunset At St Kilda"	76
Chris Falla	"Village Pump, Italy"	76
Val Armstrong	"The Lily Pond"	76
Peter Walton	"Icelandic Horse"	76
Glen Mills	"Soft Petals"	76

And here is Peter's "Queensland Stockman"



Merits And Honours – Small Prints

Judy Mitchell	"A Difficult Life"	79
Judy Mitchell	"Forbidden City"	78

And here is Judy's "A Difficult Life"



A Wonderful Insult

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - Oscar Wilde.

Social Events Column [New]

A short version of the excellent schedule that Phil Ryan has added to the Club's website – Home Page>Events. You should check it out!!

This **schedule** is just 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
July 20 th , 2014	Grand Hotel, Warrandyte
12 th /13 th & 14 th Sept, 2014	Castlemaine/Maldon for the weekend
22 nd November, 2014	Mont De Lancy Open Day, Wandin – day trip
23 rd November, 2014	Christmas lunch at Natalies, Ringwood

We have now set dates for:

- Social lunch/riverside ramble at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte.
- Christmas luncheon at Natalies in Ringwood. *Please mark this date in your diary now!!!*
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Grand Hotel, Warrandyte – July 20th

[Repeat]

Being in the depths of winter, and with the weather likely inclement, we are proposing an "indoor outing" with a Sunday lunch at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte on July 20th. The hotel will set tables aside for us in their bistro but, because we are a large group, who will want to be fed pretty much all at the one time, they have offered us a set menu [attached] with desserts from their normal list.

After the meal we would suggest a perambulation along the scenic riverside [again that weather permitting!] to restore the waistline. Alternatively – stay inside and have another red.

So far only 14 starters for this social outing – a bit disappointing. If you intend to come along and haven't yet told me then I will need you to do so fairly quickly so we can book space in the bistro. Immediately is not too soon!

Castlemaine/Maldon – 12/13/14 September

[Repeat]

We also have the proposed weekend outing to Castlemaine/Maldon in early September [this will not clash with APSCON in Ballarat]

The short agenda is Friday/Sat in Castlemaine [arrive either day as you wish] a Saturday afternoon steam train trip to Maldon and return, a Club dinner "somewhere"! We will try and arrange

something for Sunday morning and you can toddle off home in the afternoon.

As we may need to investigate accommodation options [and probably reserve some space together on the train] we will also need an early indication of who is coming.

So, in short, "bookings" are now open for the Warrandyte lunch and the proposed trip to Castlemaine/Maldon so please advise me by phone/email [preferred] if you wish to join in the fun. Don't leave it until the last minute.

Christmas Lunch At Natalies – 23rd November [Repeat]

We are booking this one well ahead to give everyone an opportunity to clear his or her diaries. We have been to Natalies before. The ambience and food are very good and it's conveniently located for virtually all members.

More details later when we sort out menus etc.

Interclub On Tuesday, 5th Of August, 2014

The next big Interclub is the three-way contest between Berwick Viewfinders, Southern Suburbs Photographic Society and ourselves. This year Southern Suburbs are the hosts.

The competition is on a Tuesday night at the Southern Suburbs Photographic Society's clubrooms at St Michaels Anglican Church, Corner Park Road and Nepean Highway, Cheltenham. Angle parking is in Park Road or the service road off the Nepean Highway.

We would like as many members as possible to come along and support the club – obviously car sharing is the go!

Congratulations to those selected to represent the Club and the entries are as follow:

Large Prints

Name	Title
Pam Rixon	"Snowed In"
Pam Rixon	"Pittenween Harbour"
Adrian Donoghue	"Climbing High"
Pat Game	"Mist On The Campaspe River"
Gary Leete	"Foggy Morning Sunrise"
Arthur Lilley	"Tuscan haze"
Arthur Lilley	"The Tour Guide"
Peter Walton	"Contemplation"
Peter Walton	"Out Of The Mist"
Adrian Donoghue	"The Patriot"

Digital Projected Images

Name	Title
Peter Walton	"Mum, Dad and the Kid"
Marg Bold	"Morning Rays"
Marg Walton	"Sunrays and Icebergs"
Adrian Donoghue	"The Long Goodbye"
Chris Falla	"Grand Canal, Venice"
Graham Kay	"Menacing Bucyrus"
Kevin Wilson	"Loop The Loop"
Val Armstrong	"Gold Lily"
Judy Mitchell	"A Helping Trunk"
Pam Rixon	"Rock Tower"

Please support our sponsor who, in turn, is a great supporter of the Club

Special Interest Groups

[Repeat]

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The last meeting for the Group was on June 16th at the Polly Woodside end of the Seafarers Bridge and was followed by coffee at "Charlie Lovett" on the South Wharf Promenade.

Only 6 members attended although the weather was not as bad as many anticipated. The coffee at Charlie Lovetts was okay – I've had better but I did buy a couple of packets of their beans that were going cheap!

Some images from the afternoon are up on the website. No date has been decided for the next outing but plenty of notice will be given.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

The next meeting of the Group is on August 5th at the home of Ralph and Peggy Petty.

No set theme for this meeting – just whatever takes your interest.

If you intend to join in then please advise Ralph or Peggy on 9842 1336.

Audio Visual Group

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 23rd^h, at 8pm – **please note the change of date from that previously advised in the Newsletter** [note – meetings are now in the evening]

Advise Phil if you are attending [e.g. respond to his email when he reminds participants of the meeting or 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!



