



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].

February 2016 - Meeting

Our February meeting was an Open Topic subject and our Guest judge was Rob Sloane of the Knox Photographic Society.

Rob's experience in Club judging was amply demonstrated and his clear and accurate comments were well received by members.

Top result on the night in the Open Prints went to Pam Rixon with an 95 for "Chelsea Beach Huts" followed closely by Graham Kay's 94 for "Gone Fishing". Graham also had a 93 for "Spread Eagle"

In the Small Prints Kevin Wilson scored a 92 for "Brown Goshawk, Moree" and Graham Kay's "Tranquil Munkayarra" scored an 80.

In the Digital Images May Foong scored an excellent 94 for "the Brides Morning". Chris Falla's "Three Creeks Servo, NZ", with a 93, was close behind as was David Greenwood's score of 92 for "Single Drop". Les Armstrong and Liesel Ingrassia also had fine scores for "Be Careful" and "Clear Lines 2" respectively.

Overall Graham Kay had 5 Merits/Honours with Pam Rixon achieving 4 and Judy Mitchell 3. There were 28 certificates awarded on the night.

Congratulations to our new members May Foong and David Greenwood for achieving Honours for their entries.

The full list of Merits/Honours appear later in the Newsletter and the top images in each category [and some extras] are on the website.

Our Next Meeting Is:

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

The Following 3 Months In Brief.

April 15th, 2016

The night of Annual General Meeting and our final meeting for the 2015-2016 year. The Committee is up for re-election.

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

Hand In Entries for next month's Open Topic

May 20th, 2016

Guest judge Barney Meyer will critique our Open Topic entries for April.

Barney will also present his own work titled "Hidden Melbourne"

Hand In Entries for next month's Open Topic

June 17th, 2016

Internal judging of our Open Topic entries for May followed by a presentation from local photographer, Allan Kleiman, titled "Big Pictures From Small Cameras".

Hand In Entries for next month's Set Subject – Doors And Windows

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 15th, 2016

The Annual General Meeting is conducted at the April gathering. On this night we review the past year's progress, introduce our new Program for 2015-2016 and hold elections for Committee. We also announce the winners of our Annual Aggregate Competitions.

Attached to this Newsletter is the formal advice of the AGM together with a nomination form for election to the Committee. Completion of the nomination form is self-explanatory and we urge members to consider standing.

Apart from the usual AGM items discussed we will be proposing the adoption of a new constitution that formalizes the inclusion of some items that are missing from our current constitution but must now, by law, be part of a new set of rules. These items have by law, been included by default since the laws changed but it is now time to include them in newly proposed Constitution.

A copy of the proposed Constitution will be available before, or at, the next meeting for perusal by the members in time for the AGM.

Nominations for Committee must be in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the date of the AGM. We urge members to consider standing for Committee.

Since this is the final meeting for our "Photographic Year" we should celebrate/commiserate the election of the new Committee, together with the winners of the Aggregate Competition[s].

It is fitting that we do so with a nice supper so please don't forget to bring a plate!!!

Judging Participants for the Next 3 Months are:

| Date | Judges | Observer |
|------------|---|----------------|
| Apr 2016 | Bruce Millikan, Bev Dillon and Glen Mills | Greg Swenser |
| May, 2016 | Barney Meyer | Visiting |
| June, 2016 | Phil Ryan, Les Armstrong and Liz Reen | Michael Walker |

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.**

A new judging panel for 2016-2017 has been compiled and forwarded to participants.

Set Subject Hand In Dates

| The Subject | Hand In |
|-------------------|----------|
| Doors and Windows | Jun 2016 |
| A Melbourne Icon | Feb 2017 |

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.

| | |
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| Monday, March 28 th | <i>Lang Lang Rodeo</i> |
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You should have received a "flyer" by email regarding our proposed trip to the Lang Lang Rodeo on Easter Monday and I am surprised that, at this stage only 7 members have responded.

This is certainly a different "entertainment" but you will get some great action shots besides enjoying a good day of fellowship with other members and you can invite a friend or family.

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.

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. We ask that all members rostered ensure that, where unavoidable changes occur, they give plenty of notice to Pam.

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|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Mar 2016 | Judy Mitchell and Glenn Mills |
| Apr 2016 | Barb and Bill Prudden |
| May 2016 | Fred Bath and Jennifer Jones |
| Jun 2016 | Ean Caldwell and Merv Ericson |
| July 2016 | Bev Dillon and Lois Thompson |
| Aug 2016 | Robbie Carter and Joanne Mellor |
| Sept 2016 | Ian and Pat Game |

VAPS 2016 – INTERCLUB COMPETITION

We have completed the selection of entries for the 2016 VAPS Interclub and the lists follow. Congratulations of course to all those members who have had images selected and particularly those for the first time.

The selection and judging of the entries to represent the Club is a big job and I would like to thank Arthur Lilley and Kay Mack for their hard work in reviewing the Digital entries and Marg Walton and Judy Mitchell for their great efforts with the Print selection.

