



# Doncaster Camera Newsletter Club

Doncaster Camera Club Inc.  
PO Box 1673 Doncaster East 3109  
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February 2019

## Club Information

### President/Newsletter Editor

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Liz Reen Ph: 9 890 3401

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### Committee Members:

Margaret Walton

Graham Kay

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### How To Contact Us

Mail: PO Box 1673 Doncaster East 3109

### Attend a Meeting:

Visitors are most welcome to come to one of our monthly meetings and discuss membership details.

### Email:

[doncastercameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:doncastercameraclub@gmail.com)

### Web site:

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

### Meetings:

The Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at the East Doncaster Baptist Church, 47 – 53 Tunstall Road, Doncaster East, 3109 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.~~

**Currently on hold pending a possible change of venue.**

**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 2019

Our January meeting was an Open Subject Competition and our judges were Peter Layton and Bev Dillon.

Our thanks as always to our internal judges and in particular to Peter who went out of his way to add, with the permission of the entrants, extra comment and suggestions to a number of the entries that made our evening into a small workshop. Thank you, Peter!

Best scores in the Open Prints went to Pam Rixon with a 90 for "Beyond The Bridge" and an 85 for "Lake Hawea". Les Armstrong scored an 80 for "Colourful Gazania"

In the Small Prints Judy Mitchell's "Shapes Within Shapes" scored a 75 and was the only Merit in that category.

In The Digital Images scores of 80 went to Marg Walton scored for "Princes Pier" and "Stormy Spire" and Michael Walker for "Crabby".

All the placings and the *winning images* from each section follow later in the Newsletter.

We completed the evening, as always for a January, with an excellent presentation of the talents of the club's "audio visualists". Great work on display that we hope can be entered in the forthcoming VAPS competition.

Thanks to Phil Ryan for the organization of the presentation

### **This Month's Meeting**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Our February competition is an Open Subject and our guest judge and presenter is Vicki Moritz.

***Hand In Entries For the Set Subject "A Touch Of Yellow"***

## **The Following 2 Months In Brief**

### **March 15th, 2019**

Internal judging of our February hand-in

Presentation by Club member, Pam Rixon, on her visit to "Scotland's Outer Isles"

### **Hand In Entries for March's Open Topic**

### **April 19th, 2019**

Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers for 2019-2020

Presentation of the Annual Aggregate Awards

Internal judging of our March Hand - In.

### **Hand In entries For April's Open Topic**

### **Judges for the Following 3 months are:**

Date	Judges	Observer
Mar 2019	<i>Graham Kay, Robbie Carter and Glenn Mills</i>	n/a
Apr 2019	<i>Bruce Millikan, Judy Mitchell and Michael Walker</i>	n/a

Can't make the date? Then you must advise the Judging Steward, John Smith on 0428678972, and the monthly co-ordinator [*the judge listed in italics*] as soon as possible.

With the end of the Club year approaching we are working on the compilation of a new schedule for the 2019-2020 year which will be circulated to all.

### **Set Subject – Hand In Dates**

The Subject	Hand In
<i>A Touch Of Yellow</i>	<i>Feb 2019</i>
<i>Bridges</i>	<i>July 2019</i>
<i>Solitude</i>	<i>Feb 2020</i>

## **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 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 – 2018/2019**

Feb 2019	Bruce Millikan and TBA
Mar 2019	Barb and Bill Prudden
Apr 2019	TBA and Peter Stone
May 2019	Robbie Carter and Joanne Mellor
Jun 2019	Judy Dunn and Judy Mitchell

## **Our Sponsor!!**

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We are pleased to welcome the Hall Of Frame in Doncaster East as our official sponsor. They are situated at the south end of Tunstall Square shopping centre. Many of our members in the immediate Doncaster East area may have already used their service and we ask that all Club members support those who are supporting us!!

Our thanks to Pam Ford and her team and we look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship.

Note: We are due to renew our sponsorship in a month or so. Before we approach could members tell me if they have used their services. It may avoid some awkwardness.

## **Social Events/Outings**

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
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February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Docklands Photo Shoot
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Our last evening outing to the Docklands was a great success with plenty of opportunities available in the long evening twilight.

More details to come when we know the numbers but if you are interested the **please advise Pam Rixon on 0421 813 531 or [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com)**

## **White Elephant Stall – February 2019**

*We now have our volunteers to man the stall [but more are welcome] Thanks to Bev Dillon and Judy Dunn*

***We need items to sell.*** *It would be helpful for members to bring any items early with a label to indicate what they are if that is not clearly obvious and perhaps an idea of its worth?*

***We will have a table[s] set up for the display but do remember if your items do not sell then you have to take them back!***

John Wu's has made an excellent offer of legitimate licenses for a suite of offerings from ACDSEE software!!!!

