



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].

May 2014 Competition

May was again an Open Subject and our visiting judge was Daniel Smith.

In the Open prints Pam Rixon had the highest score of 100 for "Snowed In" Congratulations to Pam for the excellent score. Pam also scored a 90 for "Magic Of The Night" while Les Armstrong had an 85 for "Mauve Lotus"

There were no Merits or Honours in the Small Prints.

In the Projected Images the best score went to Val Armstrong's "Gold Lily" with a 92. Well done to Val. Marg Walton was a close 2nd with a 91 for "Sunrays And Icebergs" Les Armstrong had a 90 for "Black And Orange"

On the night Pam had 4 Merits/Honours. Peter Walton had 3 Merits/Honours and Les and Val Armstrong had 2 each.

The usual lists of Merits/Honours 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.

We rounded the evening off with an excellent presentation by Peter and Margaret Walton and Pam Rixon showing images from their recent trip to Norway and Iceland. A wonderful display. Thank to all three!

Also thanks to those members who took the time to set up the "super duper" Epson projector that we had for a week. Fantastic machine and pity we couldn't keep. But, successful as our Epson night was, we couldn't justify the \$4,000 cost!!

Also thanks to Val and Les for donating plants and matt boards for members to purchase and contribute to Club funds

Last month we showed a terrible photo of two old men pretending to receive, on Judy Mitchell's behalf, her Small Prints Aggregate Award. It was a disgraceful exhibition and here is a much better

picture of Judy receiving her award from the President – the difference is self-evident.



The Next 3 Months In Brief.

June 20th, 2014

Internal judging of May hand-in – Open subject.

With the switch in dates for the Epson printing presentation [they were presenting at this meeting] our member, Peter Walton, has kindly stepped into the breach.

Peter will be demonstrating “The Things I Do To My Images After I have Shot Them”

This is an excellent presentation that I have had the pleasure of seeing at the Melbourne Camera Club.

Don't forget to hand in your Set Subject of “Photo Journalism”

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 members, Clive and Liz Watt, on their South American travels.

Hand in Open Subject entries.

Continuing Change Of Venue For The Pre-Meeting Get Together!!

[Re-advising!!]

The ambience, the food and wine glasses filled to the brim at the Cherry Hill Tavern so impressed Club members that they have decided to return again this month. So if you are heading for the pre-meeting meal, with those members who usually indulge, the address is:

Cherry Hill Tavern,
189 Reynolds Road, Doncaster.
[It is just up the road from the Pines Shopping Centre].

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
July 2014	Ron Speed - visiting	
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

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
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.

Jun 2014	Bev Dillon and Alan Smith
July 2014	Judy Mitchell and Ellen Lew
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

Merits And Honours – Open Prints

Pam Rixon	"Snowed In"	100
Pam Rixon	"Magic Of The Night"	90
Les Armstrong	"Mauve Lotus"	85
Val Armstrong	"Deep Blue Waters"	83
Pam Rixon	"Rooftops At Bergen"	80
Peter Walton	"Majestic Gum By Coopers Creek"	79
Peter Walton	"Out Of The Mist"	76
Arthur Lilley	"The Radcliffe"	76

And here is Pam's "Snowed In"



Merits And Honours – Projected Images

Val Armstrong	"Gold Lily"	92
Marg Walton	"Sunrays And Icebergs"	91
Les Armstrong	"Black And Orange"	90
Pam Rixon	"Gentle Waves At Portsea"	85
Peter Walton	"Norwegian Church"	76
Chris Falla	"Look'in Good"	76

And here is Val's "Gold Lily"



"If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed".

"He had a photographic memory that had never been developed!"

Social Events Column [New]

This is a shortened 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!!!*

Grand Hotel, Warrandyte – July 20th

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.

We will need to know numbers to tell the hotel so I will want names by Sunday July 13th

Castlemaine/Maldon – 12/13/ & 14 September

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

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.

Macedon Trip – May 10th, 2014

We didn't report on the successful Macedon trip in May. 16 members and guests made the journey to beautiful Macedon in the autumn. The colours were still there for us to photograph [images are up on the website] and whilst there was a little rain at times generally we had good weather for the day [not including the mountain top of course]

The gardens are famous in the autumn but will be worth a return visit for the rhododendrons in the spring at the magnificent Forest Glade Garden.

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

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

The Convention is now over and was a great success with pretty much a full house over the weekend.

Nine Club members attended various briefings and five stayed on for the Convention dinner held in the Mecure Hotel, Geelong.

Doncaster had great results, both individually and collectively, in the Interclub competition and we should be justifiably proud of our efforts when competing against some Clubs that are twice or three times our size.