Prints

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Les Armstrong | Early Morning - Blairgowrie |
| Les Armstrong | Two Of A Kind |
| Val Armstrong | Ready To Fly |
| Pat Game | Mist On The Campaspe River |
| Graham Kay | Cohuna Sunrise |
| Gary Leete | Eagles Nest |
| Arthur Lilley | Nirvana |
| Arthur Lilley | Stepping Out |
| Bruce Millikan | Waiting For Work |
| Bruce Millikan | If The Cap Fits |
| Judy Mitchell | Persian Garden |
| Judy Mitchell | Desert Road |
| Pam Rixon | Tower Bridge |
| Pam Rixon | Vintage Wine |
| Phil Ryan | Misty Morning Ride |

Digital Projected Images

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| John Wu | Bees And Peony |
| Pam Rixon | Castle Stalker |
| Graham Kay | Dinner Camp |
| Clive Watt | Eagles Nest |
| John Wu | Feeding Time |
| Bev Dillon | Inuit Girl |
| Chris Falla | Lemonade |
| Arthur Lilley | Lonely Beacon |
| Glen Mills | Outback Junk |
| Chris Falla | Pantheon, Rome |
| Marg Walton | Seafarer's Bridge |
| David Greenwood | Single Drop |
| Pam Rixon | Storm Over Arisaig |
| Val Armstrong | Unfurling |
| Phil Ryan | Where Man Has Been |

Open Prints – Honours and Merits

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|----|
| Pam Rixon | "Chelsea Beach Huts" | 95 |
| Graham Kay | "Gone Fishing" | 94 |
| Graham Kay | "Spread Eagle" | 93 |
| Graham Kay | "Dwarfed 2" | 89 |
| Judy Mitchell | "Desert Road" | 87 |
| Judy Mitchell | "Lost In Time" | 85 |
| Pam Rixon | "Jewells Of The Sea" | 85 |
| Val Armstrong | "Steady Progress" | 83 |
| Bruce Millikan | "Memories Of Mykonos" | 82 |
| Val Armstrong | "Evening Calm" | 80 |

Pam's "Chelsea Beach Huts" is not available so here is Graham's excellent "Gone Fishing"



Digital Projected Images – Honours And Merits

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| May Foong | "The Brides Morning" | 94 |
| Chris Falla | "Three Creeks Servo, NZ" | 93 |
| David Greenwood | "Single Drop" | 92 |
| Les Armstrong | "Be Careful" | 91 |
| Liesel Ingrassia | "Clear Lines 2" | 91 |
| Kay Mack | "Rose And Shadow" | 85 |
| Pam Rixon | "Abandoned Hut" | 82 |
| David Greenwood | "Rockpool" | 80 |
| Ian Holowko | "Angorochina, Flinders Ranges" | 80 |

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|------------------|----------------------|----|
| Pam Rixon | "Storm Over Arisaig" | 80 |
| May Foong | "The Wheel" | 77 |
| Liesel Ingrassia | "Rejuvenated Myers" | 76 |
| Graham Kay | "Evening Glow" | 76 |
| John Wu | "Gingko Leaves" | 76 |

And here is May's "The Brides Morning"



Small Prints – Merits And Honours

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----|
| Kevin Wilson | "Brown Goshawk, Moree" | 92 |
| Graham Kay | "Tranquil Munkayarra" | 80 |
| Kevin Wilson | "Darter in A Hurry, Bourke" | 78 |
| Judy Mitchell | "Shepherds Shelter" | 76 |

Here is Kevin's "Brown Goshawk, Moree"



Special Interest Groups

Urban Landscape Group

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

The next meeting will be **on Saturday March 19th** at the Lindsay Fox Classic Car Collection at 749 – 755 Collins Street, Docklands [across Spencer Street down past the Age building].

Open from 10am – 1pm with free onsite car parking available at the rear - but for the length of the tour only.

Entry cost is:

\$12 – adults/ \$10 – Concession

\$ 5 – for schoolkids under 12

Payment is by cash only – no EFTPOS.

Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack – 9850 9621]

[Repeat]

The group met on 02 February 2016 at Greenslopes.

Present were DCC members: Phil, Pam, Peggy, Ralph, Les, Val, Kay, Judy M, Judy D, Bev, and our returning visitor, June.

Initial discussion centred on planning for our presentation to the March club meeting.

Members showing new work were:

Kay: a printed book titled My Narrowed World that includes photos taken while she was in rehab and those taken in the grounds of Greenslopes.

Val & Les: had made up an album together of images from a recent visit to Geelong during the Festival of Sails and featuring a good selection from the Adventure Park.

Judy M: shared a beautiful printed book in which she had collected Faces of people she had met and communicated with throughout the world.

Pam: has completed her mammoth project photographing all 145 accessible piers and jetties of Port Phillip Bay. The resulting book was so beautiful and caused so much interest that not everyone had time to look through it. She has promised to bring it again next time for those who missed out.

June: has been photographing the birds and creatures that visit her Donvale garden and the prints of these showed up well against the black paper of the book in which she had collected them.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday 22 March. Starting time 1.30 p.m. sharp. Same 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.

