



# 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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### Web site:

[www.doncastercameraclub.org.au](http://www.doncastercameraclub.org.au)

## Meetings:

The Club usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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].**

## July 2015

Our July meeting was the set subject "Comedy and our guest judge and presenter was professional photographer, Caterina Fizzano.

There were only 32 entries for this competition - probably a reflection on the difficulty of the subject.

Added to that the judge took the title quite literally. Comedy was comedy and those entries that rose only to *humour* [in retrospect this probably would have been a better subject title] were not well rewarded.

In the Open Prints Ralph Petty's "A Saw-Toe" scored an 86 close followed by Pam Rixon's "Faceless" with an 84. Val Armstrong scored an 80 with "I'm Well Read" and Pam Rixon's "Bring Your Own", with a 79, completed all the Merits/Honours for that category.

In the Digital entries Gary Leete's "Fill Her Up" scored a 76 and was the only entry over 75!!

In the Small Prints there were only 2 entries and neither scored over 75.

Overall, Pam Rixon had 2 Merits/Honours and Ralph, Val and Les 1 each - very slim pickings for the evening!

The winning images along with a list of the winners/placing's appear later in the Newsletter and will also be posted on the website.

The difficulty of setting "Set Subjects" was also discussed with members with nothing really resolved.

We recognise they are a good break from "Open Subjects" and that they present members with an opportunity to use some imagination.

Simple set subjects defeat the purpose if your photography skills are not extended. Difficult subjects on the other hand are just that - too difficult.

It's obvious the answer lies somewhere in-between but, whatever the choice it does require some extra effort from members.

The evening was completed with an interesting presentation of Caterina's own professional work.

### **Our Next Meeting Is**

#### **August 21, 2015**

Judging July Open Topic Entries

Guest judge Margaret Zommers who will also present her work entitled "My Travels"

### **Hand In Open Topic Entries**

#### **August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

#### **Please note this is an extra meeting**

The annual Interclub between Berwick Viewfinders, Southern Suburbs Photographic Society and Doncaster.

**As we are the hosts** we ask as many members as possible to come along to enjoy the presentation and support your Club. The evening is not long and we will enjoy some fellowship afterwards with, we hope, a congratulatory supper

### **The Following 3 Months In Brief.**

#### **September 18, 2015**

Internal judging of the July hand-in Open Topic.

Portrait night – bring your camera

### **Hand In Open Topic Entries**

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Internal judging of September hand-in.

Guest presentation by retired Herald-Sun Photo journalist, Noel Butcher.

### **Hand In Monochrome entries for our big night in November.**

#### **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The results of our big Monochrome competition judged by professional photographer, Matt Irwin who will present some of his own work titled "Favourite Places"

## **Judging Participants**

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Sept 2015	<i>Graham Kay, Liz Reen and Les Armstrong</i>	Robyn Solum
Oct 2015	<i>Marg Walton, Clive Watt and Robbie Carter</i>	TBA
Nov 2015	<i>Matt Irwin – visiting judge</i>	
Dec 2015	<i>EOY – Southern Suburbs – Guest judges</i>	

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
Fire or Smoke or Steam	Feb 2016
Doors and Windows	Jun 2016

*Note that a new "Set Topic" has been added*

## **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.

Aug 2015	Christine Rees and Lois Thompson
Sep 2015	Merv Ericson and TBA
Oct 2015	Bruce Millikan and Pat Game
Nov 2015	The Pettys
Dec 2015	Peter R Young, Peter W Young and John and Liesel Ingrassia

## **Social Events Column**

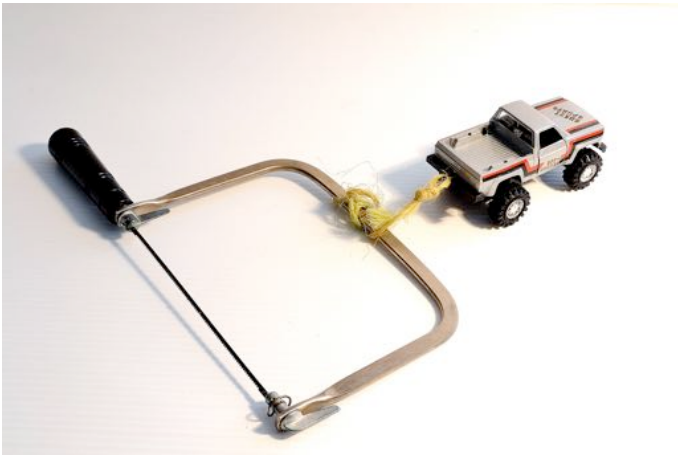
This **schedule** is a reminder of *the future day/weekend outings* we have planned for the Club and will be supplemented by more detailed emails, or entries below, closer to the dates.

