



Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

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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.

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].

June 2015

The June meeting was an open subject meeting and our judges were Phil Ryan, Judy Mitchell and Val Armstrong with Michael Walker observing.

In contrast to the previous month's meeting only 20 Merit and Honour certificates were awarded although that is not a reflection on standards that remain, as ever, high.

We thank the judges for all their efforts in particular, first time judge, Judy Mitchell who presented so well.

The highest scoring image in the Open Prints was a 91 for Pam Rixon's "Docklands Evening". Pam also scored an 86 for "Dora Point" and an 85 for "Peurto Arenas At Night". Judy Mitchell had an 80 for "Camel Train"

In the Digital Projected Images Marg Walton had an 84 for "Waves Of Lace" and Val Armstrong an 80 for "The Nest" followed by Marg again with a 79 for "Rock Trio Motion"

In the Small Prints Pat Game scored an 80 for "Morning Mist At The farm" and Judy Mitchell a 79 for "Light"

Overall, Pam Rixon and Judy Mitchell took the honours on the evening with 3 Merits/Honours each. Marg Walton, Kevin Wilson, David Cooper and Arthur Lilley scored 2 Merits/Honours apiece.

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.

We also took the opportunity to present Year Bars to Pat and Ian Game [25 years] Val and Les Armstrong [20 years] and Kevin Wilson [10years]

Kay Mack [40 years] and Adrian Donoghue [10 years] were not present [Kay of course was in hospital!] so we will hold them over to another day.

Ralph Petty graciously agreed to wait and receive his 60year badge later in the year at an official

dinner we plan to have which will celebrate the Club's 60th year.

Unfortunately our invited guest, Kayell Australia, could not, through illness [the presenter not the Company!] make the night so we fell back on a presentation of the print/digital entries submitted in the recent VAPS Interclub competition.

Due to technical difficulties we were not able to show the Audio Visuals that won Phil Ryan the Open and 3.21 categories and Liesel Ingrassia's entry that, together with Phil's entry, won the Club the Aggregate category.

However when an opportunity presents itself we will show them at a future meeting. In the meantime they are available on the website.

I think we should also take the opportunity of thanking Glenn Mills for his excellent efforts with our new projector. Glen has put a lot of time into the projector's set-up and in compiling a handbook on start-up procedures for the Club.

Thank you for all your good work Glen.

Our next step in the upgrade process is to purchase a new laptop computer with HDMI connections. Our current computer [which is almost 10 years old!] does not have that capacity requiring us to borrow a computer that does – not a suitable position to be in.

Our Next Meeting Is

July 17, 2015

Judging of our Set Subject "Comedy" by our guest judge/presenter, and professional photographer, Caterina Fizzano.

Hand In Open Topic Entries

The Next 3 Months In Brief.

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

September 18, 2015

Internal judging of the July hand-in Open Topic.

Portrait night – bring your camera

Hand In Open Topic Entries

October 16th, 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.

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Aug 2015	<i>Visiting judge – Margaret Zommers</i>	
Sept 2015	Marg Walton, Liz Reen and Les Armstrong	Robyn Solum
Oct 2015	Graham Kay, Clive Watt and Robbie Carter	TBA
Nov 2015	<i>Matt Irwin – visiting judge</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 [new]	Feb 2016

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.

Jul 2015	Judy Mitchell and Judy Dunn
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
To Be Advised	

Merits And Honours – Open Prints

Pam Rixon	"Docklands Evening"	91
Pam Rixon	"Dora Point"	86
Pam Rixon	"Peurto Arenas At Night"	85
Judy Mitchell	"Camel Train"	80
Bruce Millikan	"Ferry Fast"	78
Ralph Petty	"Off Peak 2"	77
Les Armstrong	"Colourful Rose And Buds"	76
Arthur Lilley	"Melrose Abbey"	76
Arthur Lilley	"In The Village"	76
Judy Mitchell	"Abu Dabai Mosque"	76

