



# Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

Doncaster Camera Club Inc.  
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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].**

## December 2016 – End Of Year Meeting

A Happy New Year to all members!

The December meeting was our gala End Of Year competition – our "Best Of The Best" – and it proved to be just that!

Our judges were members of the Maroondah Photographic Society who were represented on the night by Adrian Smith who did a sterling job delivering the comments on the entries.

It was pleasing to see some new faces in the winning circle and congratulations must go to all the winners and place getters.

The winning images along with a list of all the placing's appear later in the Newsletter and are also on the website where they 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, thanks to Phil Ryan for his excellent work in preparing the certificates and to those members who assisted in the afternoon in setting up the hall and to those who contributed to the delicious supper.

## The Following 4 Months In Brief

### January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting

Internal judging of the December "Open Topic" hand-in.

Showing of member's Audio Visuals.

**Hand In February "Open Topic" entries**

## **February 17th, 2017 Meeting**

Our guest judge will be Matt Irwin who did such a good job last year with his energetic comments and his presentation afterwards. A night to look forward to!

### **Hand In Set Subject entries for March – "A Melbourne Icon"**

#### **March 17th, 2017**

Internal judging of February's Set Subject – "A Melbourne Icon"

Presentation by the members of the Urban Landscape Group

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

#### **April 21st, 2017**

Annual General Meeting  
Presentation of Annual Aggregate trophies

Internal judging of March Open Topic Entries

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

**The Committee are presently preparing the 2017-2018 program and that will be available at the April AGM.**

### **Judging Participants for the Next 4 Months are:**

Date	Judges	Observer
Feb, 2017	<i>Matt Irwin – visiting Judge</i>	
Mar 2017	<i>Peter Layton, TBA and Bev Dillon</i>	May Foong
Apr 2017	<i>Bruce Millikan, Robbie Carter and TBA</i>	John Wu
May 2017	<i>Bill Millar – visiting judge</i>	

Can't make the date? Then you must advise the Judging Steward, John Smith, *and the monthly coordinator [the judge listed in italics]* as soon as possible.

### **Set Subject – Hand In Dates**

The Subject	Hand In
A Melbourne Icon	Feb 2017
Odd Couple	Jun 2017

Note the selection of a new Set Subject for June 2017.

## **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.

## **Supper Roster Details - 2017**

Jan 2017	Pat and Ian Game
Feb 2017	Judy Mitchell and Judy Dunn
Mch 2017	Barb and Bill Prudden
Apr 2017	Lois Thompson and Ron Clark
May 2017	Bev Dillon and Merv Ericson
Jun 2017	Robbie Carter and Joanne Mellor

## **Linking To The Website**

All of our members should, by now, be aware of our excellent website, set up and managed by Phil Ryan.

It is a mine of information on Club "happened and happenings" and Phil does great job of keeping things up to date and relevant.

Many Club members [and non club members] are "linked" to the web site i.e. they receive a notice when information is added/ changed and so are always in the loop.

Because a number of members are not linked a Committee decision was made to link the remaining members who have not "signed on"

*Some members may wish to remain "unsigned" so we will delay the "linking" until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to allow those with objections to inform Phil at philcoll@bigpond.net.au that you wish to remain unlinked.*

## **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.

Proposed Date	Venue
Sunday, Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Southbank/ Fed Square

Our last evening shoot to the Southbank/ Docklands area was a great success – about 20 members attended.

We are looking at February 19<sup>th</sup> as the date [it's well after the tennis so hopefully no crowding!]

It is intended to be a *night shoot* and we are proposing an early [5.30pm – 6pm] pizza supper in Fed Square at Il Pom to start proceedings. Members can then take photos as you wish until the sunset – 8.14pm approx.

We will have a flyer with all the details issued in the next week or 10 days so watch out for that.

## **End Of Year Results - 2016**

### **Ed Conway Memorial Trophy – Landscape Print Of The Year**

There is only one winner for this trophy and congratulations go to Pam Rixon for "El Chalten Falls" – and here is El Chalten Falls



And here is Pam receiving her trophy from Rosemary Conway – Ed Conway's daughter.



### **Ralph Petty Perpetual Trophy – Small Print Of The Year**

Placing's	Member	Title
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Judy Mitchell	"Holy Light"
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Robbie Carter	Easy Living

Congratulations to Judy and here is "Holy Light"



And here is Judy accepting her trophy from Ralph.



**Fred Schult Memorial Trophy - Best Print Of The Year**

Placing's	Member	Title
1st Place	Arthur Lilley	White Out
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Pam Rixon	Branscombe Blacksmith
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Pam Rixon	Night Steppers

Congratulations to Arthur and here is "White Out"



Here is Arthur receiving his trophy from Jill Parkinson as a representative of our landlord.