Collectively we were equal 2nd place in the Open Prints and outright 2nd in the Digitally Projected Images.

We also won the Aggregate Trophy for the Audio Visuals – Open section.

Individually Adrian Donoghue won 1st Place in Open Prints with a 15/15 for "A Road To Somewhere". Congratulations to Adrian who also had a Merit score of 14/15 for "The Long Goodbye" in the EDPI section

Les Armstrong also had a Merit score of 14/15 for his EDPI titled "The Eyes Have It" – congratulations to Les.

In The Audio Visual Section – Open, Phil Ryan took out 1st Placing for "The Steam Rally" with a score of 46. Congratulations to Phil who, with his other entry "The Old Mill" scoring well, propelled the Club to the Aggregate title.

Although we had some Year Badges Awards for members they were not presented/announced if you were not present at the dinner. The VAPS President, Ron Speed, who is guest judge and presenter at our July meeting, will present the badges. So, Ken O'Sullivan, Peggy Petty and Bill and Barb Prudden - you will have to wait!

Below are the results for the Open Prints and The EDPI's

Open Prints

Les Armstrong	"Lotus"	10
Val Armstrong	"New Holland Honeyeater"	10
Adrian Donoghue	"A Road To Somewhere"	15
Adrian Donoghue	"Climbing High"	13
Pat Game	"Mist On The Campaspe River"	12
Peter Layton	"A Lady"	11
Arthur Lilley	"Norge"	12
Arthur Lilley	"The Tour Guide"	12
Pam Rixon	"Pittenween harbour"	13
Pam Rixon	"Point Lonsdale Pier"	11
Phil Ryan	"Early Morning Beachwalk"	10
Phil Ryan	"Let's go Surfin"	11
Peter Walton	"Chevy"	11
Peter Walton	"Contemplation"	11

Digital Projected Images

Les Armstrong	"The Eyes Have It"	14
Val Armstrong	"Backlit"	9
Marg Bold	"Morning Rays"	11
Denis Dikschei	"Neville"	10
Adrian Donoghue	"The Long Goodbye"	14
Chris Falla	"Grand Canal, Venice"	13
Graham Kay	"Dusk At El Safa"	12
Graham Kay	"Menacing Bucyris"	11

Peter Layton	"After Dark"	10
Judy Mitchell	"A Helping Trunk"	11
Pam Rixon	"Rock Tower"	11
Marg Walton	"Spindle Berries"	9
Peter Walton	"Namibian Sand Dunes"	13
Clive Watt	"Hot Summer Day In St Kilda"	9
Kevin Wilson	"Loop The Loop"	12

Here is Adrian receiving his award for Best Image in the Open Prints from VAPS President, Ron Speed.



Due to the difficulty of finding suitably sized premises and reasonably priced catering it is now the intention of the VAPS Committee to rotate the Convention venue amongst a few sites [5?]

Consequently, the next VAPS Convention will return to Phillip Island on the weekend of May 23rd and 24th, 2015.

Interclub On the 5th Of August, 2014

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

We are currently selecting entries for this competition and will advise them in the July Newsletter.

Printing Workshop, May 26th, 2014

The presentation by Epson Australia was a resounding success and we had 58 attendees on the night – pretty good considering 60 nominated!

Derek Mobbs was very entertaining and many members and guests told me afterwards that they had gained a lot of knowledge.

The success continued with Ean Caldwell being the lucky member who won "an hours coffee time with the President talking printing" [he has yet to take up his prize but I gave him the printer anyway!] Congratulations Ean.

We need to thank all members for their generous donations towards our equipment drive. Overall we raised \$1,250 and that is an excellent effort and will go a long way towards the costs of upgrading our computer/projector. Thank you members and donors.

Also thanks to those who provided prints for the evening display, helped set up the hall with me on Friday afternoon and those who contributed to, and assisted in, making the supper a great demonstration of fellowship – you will note that the Epson guys and most of our guests stayed on for supper.

A great many of those guests thanked me on the night, and later by email, for Doncaster allowing others to share in the evening.

A great success and we should do it again!

Printer For Sale

The success of the Printing presentation has prompted Judy Mitchell to upgrade her printer to an Epson 3880 [the printer of princes and princesses!]

Consequently Judy has generously donated her current Epson 2880 printer and a slew of ink cartridges to the Club to raise some more funds for the coffers.

While the 2880 is no longer a current model it is still an excellent printer and a great purchase for someone who wants to try printing but doesn't want to outlay the full costs of a new printer just yet.