The next meeting will be held on April 6th at 2pm – usual place!

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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A Short Interlude

"After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were astonished to find that the Titanic's swimming pool was still full"

"Just Briefly"



David Cooper

The Cooper family have written to the Club expressing thanks for the concern and support that members showed during the time of David's illness and subsequent death.

The email was from David's son and reads:

*"Dear President and Camera Club Family
On behalf of my mum and all our family I wish to thank you and the whole camera club family for your support and nice cards after Dads accident and his passing, it has been a hard and sad time for us all, the loss of our father and especially for our mum has been very hard to deal with and your support has been a great help. Dad had done many things in his life and one of the great joys was his involvement with the camera club and the many friends he made there, from all your calls and cards I know you are feeling the pain of his loss, and as a family we thank you all for thoughts and for making dad a part of your family.*

Sincerely

*David Cooper Jnr
[David's son]*

Snow in Dublin

[A funny? joke from the house of Dikschei!]

On a bitterly cold winter morning an Irish husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through" so the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through" The good wife went out and moved her car again. The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You

must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice from all men who are married, the husband replied,

"Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

Australian Photographic Society – Photo Book Competition 2016

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A competition for this popular photo book format. There is a prize pool of \$500 on offer.

Entry open to APS members and State affiliated Camera Club members [this means DCC Club members].

The maximum allowable size for your book is A4 and it can be in any format - portrait, landscape (21cmx29cm) or square (21cmx21cm).

The maximum number of pages is 60 (30 sheets).

The content of your book is entirely up to you within the bounds of propriety and may have a soft or hard cover.

Photographer, Marianne Lim, Artist, Robert Hannaford and Portrait Photographer, Jennie Groom will judge the books according to the usual photographic standards in September 2016.

Check the APS web site - <http://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/competitions> and Facebook page. [The competition entry forms are on this page towards the bottom of the competition listing]

For further details contact: Yvonne Hill - hilly308@bigpond.com and entries go to Yvonne at PO Box 7074 Paralowie SA 5108 by 31 Aug 2016.

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde.

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow.

Another Short Interlude

"Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin Council's Swimming Baths have announced they have closed lanes 7 and 8."

White Elephant Stall

[Repeat]

We have held these successful fundraisers in the past fundraisers [and they are an opportunity for members to unload those unwanted gifts!]

March is a bit soon and the April meeting a little busy with the AGM, Aggregate Awards etc. – so maybe we will try for May 2016 and I would like a couple of volunteers to take charge.

The rules are that you can, within reason, bring anything you like to the night and the proceeds benefit the Club. However if they remain unsold you have to take them home with you.

Kay Mack has donated a large collection of excellent photography books that will be of keen interest to members – Kay has a great eye for photo books and you won't be disappointed.

In the past preserves have also been popular and if you are looking for direction then I am badly in need of some hot tomato relish!!

Tell me at the next meeting if you can volunteer [pricing, man the stall, collect the money – that sort of thing].

So far I only have the one volunteer for the White Elephant Stall – thank you Judy Dunn!

Technical/Technique Corner

Some interesting, and I hope helpful, articles from the Digital Camera World Website and others.

Sometimes these articles are brand specific but more often than not the points discussed are relevant to all cameras. If Canon has a certain function – so will Nikon/Pentax just with a different name

4 Hidden Lightroom Features

<https://photographylife.com/four-hidden-lightroom-features#more-124286>

Users of Lightroom might find this article useful.

7 Focusing Features You May Never Have Used

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2016/02/21/7-focusing-features-you-may-have-never-used/>

These relate mainly to the Canon/Nikon DSLR's but some of the features [or maybe all?] are usually available on all camera brands.

Back button focussing is a great system when you get used to it!

Expose to the right: the camera technique every landscape photographer must know

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2012/11/07/expose-to-the-right-the-camera-technique-every-landscape-photographer-must-know/>

I might have featured a similar article previously but it's a technique worth repeating.

The technical theory behind it is that there is more detail available in the lighter parts of your image [the right side on your histogram] than in the darker areas. To obtain that detail for later processing you might be better off slightly overexposing your shots. This does not mean you should have that histogram *climbing up the right hand wall*. Completely overexposed shots are just that – completely overexposed.

This is a technique that's probably best suited to landscape - drawing cloud detail from a light sky.

360 Degrees Panorama

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/h3LeVGOBjSg>

Another You Tube video titled "Air Pano".

It won the "VR/360 Photo" category in the Epson International Pano Awards.

Spectacular – photography has come a long way!!

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]

The registration forms for the convention are now available and can be downloaded from the VAPS website at www.vaps.org.au.

The approach via the VAPS website is interactive [register online] but you can download them and fill by hand if you wish.

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

There are lots of details available in the latest copy of Newsbrief that you can download from the VAPS website – see previous article for a link.

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 and wineries to the west around Corowa/Rutherglen.

This sounds like the spot for taking in both the convention and an extra few days for sightseeing.

That's all this month!

John