**Denis Thompson Memorial Trophy – DPI Of The Year**

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

Placing	Member	Title
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Michael Walker	African Kudu
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Val Armstrong	Cream and Mauve
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Pam Rixon	Nesting

Congratulations to Michael and here is "African Kudu"

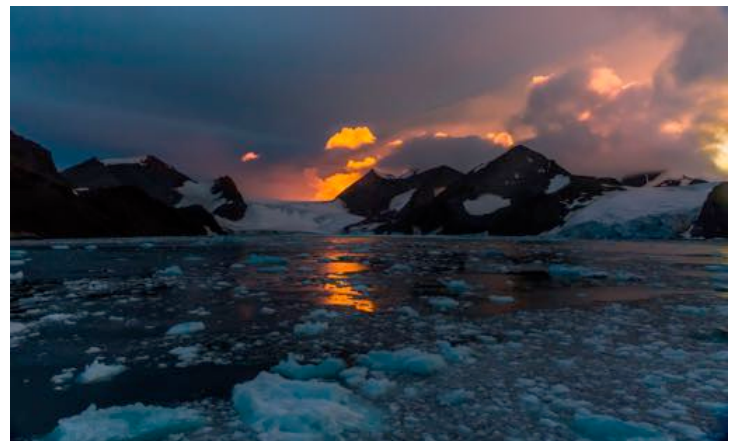


And here is Michael accepting his trophy from young Lois Thompson



**Ron Johnson Memorial Trophy – DPI Landscape Image of the Year**

One winner only in this section and that too was Michael Walker with "Antarctic Sunset"



And here is Michael accepting his trophy from long-time DCC supporter, Brian Amos of Eastern FM.



*I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.*

*The only reason they say "Women and children first" is to test the strength of the lifeboats.*

## **Special Interest Groups**

### **Urban Landscape Group**

[Coordinator: Adrian Donoghue - 9439 7904]

**[Repeat]**

The most recent Urban Landscape Outing was a visit to Montsalvat on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Only 6 members made the day - not a lot considering the excellent venue and the great weather we enjoyed.

Images from the day are on the website and we are indeed lucky to have such an interesting cultural asset as Montsalvat – you do forget the little oases we have dotted around Melbourne.

Watch this space for news of the next outing.

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### **Themes and Series Group**

[Coordinator: Kay Mack – 9850 9621]

Themes & Series Group

**[Repeat]**

The most recent T & S meeting was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 7 members present with a number of apologies.

**Phil** showed us a beautiful photo album of Scenes from the Balcony of a place in which he & Colleen have stayed in Coolangatta.

**Les & Val** had a printed book made to share their photographs, and those taken by members of their family, as a memento of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary trip to the Jamala Wildlife Lodge in the National Zoo, Canberra.

**Judy M.** put together her experiments with layer masks in a printed book of Flowers.

**Kay** showed the second book she has produced using her monochrome photographs to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Templestowe Park Primary School: The Trees of Templestowe Park.

**Pam** shared her 2017 calendar. And **Arthur** brought along some of Bev's beautiful mince pies.

We've set the date for the next meeting as Tuesday 17 January 2017. 1.30 pm at Greenslopes. No set theme ... although Fragments was floated as a suggestion.

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*"We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea".*

## **Audio Visual Group**

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644

[avgroup@doncastercameraclub.org.au](mailto:avgroup@doncastercameraclub.org.au)

**[Repeat]**

The most recent meeting was held in October with 7 members in attendance.

The group watched and discussed the following sequences:

- Arthur showed his The Rocky Mountaineer production as he took us along on his visit through the majestic Canadian Rockies.
- Pam showed us Cuba – Country In Waiting with a new and improved narration.
- Ian introduced Dinner Plains on a snowy foggy morning with some artistic transitions between images
- Clive showed us that visiting a location such as Templestowe's swinging bridge at different times of the day could result in an enjoyable show – and with platypus!
- Liesel entertained us with her extensive visits to parts of the United Mistakes Of America.
- Phil showed us a new doco on the always interesting Montsalvat, the location of the most recent Urban Landscape Group outing.

Another discussion on narration followed with Clive explaining the differences and values of compression and normalisation of narration and other sounds.

Next meeting will be used to finalize those AV's to be shown at the Club's January 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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## **VAPS 2017- Monash University**

### **Peninsula Campus**

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**[Repeat]**

A long way to go but some advance notice that next year's VAPS Conference will be relatively local in Frankston [after 2 years in the bush] Put it in your diary! More to follow.