The offers cover both WIN and MAC and they will be available at a price you cannot refuse – well worth even a trial.

Here is a link to ACDSEE product comparison: <https://www.acdsee.com/en/index>

And a further link to You Tube videos for training: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixVvEjPyns0>

Thanks John!

## **Monthly Competition Results**

### **Open Prints**

Pam Rixon	Beyond The Bridge	90
Pam Rixon	Lake Hawea	85
Les Armstrong	Colourful Gazania	80
Judy Mitchell	Patterns	80
Pam Rixon	New Day For Old Poles	75
Arthur Lilley	Chef's Cap	75
Judy Mitchell	Visiting The Mosque	75

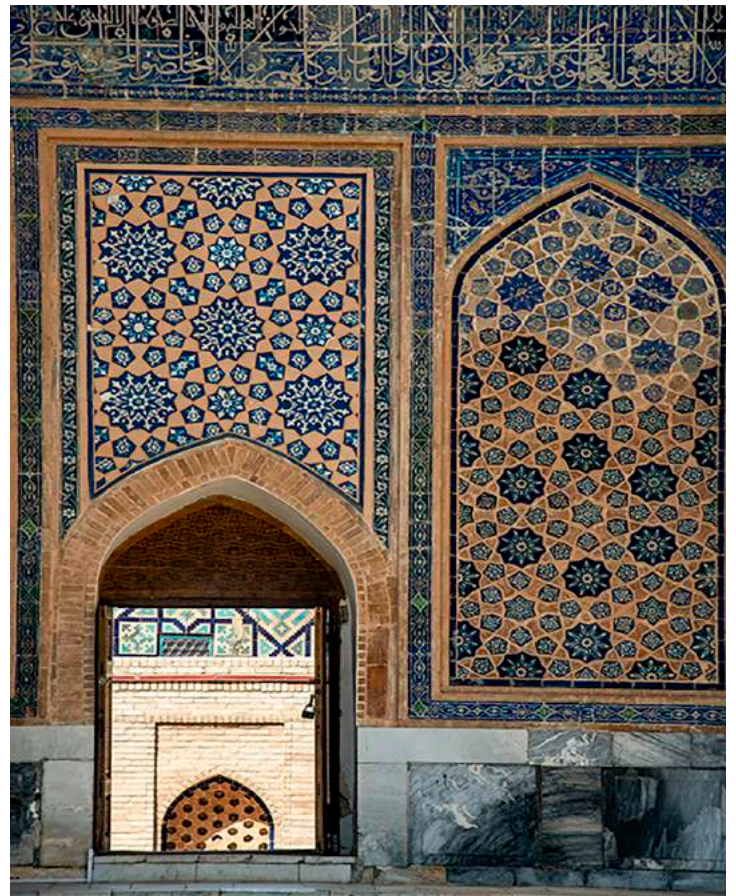
Here is Pam's "Beyond The Bridge"



### **Small Prints**

Judy Mitchell	Shapes Within Shapes	75
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Here is Judy's "Shapes Within Shapes"



### **Digital Projected Images**

Marg Walton	Princes Pier	80
Michael Walker	Crabby	80
Marg Walton	Stormy Spire	80
Peter Stone	Quite The Fun Guy	75
Peter Stone	Blowin' In The Wind	75
Kevin Wilson	Goose Takeoff	75
Les Armstrong	Having A Scratch	75

Here is Marg's 'Princes Pier'



## **MENTORS/WORKSHOPS**

Members are welcome to contact the mentors but please remember, it is the mentor's right to determine time and place. Please be patient.

### **Lightroom**

Graham Kay  
[0403 199 713]

### **Photoshop**

Marg Walton  
[9848 4823]

### **Printing**

Arthur Lilley  
[9842 5257]

### **Composition And Other Fundamentals**

Peter Layton  
[0409 947 618]

### **Colour Management/ Calibration**

Glenn Mills  
[9857 4730]

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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 2019-2020 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 the standard proposed motion that we need to confirm each year.

Also attached is a nomination form for election to the Committee. Completion of the nomination form is self-explanatory.

Nominations for Committee must be in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the date of the AGM [April 5<sup>th</sup>]. We urge members to consider standing for Committee.