Expected Dates	Venue
November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Combined Christmas/60 <sup>th</sup> birthday at the Warrandyte Retreat restaurant

## **Merits And Honours – Open Prints**

Ralph Petty	"A Saw-Toe"	86
Pam Rixon	"Faceless"	84
Val Armstrong	"I'm Well Read"	80
Pam Rixon	"Bring Your Own"	79

And here is Ralph's "A Saw-Toe"



## **Merits And Honours – Projected Images**

Gary Leete	"Fill Her Up"	76
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And here is Gary's "Fill Her Up"



There were no Small Prints

"Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now" – Stevie Wright.

"Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film". – Stevie Wright

## **Special Interest Groups**

### **Urban Landscape Group**

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The next meeting of the Urban Landscape Group will be at the Melbourne Tram Museum, 8 Wallen Road, Hawthorn on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 11am.

Note that the time and day are different from previous meetings [not pm and not on a Sunday!]

There is a gold coin donation to enter and the venue is dark – so bring a tripod.

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### **Themes and Series Group**

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

The most recent meeting was on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at Les and Val Armstrong's.

Judy has made another book titled "The World in Black and White".

Val has some bright images in her "Autumn In Our Garden" project

Les has a series centred on Bruno's Gallery in Marysville showing the rebuilding after the fire.

Pam is continuing with her theme of "found" objects.

Ralph is continuing with his "Clouds" theme while Peggy is focussed on the old walkway at Tunstall Square and our brick titled "Where Is It"

Phil presented objects found during a trip to Wilsons Promontory and Kay had gathered images of garden objects supported by text.

The next meeting is on October 13<sup>th</sup> at a venue to be decided. There is no set theme.

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### **Audio Visual Group**

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

Group co-ordinator Phil Ryan is "on leave" at the moment so no meetings were held in his absence.

The website tells me that September the 9<sup>th</sup> is the date of the next meeting.

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

<http://doncastercameraclub.org.au>

[Special Interest Groups in the menu bar]

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### **"Just Briefly"**



### **Kay Mack**

On Kay's behalf – an update.

Kay has now moved to Greenslopes Retirement Home, 236 Greenslopes Dr, Lower Templestowe VIC 3107.

### **Annual Interclub DCC/ Southern Suburbs/ Berwick – August 28<sup>th</sup> [4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month]**

This annual interclub will be held on Friday night, August 28<sup>th</sup> – that's one week after this coming week's ordinary meeting.

This year we are hosting and we would ask that all members *put the date in the diary so that you can come along and support the Club.*

**Note that the date is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday so, in effect, we will have 2 meetings for August.**

Following are a list of the entries selected.

### **Prints**

Val Armstrong	"Nature Study"
Bruce Millikan	"White Walls – Mykonos"
Joanne Mellor	"Full Of Character"
Judy Mitchell	"Forest Trail"
Gary Leete	"Murchison Gap"
Arthur Lilley	"The Gondoliers"
Val Armstrong	"All's Calm"
Les Armstrong	"Lotus Monochrome"
Pam Rixon	"Coming And Going"
Pam Rixon	"Magic Of The Night"

### **Digital Entries**

Chris Falla	"Lookin' Good"
Chris Falla	"Morgan + 4"
Marg Walton	"Fisgard Lighthouse"
Pam Rixon	"Binalong Bay"
Marg Bold	"Pollen Gatherer"
Clive Watt	"Contrasts Rio De Janeiro"
Marg Walton	"Seafarers Bridge"
Glenn Mills	"Passing Storm"
Pam Rixon	"Viewing the Nude"
Kevin Wilson	"Apricot Hibiscus"

Astute observers will note that we have selected 14 members to represent the Club and our congratulations go to all of them.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Eastern Interclub – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

The Club has also accepted an invitation to compete in the annual Eastern Interclub conducted by the Maroondah Photographic Society

Here the entries selected.

### **Large Prints**

Joanne Mellor	"Guitar Dreams"
Arthur Lilley	"Resolute"
Les Armstrong	"East Indian Lotus"
Judy Mitchell	"Camel Train"
Pam Rixon	"Snowed In"

### **Digital Entries**

Judy Dunn	"Drenching Approaching"
Bev Dillon	"Inuit Girl"
Clive Watt	"Contrasts Rio De Janeiro"
Marg Walton	"Sculptured Dune"
John Wu	"Sunrise At Donvale"

### **B&W – Digital Entries**

Marg Walton	"Seafarers Bridge"
Chris Falla	"Aperitivo"
Clive Watt	"Call Me Al"
Franne Holowko	"Yosemite Crossing"
Les Armstrong	Mono Lotus Flower

On this occasion we have managed to spread the selections amongst 12 members.

You will note that there are no Small Prints this year. A lack of entries to previous competitions has lead to the organisers substituting Small Prints with B&W – Digital entries.