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## **Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society Garden Party February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*[Repeat]*

*The Camera Club has a long relationship with the Historical Society and the Society is again holding it's annual Garden party at Schramm's Cottage.*

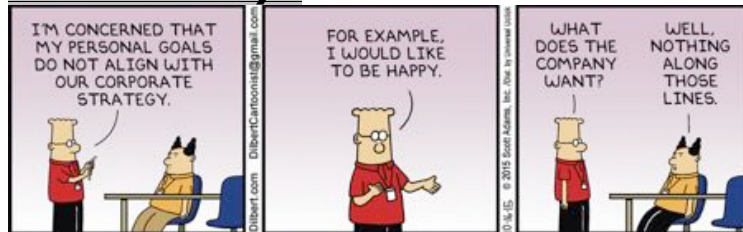
*It's a spit roast followed by desserts, tea and coffee at a cost of \$25 per head. The roast is served at 6.30pm and you need to bring your own wine, beer or soft drink. It is also suggested you bring a chair and perhaps a folding table [the meals are served outdoors]*

**Bookings no later than February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017** and payments [cheques payable to Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society Inc] to:  
Mr Graeme McIntyre,  
12 Moore Drive,  
Doncaster East 3108.

*Enquiries to Graeme and Glenys McIntyre on 9848 3264 or leave a message at Schramm's Cottage on 9848 7508. There is ample parking surrounding Schramm's Cottage.*

This is a pleasant evening under the stars and many of DCC's members attend.

## **"Just Briefly"**



## **Technical/Technique Corner And Other Matters**

Some interesting, and I hope helpful, articles from the wide world of the Internet.

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

Sometimes the articles/links are not even about cameras and gear!!

## **The Year In Pictures – New York Times**

[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/12/22/sunday-review/2016-year-in-pictures.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/12/22/sunday-review/2016-year-in-pictures.html?_r=0)

This is a stunning selection of photojournalism images compiled by the New York Times. There are a lot of them and, of course, very American centric [and 2016 election centric!] but worth the effort – even if you just dip in.

The resolution of modern cameras combined with good computer screens makes many of these images jump off the screen.

<https://medium.com/the-white-house/behind-the-lens-2016-year-in-photographs-9e2c8733bbb3#.pr3c2ujyv>

This next link is completely USA centric – a selection of shots by an official White House photographer during Barack Obama's term.

Probably not as interesting to some as the previous link but I enjoyed it. If you watch then try to imagine Donald Trump instead of Obama in the pictures – somehow Donald just doesn't work!!

Again the clarity of the images is outstanding.

*"Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing an Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap".*

## **Andrew Thomas – Exhibition At Creswick**

<http://andrewthomasphotographer.blogspot.com.au/>

**[Repeat]**

*Many members will know Andrew Thomas – a very popular and talented Ballarat photographer who has judged and presented at the Club.*

*Andrew currently has images in a joint exhibition titled "Then And Now" at the Creswick Museum. Andrew's modern images sit in tandem with older, original images of mining in the Creswick area.*

*You will see from his website just how good a photographer Andrew is. If you intend to visit that area up to Mid March 2017 then a viewing would be worthwhile.*

*Opening times are limited to Saturday, Sunday and public holidays between 11am and 3.30pm*

*Thanks to Kay Mack for that information.*

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## **Colour Factory – Exhibitions**

### Group Chemistry- Friends Of Photography

<http://www.colourfactory.com.au/fine-art-exhibitions-melbourne/upcoming-exhibitions/>

Saturday, 21 January to Saturday, 18 February

"Group Chemistry' is the first exhibition of the Melbourne-based Friends of Photography Group (FoPG). It invites the viewer to see the works through two different contexts of chemistry: the scientific magic of what takes place in the darkroom, turning a latent image into a visible and tangible print through the use of chemical know-how; and the harder-to-see chemistry of a group of people sharing knowledge and experience, building community and encouraging creativity and technical experimentation"

If we cut through much of the rhetoric then we get, what I think will be, an interesting exhibition of images from photographers who are still shooting large format "fillum". They still lock themselves in dark rooms with lots of interesting chemicals to produce their work! That's dedication!!

### THE GATHERING

<http://www.colourfactory.com.au/fine-art-exhibitions-melbourne/upcoming-exhibitions/>

Saturday, 21 January to Saturday, 18 February

"The Gathering is a group exhibition featuring photographs shot by local artists who meet on weekends to shoot, process and print at **Gold Street Studios**. A group between 20 to 30 photographers will each be showing one work shot on large format film and hand printed in the darkroom".

This exhibition marks 10 years of The Gathering".

These exhibitions are seemingly running concurrently? That's probably because their association with the Gold Street Studios in Trentham links many of the photographers involved.

The Group Chemistry will be by professionals and The Gathering will feature many amateurs who will, I am sure, have excellent work to show

This is probably only 15-20 minutes down the Eastern Freeway for most members and the exhibition opens next Saturday at 1pm for 2 hours.

Click on the link to the Colour Factory for all the other opening times.

*The Colour Factory  
409/429 Gore Street  
Fitzroy*

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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 November edition can be found at:*

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

**Note: Rather than log on to the website each month to read Newsbrief you can sign up to have a copy e-mailed to you each month at no cost.**

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That's all this month – a light one as we struggle through the heat of summer.

John