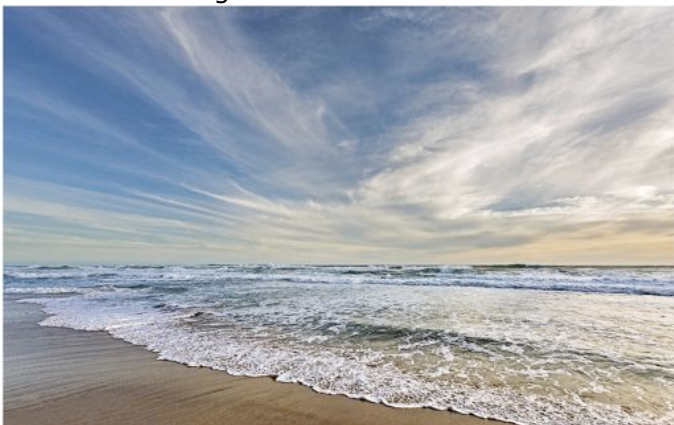
And here is Pam's "Docklands Evening"



Merits And Honours – Projected Images

Marg Walton	"Waves Of Lace"	84
Val Armstrong	"The Nest"	80
Marg Walton	"Rock Trio Motion"	79
Bev Dillon	"The Piper"	78
Kevin Wilson	"Kardinal Rose"	77
Kevin Wilson	"Eucalypt Avenue"	76

And here is Marg's "Waves Of Lace"



Merits And Honours – Small Prints

Pat Game	"Morning Mist At The Farm"	80
Judy Mitchell	"Light"	79
David Cooper	"Smile"	77
David Cooper	"Peter"	76

And here, through the courtesy of Australia Post, is Patsy's "Morning Mist At The Farm"



Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The last meeting was held at Southbank on Sunday, June 14th and 9 members attended including a guest Maggie Tan.

Adrian was right about the timing of the light and there are great images on the website to show how great Melbourne is at night.

The group then enjoyed a great evening at Sofia Pizza in Balwyn together with Cheryl Donoghue and Bev Lilley.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter or website for the next date.

"Photography "has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them"

Elliot Erwit.

"OK, so what's the speed of dark?"

Stevie Wright

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack - 9846 7791]

[Repeat]

The last meeting was held on April 28th at Kay Mack's. 8 members attended with plenty of discussion around the set theme of "Found" Judy has made another book with interpretations of "found" and "finding" in different countries.

Val produced images on Light and Shadow whilst Les had collated images of flowers, bird and garden ornaments around their house.

Peggy showed a series of lighthouses around the local coastline and Ralph presented 2 images [1] a picture of house keys hidden under the garden pot [apparently a common feature around formerly "rural" Templestowe and a "found" wallaby during another series!

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

The next meeting of the Group is on Tuesday, June 9th @ 1.30pm at Kay Mack's. Don't forget to ring Kay on 9846 7791 if you plan to attend.

There is no set theme.

With Kay presently incapacitated there will be a slight delay while Themes and Series members re-organize the schedule – keep watching the Website though for news of the next meeting.

Audio Visual Group

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

The meeting are held on a Wednesday at 2pm and the most recent meeting was held on June 17th.

The meeting discussed the recent AV Festival held at the Melbourne Camera Club and attended by Phil, Pam and Liesel.

Various discussed Clubs discussed their own activities with some support for greater interclub activity and communication.

There was discussion on the pros and cons of the new release of ProShow 7 – what's been added – what's been improved.

The meeting viewed and discussed:

- "Autumn Tonight" by Glenn Mills
- "Springtime In Wales And South England" by Pam Rixon

- "The Ethnic People Of Sapa" by Liesel Ingrassia
- "Stayin' Alive" by Phil Ryan.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19th, 2015

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

An update has Kay still a little sore and sorry but progressing well with her rehab.

The next week or so should see her leaving Wantirna Health with her destination still to be decided.

I know Kay would want me to thank everyone who has contributed to her recovery with his or her best wishes, phone calls and visits.

Annual Interclub DCC/ Southern Suburbs/ Berwick – August 28th [4th Friday of the month]

This annual interclub is just around the corner - only 6/7 weeks to go.

This year Doncaster is 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 4th Friday so, in effect, we will have 2 meetings for August.

