



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].

January 2016

A Happy New Year to all members.

Our final meeting for 2015 was our End Of Year [EOY] competition with the usual swag of trophies to award for the crème de-la-crème of 2015's efforts.

Our judges were Greg Earl, Bob Clothier and Peter Calder from the Southern Suburbs Photographic Society and they did a good job. I think every one would agree that the winners were worthy of the title.

It was also good to see the winners and place getters well spread. Of the 10 "possible" placing's - 8 members were represented.

The winning images along with a list of the placing's appear later in the Newsletter and are also on the website where they will view a lot better than in the Newsletter.

Our thanks again to Arthur Lilley for all the work he did in setting up the PowerPoint presentation. It's a big job preparing for EOY and Arthur makes it all go off without a hitch.

Also to Phil Ryan for his excellent work in preparing the certificates, which this year included an image of the winning/placed entry. A great reminder to those who received them - they looked terrific.

Our Next Meeting Is:

January 15th, 2016

Internal judging of Open Topic entries followed by a viewing of members Audio Visuals from the past 12 months.

This is always an interesting evening and an opportunity to see the excellent work that one of our SIGS achieves during the year.

Hand In entries for next month's "Open Topic"

The Following 3 Months In Brief.

February 19th, 2016

Judging of our "Open Topic" entries by guest judge – Rob Sloane.
Rob will also give a presentation of his work on the subject of Travel Photography

Hand in entries for our next Set Subject "Fire or Smoke or Steam"

March 18th, 2016

Judging of our Set Subject "Fire, Smoke or Steam". The judging will be internal.

Hand In Entries for next month's Open Topic

April 15th, 2016

The night of Annual General Meeting and our final meeting for the 2014/2015-year. The Committee is up for re-election

Following the AGM there will be the internal judging of Open Topic entries

Judging Participants

Judges for the next 4 months are:

Date	Judges	Observer
Feb 2016	<i>Rob Sloane – visiting judge</i>	
Mar 2016	Peter Layton, Ian Holowko and Liz Watt	Peter R Young
Apr 2016	Bruce Millikan, Bev Dillon and Glen Mills	Greg Swenser

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

The Supper Roster

The schedule has been updated for the 2016 "season" with the next 7 months listed. A copy of the schedule has also been forwarded to all those members on the supper roster for 2016.

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 or 0421813531 about roster changes.

Note: Re Roster Changes

We ask that all members rostered [and you would all have had prior advice of the roster] ensure that, where unavoidable changes occur, they give plenty of notice to Pam. There were a few "hiccups" last year and last minute changes are some times hard to re-organize.

Jan 2016	John and Liesel Ingrassia
Feb 2016	Adrian Donoghue and Kevin Wilson
Mar 2016	Ean Caldwell and Glenn Mills
Apr 2016	Barb and Bill Prudden
May 2016	Fred Bath and Jennifer Jones
Jun 2016	David Cooper and Judy Mitchell
July 2016	Bev Dillon and Lois Thompson

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
January 17 th , 2016	Melbourne Night Outing
March 28 th , 2016	Lang Lang Rodeo

Melbourne – Night Outing January 17th, 2016 [Sunday]

A reminder about the Night Outing at the Docklands. A separate email has also been sent but you are reminded to confirm to Pam Rixon that you are:

- [a] Attending.
- [b] Joining us for the meal beforehand.

The 2nd point is very important, as we need to book space!

This should be a fun evening and we urge everyone to try and come along. Don't forget you should bring a tripod.

We list again a couple of You Tube links to guide you on your way –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVLzAhIn2zI>

And another:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K3pOueQWm4>

Lang Lang Rodeo
March 28th, 2016 [Easter Monday]

For the adventurous and those who haven't taken the break away from Melbourne for Easter!]

Lang Lang rodeo is a great spectacle and I can attest to the fact that you will get some fantastic action shots in one of the most dangerous sports I have ever seen. Long lenses [80mm-200mm are perfect] and probably a monopod should be on the list.

Stetson hats, tight jeans and "Wrangler" branded shirts and cowboy boots are mandatory! Nice coffee and vanilla slices at Koo Wee Rup on the way.