The printer uses pigment ink and has the Advanced B&W feature that the newer Epson printers have [only uses black inks when printing on fine art matte paper – stunning results] You can read a review from Keith Cooper of Northlight Images at www.northlight-images.co.uk/reviews/printer/epson_sp_2880.html

The printer comes with almost a full set on 9 cartridges on board and no less than 15 spares. The cheapest street price I can find these cartridges at is \$20 each so you are getting \$300 worth of ink in the deal – a bargain.

All yours for the very low price of \$300 – and all proceeds to the Club. First in first served!!

You will need to collect the printer from Judy – no home deliveries!

Many, many thanks to Judy for her generosity and keep an eye out for the prints that will soon roll off the 3880.

For those contemplating printing here is a link to a Photo Review article to help you on your way –

<http://www.photoreview.com.au/tips/outputting/How-to-Make-Good-Inkjet-Prints-from-Your-Digital-Images>

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Special Interest Groups

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Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The next meeting for the Group is June 16th at 3.30pm. Meet at the Polly Woodside end of the Seafarers Bridge followed by coffee at "Charlie Lovett" on the South Wharf Promenade.

Photo opportunities are plenty in the area and include the Polly Woodside, Seafarers Bridge, Webb Bridge and Mission to Seafarers etc.

"She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still".

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

The next meeting of the Group is on June 24th at the home of Val and Les Armstrong.

The set subject is "Concrete" [Adrian – interested?]

If you intend to join in then please advise Kay.

Audio Visual Group

[Repeat]

[Coordinator: Phil Ryan – 9846 6644]

The latest meeting for the Group was held on May 7th, 2014 with an attendance of 9 and a couple of apologies – quite a group! We also welcomed new member – Glen Mills.

The group showed 4 completed AV's from Phil Ryan, Marg Bold, Pam Rixon and Clive Watt on the previously decided subject of Manningham in 10 images. All were excellent and show the talent and imagination within the group.

Liesel Ingrassia updated her "work in progress" on Venice that, she tells us, is approaching the finishing stage. The use of monochrome images is resulting in a very different production style that suits the mood and pace of the images.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 16th, at 8pm [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!



"If a deaf child signs swear words does his mother wash his hands with soap?"

VAPS Judging Seminar, July 13th, 2014

The VAPS are holding a Judges Course at the Melbourne Camera Club rooms on Sunday, July 13th, 2014.

We are now advised that nominations are closed for the course but the convenor, Alf Zommers, will be circulating an email towards the end of June advising Clubs if any places have become available. We will try and pass that advice on, if and when it does arrive, so that anyone who was thinking of attending but had left it a bit late might have a second chance. Four of our members have already signed up.

Ilford Inkjet Printing Papers

About 3 months ago the Swiss company that was producing the popular line of Ilford inkjet printing media, Ilford Imaging Switzerland, went "belly up" and for a while it looked like a very popular range of papers would pass into history.

Those who were frequent users of "Smooth Pearl" or "Gold Fibre Silk" will be pleased to know that C. R. Kennedy [the original local distributor of Ilford papers in Australia] have now joined forces with a Japanese company, Chugai Photo Chemical [the Japanese distributors] to purchase the former assets and the paper pipeline will be restored. No actual word of where the paper will be produced though?

1X.Com – Photographer Of The Week – Adrian Donoghue

<http://1x.com/blog/permalink/3069>

An interesting interview with our Club member – Adrian Donoghue

Best Shutter Speeds for Water.

<http://kenrockwell.com/tech/shutter-speeds-for-water.htm>

A simple instruction article [it's all in pictures – what could be simpler!] on the best shutter speeds for capturing moving water.

Finding The Right Shutter Speed For Every Situation

<http://digital-photography-school.com/shutter-speed-chart/>

A bit broader than the previous one but nonetheless a helpful chart and one you could print off, laminate [Aldi have some cheap laminators going at the moment!] and put in your camera bag.

Getting Sharper Images – An Understanding Of Focus Modes

<http://digital-photography-school.com/getting-sharper-images-an-understanding-of-focus-modes/>

They are confusing – there are so many choices! Maybe this will help you.

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!

10th Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition 2014

<http://pakenhamcameraclub.org/>

Entries close on the 7th July and the Exhibition is on the 6th/7th of September at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham.

There are 12 sections and you can nominate for your entries to be forwarded to the Warragul and Ballarat Nationals.

Download entry forms at the Club's website [above] but enquiries should be directed to the following email address pakenhamnational@hotmail.com

Some Jokes For Clever people

Joke #1

"There are two types of people in the world. Those who can extrapolate from incomplete information."

Joke #2

There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those who understand binary and those who don't.

Joke #3

An infinite number of mathematicians walk into a bar. The first one orders a beer. The second orders half a beer. The third orders a quarter of a beer. The bartender says, 'You're all idiots,' and pours two beers."

That's all for this month,

John