Ansel Adams Camera For Sale

<http://petapixel.com/2014/06/28/ansel-adamss-arca-swiss-4x5-camera-set-auctioned-next-month/>

One of Ansel Adam's cameras just went on sale [link above] for an estimated price of USD\$300,000 - and he only used it for 4 years!!

It was passed in when the reserve was not reached but I bet someone will try to buy it privately – maybe to avoid the 23% buyers premium that would be paid at auction!

Another Classic Insult

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson.

5 Tools You Might Not Be Using In Lightroom

<http://photographylife.com/5-tools-you-might-not-be-using-in-lightroom#more-77467>

Here is a link of interest for Lightroom users on a few of the special tools available in this very good software. Not much need for Photoshop!

And if that's too much for you here is a link to an excellent video on:

“Getting Started In Lightroom”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF2RMd3L83w>

Highly recommended.

And another great video on:

“Simple Colour Management”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQEWUUF3m68>

Epson R3000 Printer – Good deal From Epson

https://www.clubepson.com.au/competitions/data/2014_800430/promotion.asp

Here are excellent deals going from Epson on the R2000 and R3000 printers.

The R3000 has a \$250 cash back that increases to \$500 when you purchase a full set of cartridges at the time of purchasing the printer – essentially a \$250 discount and a free set of additional cartridges. Make sure you read all the conditions!

C.R. Kennedy – “Food Photography Taster” Workshop on July 21st, 2014 [And An Attempt To Sell You Various Products!!]

C.R.Kennedy, the Melbourne distributor of Zeiss, Pentax, Sigma, Ilford and many other photographic products are conducting a one day workshop entitled “Food Photography Taster” On the floor will be Ian Rolfe and Ewen Bell.

The cost is \$50 p.p. and that covers refreshments and whatever from 10am – 4pm. It will be held at Kennedy's premises at 300 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne. I guess you will be photographing the food before you eat it!

Kennedys will also have plenty of product on display and, I would hope, available to put on your camera and try out. So if you would like to learn how to photograph food while at the same

time salivating over a Zeiss lens you can register with ewen@ewenbell.com

The brochure is attached and I don't know how you will pay – presumably Mr Bell will tell you when you register.

Badges

The Club has a number of badges in stock- of the small type that you pin to your lapel or camera strap. They are available from our Treasurer, Clive Watt, at meetings for the modest price of \$5. Ask him for one on the 20th!

Reserve Forces Day Commemoration Parade

An opportunity arose last Sunday for some Club members to volunteer their services as "official photographers" for the Reserve Forces Day Commemoration Parade held at the Shrine Of Remembrance.

Myself, Arthur Lilley, Marg and Peter Walton and Bev Lilley were all on hand to record the event that is much like a mini Anzac day.

It was a moving ceremony with many participants dressed in WW1 uniforms and the Prince of Wales Light Horse Troop adding a touch of glamour.

We will likely be asked to "volunteer" again next year and we will be looking for participants. The numbers are limited to 5 or 6 so not all can be involved but it is a great opportunity to volunteer your services.

The group enjoyed pizza and coffee in Carlton afterwards and Arthur is still waiting for his hot cappuccino!!



Photo by Bev Dillon [I think!]



Photo by Arthur Lilley

Les and Val Armstrong's 80th Birthday Celebrations

A momentous occasion for two of our younger Club members when Val and Les celebrated their 80th birthdays recently.

Here are some pictures of them enjoying their rather clever cakes prepared by our Club member, Joanne Mellor.

Our congratulations to Val and Les, and thanks to Peggy and Ralph Petty for the images.



10 Common Mistakes To Avoid In Photography

<http://digital-photography-school.com/avoid-these-10-mistakes-that-can-ruin-your-image-quality/>

This is an excellent list containing tips that I am sure many would not have considered [turn off image stabilisation on the lens/camera when on a tripod??]

Point & Shoot Cameras/Community Volunteering

We have received a request for assistance through one of the Activity Leaders at the Manningham Council to help with a photography project she is running involving a group of adults with mild disabilities.

Firstly they are looking for digital cameras – of the “point and shoot” variety – so, if you have anything in the house that has been replaced by your very large DSLR you might consider donating it to the project.

The second part of the request is for someone to show them the basics of how to take a photograph on the cameras and perhaps accompany them on a few of their outings to provide support.

Acceptance does mean involvement in the formal volunteer process that is standard procedure these days – police check etc. but at no cost to you.

They want to get going by July 30th so if you would like to assist with cameras and other support get back to me and I will give you the necessary contact details. A chance to show your civic responsibility!

The Berwick Photo Expo

www.berwickphotoexpo.com.au

A photo exposition conducted by Berwick Viewfinders Club on July 25th, 26th and 27th. Displays, exhibitions, demonstrations and competitions. Follow the link for more information.

Gippsland Photographic Exhibition 2014 **27th September – 26th October, 2014**

The 60 best Gippsland prints for this year at the Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell.

Selected and conducted by the Coal Country, Phillip Island, East Gippsland, Sale, Warragul and Foster Camera Clubs.

Hawthorn Photographers Club Inc.

A Club dedicated to providing opportunities for photographing the human figure and portraits.

They are short on members and invite you to join them so they can expand their activities to monthly.

Contact Les Brown at lesbrown2@hotmail.com

Competitions Available

46th Ballarat National Exhibition ballaratnational@ballaratcameraclub.org.au

Entries are now invited and entry forms are at ballaratcameraclub.org.au and enquiries to the above link.

Entries close October 3rd, 2014-07-10

That's all for this month.

John