End Of Year Results

Ed Conway Memorial Trophy – Landscape Print Of The Year

There is only one winner for this trophy and congratulations go to Arthur Lilley for "Norge"



And here is Arthur receiving his trophy from Judy Conway.



Fred Schult Memorial Trophy for "Best Print Of The Year"

Placing's	Member	Title
1st Placing	Pam Rixon	Docklands Evening
2 nd Placing	Pam Rixon	Vintage Wine
3 rd Placing	Les Armstrong	Just Joey

Congratulations to Pam for 1st and 2nd placing - and here is "Docklands Evening"



Here is Pam receiving her trophy from Dulcie Conway, Ed's sister.



Something to fill this gap!

Neologism's [look it up in the dictionary!]

- 1] Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
- 2] Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Ralph Petty Perpetual Trophy – “Small Print Of The Year”

Placing's	Member	Title
1 st Placing	Graham Kay	“Jezabel”
2 nd Placing	Pat Game	1929 Cadillac Roadster

Congratulations to Graham and here is “Jezabel”



And here is Graham accepting his trophy from Ralph.



Denis Thompson Memorial Trophy – Projected Image Of The Year”

There were three place getters in this section and they were:

Placing	Member	Title
1 st Placing	Clive Watt	“Machu Picchu”
2 nd Placing	Marg Walton	“Seafarers Bridge”
3 rd Placing	Marg Walton	“Fisgard Lighthouse”

Congratulations to Clive and here is “Machu Picchu”



And here is Clive accepting his trophy from Lois Thompson



Ron Johnson Memorial Trophy – “ DPI Landscape Image of the Year”

One winner in this section and that was Marg Walton’s “Deadvlei Ballet”



And here is Marg accepting her trophy from long-time DCC supporter, Brian Amos of Eastern FM



Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

[Repeat]

The last meeting was on Sunday, December 6th at The RAAF Museum, Point Cook.

Seven members attended and, according to reports, a good time was had by all with the anticipated hot day not really turning out that hot at all.

Images of the days outing are now on the website so check them out. Some great shots – real and imagined!

Next outing to be advised – watch the Newsletter, website or maybe a separate email!

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack – 9850 9621]

[Repeat]

The Themes & Series group met on December 8th, 2015 at Greenslopes. We had 9 people present: Bev Dillon joining us for the first time and June, our visitor from last meeting, attended again.

Kay's latest book was unfortunately not back from the printer but she shared her copy of Roger Skinner's book: *A Life in Light: 50 years in photography* which was launched this year at APSCON. Kay also had copies of the catalogue for the 2015 APS Contemporary Division group exhibition Found.

Les had photographed some interesting aspects of Coombe Cottage, the historic Australian home of Dame Nellie Melba.

Peggy's offering juxtaposed the old and new buildings of Perth: contrasts in architecture.

Bev told us of two exhibitions she had seen recently in London. One at the Tate Modern by Ursula Schultz-Dornburg was of bus shelters in Armenia in various stages of disrepair, some with people using them, some empty. The other, at the Geffrye Museum was titled *A Street Seen: the Residents of Westbury Road*. A collaboration between an artist who had sketched the streetscape, showing the sameness of the frontages, and the photographer, Andrew Buurman, who had photographed the residents in their back gardens to show diversity.

June combined a series of still photographs and videos of her Hills hoist into a short movie titled *Ode to a Clothesline*. She once again proved that you don't have to travel far to produce intriguing images.

Phil had a series of images of the Surfers Paradise skyline, taken from Coolangatta at different times of day and in different light.

Ralph is still fascinated by the endless variety in tree trunks. His latest set of these included the cut surfaces of one magnificent specimen that no longer stands.

Pam has now completed a project that has occupied her for some years by photographing all the accessible piers and jetties of Port Phillip Bay – 154 in all. She is having these printed as a book that we are looking forward to seeing soon. In the meantime she shared her 2016 calendar with 12 stunning scenes from her 2015 travels.

Val showed the beginning of a collection of images illustrating well-known songs from musicals such as *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Climb Every Mountain*, and *Let's Go Fly A Kite*.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 02 February 2016 at 1.30 pm at the usual venue.