Each Club enters 10 Prints and 10 DPI's. Total scores win the night and there are small trophies for best individual Print and DPI.

This year our judge is Adrian Smith.

These are great competitive nights with the best work of all 3 clubs on show. ***There will be guests from the other Clubs so we will put on a supper to show our hospitality.***

We are in the middle of selection the entries and will have details for August's Newsletter

Reserve Forces Day Parade – July 5th 2015

The Reserve Forces Day parade was held at the Shrine last Sunday and was a very successful event.

Last year the Club was asked to be official photographers and this year we were again invited to record the day in pictures. The parade is very similar to an Anzac Day parade but essentially comprises Defence Force reservists. There is no lack of pomp and ceremony and the Prince Of Wales Light Horse troop were in attendance and lent a very colourful element to proceedings.

This year the Club was represented by myself, Bev Dillon [Bev and husband Carl are heavily involved in the organization of the parade] Judy Mitchell, Peter Layton and Bruce Millikan.

We created lots of wonderful images for the RFD Committee [not hard to do – the opportunities were everywhere!] and on behalf of the Club I would like to thank those who gave up their Sunday morning to help out. It is nice to know the Club can muster members to contribute to the community.

I wasn't quick enough to get a picture of all who came along but here is a picture of Judy and Bev

with Heather Fry, the RFD Committee's Public Relations Officer, after the conclusion of the event.



VAPS Convention, 23rd/24th May, 2015 at Bendigo/ APSCON

APSCON

[Repeat]

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 21st October – 25th 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/apscon-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.

Advice Of New Subscriptions

[Repeat]

At the AGM it was unanimously agreed to increase the current rates of subscription by \$10 per class of subscription.

The additional \$10 for a hard copy of the Newsletter by post remained.

The new membership rates are:

- Single \$55.00*
- Family \$80.00*
- Full Time Student \$40.00*

*Membership for the 2015-2016 year **is now due** and we ask all those who have not paid their subscriptions to do so as soon as possible.*

Digital Projected Images – New Size [Repeat]

Following the unveiling of the Club's new projector at last month's AGM future Digital Projected Images for our competitions should now conform to new guidelines that will allow us to show the images at "best quality" on a High Definition projector.

The new maximum size for digital images is 1920 X 1080 where the maximum horizontal dimension allowed is 1920 pixels and the maximum vertical dimension allowed is 1080 pixels.

Your images do not have to equal those sizes exactly [a ratio of 16:9] but, as you saw at the last meeting, the images will appear smaller on the screen and not to their best advantage. The maximum file size is 5MB.

If members are still unsure on how to re-size an image then there are links to instructions on the Club's website at

*http://doncastercameraclub.org.au/?page_id=97
That is the Links page under Resources.*

DSLR Arm – Very Funny

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

This is a very, very amusing advertisement for the new mirror-less Olympus OM-D E-M5 Mk11.

If the link does not open when clicking on it then I recommend you cut and paste into your browser.

These new mirror-less cameras are cutting a swathe through the camera world. The image quality in most of them is exceptionally high and usually the equal of DSLR's in all but the most demanding of situations.

They are becoming particularly attractive to those who find the heavier cameras a burden to cart around.

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>

Fred Heller

Some longer-term members may possibly remember Fred who recently passed away and was long a member of Southern Suburbs Photographic Society.

None of us are getting younger.

Projector Bag – Wanted [Repeat]

Now that we have a new projector we will be on the lookout for a carry bag to protect and transport it.

A suitable one purchased could be expensive so if any member has an old, well padded, bag at home that they have no use for perhaps they could consider donating it to the Club.

The projector measures 300mm X 400mm and is 150mm high so the bag's internal measurements should be reasonably generous to fit that. We also need to accommodate cables, remote, instructions etc.

If anyone has a bag to donate perhaps they could ring me to discuss its suitability.

Peter Layton did bring along a bag [thanks Peter] that, unfortunately, was just a bit small.

We are still on the lookout so I ask members to check again if they have a suitable bag, or, like me, are on the lookout for something suitable.

We need to protect our investment

That's all for this month.

John