We also ask members to come along and support your Club at this excellent competition to be held at the Maroondah Club's new clubrooms at the:

- North Ringwood Community House  
35 Tortice Drive, Ringwood North.  
[Melways 36 A12]

[Sadly no more serenading from the Melbourne Welsh Choir]

Could we expect that a least some of the members selected to represent the Club might even come and support themselves? They turn on a good supper!!

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### ***Nik Efex Pro***

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp5IYDsQi4gn2FUrR\\_ztLc7jPs8yPejUI](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp5IYDsQi4gn2FUrR_ztLc7jPs8yPejUI)

I think this might be a repeat but it is worth linking to again for those members who are interested in Black and White/ Monochrome [and we do have the annual Monochrome competition coming up soon!]

Nik is the gold standard of B&W software.

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### ***APSCON***

#### ***[Repeat]***

**This convention draws closer and closer and by now I hope you have made those early plans!!**

*While we are at it here is advance notice for the annual Australian Photographic Society's annual convention – APSCON – to be held this year in Tweed Heads, N.S.W.*

*The Convention is over 5 days from 21<sup>st</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October and will be held at the Twin Towns Services Club.*

*There is further information available at <http://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/apsccon-delegate-info-2>*

*We will try and keep you updated but for those who have not attended an APSCON, the event is highly recommended and this year, as always, the keynote speakers look interesting.*

*Like the VAPS Convention at Bendigo the influx of photographers to Tweed Heads may mean making some early plans*

### ***Clique Photographers Association***

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/clique/news-and-competitions>

The association is a photo club run by the photography department of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age.

Clique members enjoy monthly challenges, competitions, workshops and events. You can join for free, or take out a membership with additional benefits such as feedback on your images from staff photographers.

At the Association's invitation I attended a recent presentation at the Monash Gallery. The photographers presenting were the Walkley Award winning Eddie Jim and Simon Schluter.

The association also offers free access to Age and SMH photographers to talk to camera clubs.

This might interest some members who want to take their photography in a different direction *but you do need to be a Clique member to take part in SMH and Age photo-related events [field trips etc.]*.

I must say I was very impressed with the Monash Gallery who seem to concentrate on photography as much as they do on other art forms.

*One of the current exhibitions 'Impressions Of Paris' includes images by the famed French photographer Eugène Atget (1857–1927) Running concurrently is a photographic exhibition "Impressions Of Melbourne" which also looks interesting.*

Their gallery shop also has an excellent [and expensive] range of photography books.

Certainly worth a visit – Atget is enjoying a revival at the moment.

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### ***The Digital Show – 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2015***

#### ***Melbourne Exhibition Centre.***

<http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=2139069775>

The Digital Show is on again [but this time at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre – not Jeff's Shed!]

It the exciting time for all the gear heads to look at the latest offerings from the camera and sundry accessory makers and also attend the presentations.

Trust me this is a lot of fun and registration is now open at the link above.

Entry cost is very reasonable at \$15 per adult across the 3 days or \$25 for a family. That price may just be for pre-bookings though and if you just turn up on the day the price might be different? In the past, registration got you free entrance and "pay on the day" was \$20/\$25 – they seem to be cashing in on the popularity of the event.

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### **Very Funny**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHvExOg4NI0&feature=youtu.be>

Another very amusing You Tube clip that has nothing whatsoever to do with photography. However if you have had, or still have dogs, you can relate to this! We have all seen a Cooper in our lifetime.

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### **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 July edition can be found at <http://www.vaps.org.au/newsbrief>*

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### **Taking Good Photos In Bad Light**

<https://photographylife.com/taking-good-photos-in-bad-light>

A very good article on your photographic technique in poor light. We talk a lot about "good light" but so often the light is not so good – after all it's not something you can arrange.

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### **Back Button Focus**

<http://digital-photography-school.com/back-button-focus-what-is-it-and-why-should-you-try-it/>

An excellent article on a now frequently used technique of using one of the "back buttons" on your camera to focus rather than the usual "half depress of the shutter button.

It doesn't take much to get used to and may help catch some of those "decisive moments"

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### **Local Photographic Competitions.**

This is a competitions advised to us by VAPS. It might be interesting for members who have not entered an external competition previously but would like to have a go. On the other hand it might also suit some of the members who are

regular entrants in photographic competitions [see prizes on offer!]

### **Arts Prom Country**

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

This is a combined Art and Photography show conducted by the Leongatha Rotary Club.

There is close to \$4,000 in prizes on offer – not something to be sneezed at. The Best In Show – any medium - gets \$1,500!!

Entry forms and all other conditions from the above link.

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### **And Finally – Posing With Polar Bears!**

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/shortcuts/2015/jul/19/the-mysterious-german-fad-for-posing-with-a-polar-bear-imitator>

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2015/jul/19/teddybar-in-pictures>

Robbie carter sent me these amusing links about people posing with a polar bear apparently quite a fad in Germany during the inter-war years.

No, not a real bear, but the interesting thing about the images is how seriously many of them are taking the moment!

That's all for this month.

John