Audio Visual Group

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

[Repeat]

The last meeting of the AV Group was on October 7th where Phil and Liesel updated the members on their attendance at the AV Enthusiasts Group Of Victoria meeting held at The Melbourne Camera Club on Oct 4th.

Methods and techniques for including narration in AV's were also discussed and a group meeting will

be dedicated to this aspect of AV making.

The following AV's were shown and discussed:

"Terracotta Warriors" by Liesel Ingrassia

"Walking On Ice" by Pam Rixon

"Images of The Cruise" by Glenn Mills

"Margaret Olley Art Centre" by Phil Ryan

"The Great Escape" by Phil Ryan.

Next meeting is to be advised.

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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Best Wishes

To Judy Dunn, Jenny Jones and John Ingrassia. They have all been in hospital lately [or had some medical treatment] Fortunately; they all seem to be recovering well. I hope I haven't missed others.

And in no way reflecting personally on the health of our membership I came across this wonderful link that will bring a tear to the eye and perhaps a pause for thought:

<https://www.facebook.com/star1045/videos/10152871613882066/>

Some people have some brilliant ideas and it takes photography to get it across!

Remember some of your body parts might be functioning very well – why waste them?

Doncaster- Templestowe Historical Society Annual Garden Party

Saturday, February 20th, 2016

[Repeat]

The Club has a strong association with the Historical Society through Kay Mack [and the fact that many of our members qualify as "historical"] They are holding their annual Garden Party on the lawns of Schramm's Cottage and an invitation is extended to DCC members.

The cost is \$25 for a spit roast followed by dessert and coffee. Drinks are BYO and they suggest you bring chairs and a folding table.

Enquiries to Graeme and Glenys McIntyre on 9848 3264 or leave a message at Schramm's Cottage on 9848 7508.

Bookings no later than February 11th.

This could be an opportunity for Club members to extend Club fellowship – why not get together and attend as a group? The surroundings at the cottage are excellent for an evening get together!

Volunteer Observers Wanted for 2016/2017 Judging

Many thanks to David Greenwood for stepping into the breach and taking on the observer's role on this month's judging panel.

As I mentioned last month the observer's role on internal judging panels normally goes to newer members so that they can observe the process and hopefully fulfil a later role as a judge in future competitions.

I am due to draw up the judging roster for 2016/2017 and David's volunteering prompts me to ask for more volunteers amongst the newer members to take on the observer's role – even if you have done it before but would like a "refresher" before being considered for a judging position.

Remember - you get to sit in on a regular judging panel, offer your opinions and score the entries. The difference is that your scores don't count towards the final result and you will not be asked to speak to the entries on competition night.

Please ring me on 9890 2957 if you would like to volunteer.

House Sitter [Still] Required

[Repeat]

Graham and Christine Kay are embarking on yet another epic journey for 4 months from June 1st, 2016 [give or take a week or two]

They are looking for a sitter for their Doncaster East home.

*If that interests you [or interests someone you know **and trust**] then you might like to chat to Graham on 0403199713.*

Technical/Technique Corner

8 tips and tricks that save you time with your photography

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2016/01/08/8-tips-and-tricks-that-save-you-time-with-your-photography/>

A helpful article from the website Digital Camera World [also a magazine if I remember?]

Be sure to click on the SEE MORE link in each section – the 8 tips are really a series of articles [although I would give the sensor cleaning one a lot of thought before trying it – unless you are very confident!]

There are lots more interesting articles on this website – have a browse.

Understanding Aperture – A Beginners Guide

<https://photographylife.com/what-is-aperture-in-photography>

It's hard enough when you are not a beginner!!

Also attached is a handy chart – looking at things on a bit of paper sometimes makes it seep in a bit quicker!!

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 November edition can be found at

<http://www.vaps.org.au/newsbrief>

2016 VAPS Convention

[Repeat]

This will be held in Albury-Wodonga on June 3rd [Friday], 4th and 5th. The main venue will be the Albury Commercial Club.

Lots of details to be completed but the Albury-Wodonga area is a wonderfully scenic area with the Murray River and Beechworth/Yackandandah in easy reach.

There are great landscape views along the Buckland and Kiewa valleys.

This sounds like the spot for taking in both the convention and an extra few days for sightseeing – perhaps even a long cruise on the river??

That's all this month!

John