***Since this is the final meeting for our "Photographic Year" it is fitting that we celebrate with a nice supper so please don't forget to bring a plate!!***

***Would members who were awarded trophies at the last AGM [that includes the President's Trophy] please return them to Arthur Lilley at the March meeting so they can be engraved in time.***

## **Important – On The Subject of Nominations For Committee**

I will not be standing for the Presidency or Committee this year so, at the least, we will need a new President. Phil Ryan is also stepping down and, with his departure, and the fact we are allowed 9 on the Committee, there is room for up to four new members on Committee [although that should not stop more members putting their names forward] .

All Clubs are run by volunteers and it's not fair to assume that they will be run by the same group of volunteers each year.

The personal situations of those "regulars" do change and that results in a need a break from the responsibilities of club duty. So it is important for members to consider nominating for the Committee to do "their bit".

Rotating Committee members also brings fresh ideas and new outlooks and that is important in keeping the Club relevant.

**"THE DONCASTER CAMERA CLUB EXPECTS EVERY MEMBER TO DO HIS OR HER DUTY"**

## **Printing Workshop in Mount Waverley- April 10th**

Our proposed Printing Workshop date is now set for Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The address is:  
Starleaton DES Pty Ltd  
Unit 5, 163-179 Forster Road,  
MOUNT WAVERLEY  
7pm to 9.30pm [lots of time!]

***We need at least 10 participants***

***If you are interested in joining the group please let Pam Rixon know on 0421 813 531 or [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com)***

Please let Pam know early as we don't want to have to cancel at the last minute through lack of numbers.

Please bring along some images [on a USB stick] that you might want to print. They will be using Hahnemuhle paper [top quality] so there is an opportunity to get a freebie done!

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## **2019 VAPS Convention – Traralgon May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>**

The annual VAPS Convention is fast approaching and will this year be hosted by the Latrobe Valley Camera Club with most of the activities being conducted at the Federal University Campus in nearby Churchill.

Last year's event was a great success and this year's promises to be just as good with a line-up of interesting speakers and activities already arranged.

The application forms will soon be available but, if you are planning to attend, then I suggest you do something early about accommodation.

Last year we had a great attendance despite the distance to Warrnambool. This year the conference is on "our side" of the state and more convenient.

The Committee will be meeting shortly to select our entries in the VAPS Competition – 15 prints and 15 digitals. We did well last year and I just know we will do well this year!

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## **Volunteers for Anzac Day Parade on April 25<sup>th</sup> [Thursday]**

For the past 4 years we have been asked by the Royal Australian Engineers [Reservists] to take photos of them participating in the Anzac Day Parade.

They have extended the invitation again this year and so we are looking for volunteers to be spread over the length of the parade to photograph them as they form up, march to the Shrine Of Remembrance, march off and then assemble on the south steps of the Shrine for a group photo.

*To manage that we need about 8 photographers to cover all points.*

They pay us \$300 for our efforts – all good help for our finances so all who volunteer help the Club.

The one proviso we have made is that the "shoot" is weather dependant. If it's wet then we don't go – no one wants their cameras damaged.

There is some post processing work involved but it's not onerous ["touchup", conversion in size and to .jpg]

If you are able to help please contact me on 9890 2957 or at [johnsmith3941@gmail.com](mailto:johnsmith3941@gmail.com)

*I would appreciate an early response as I need to get back to the RAE shortly.*

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## **Scenic Special Interest Group [Scenic SIG]**

You will all remember that we had previously proposed the idea of a "Landscape Special Interest Group" and many members had expressed an initial interest in being involved.

The Landscape SIG has been advanced a further step with the proposal to fold the former "Urban Landscape" concept into the group and re-title the new group as the "Scenic Special Interest Group" which, as the name suggests, involves all types of scenery – urban and landscape.

The organizers [Pam and Marg] are keen to see that the proposed group does not become just a social outing with little structure and that is all explained in the attached document.

The proposed new group will provide plenty of benefit to all members in terms of interesting outings [involving both urban and traditional landscape] and a learning experience through more involvement in the processing and critique of the images.

Read the document with all the details and the rest is up to you.

Contact Pam at [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com) or 0421 813 531

Contact Marg at [marg@australianscenics.com](mailto:marg@australianscenics.com) or 9848 4823

Thanks to Pam, Marg and Phil and Colleen Ryan for their work on bringing it altogether.

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**ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?**

**WITNESS: He's 20, very close to your IQ.**

## **Three Competitions** **Currently On The Go!!**

### **46<sup>th</sup> Warragul National** **Photographic Exhibition 2019**

<http://www.warragulnational.org/>

This is one of only three National Competitions held in Victoria under the auspices of the Australian Photographic Society.

It must be good – it has been going for 46 years!

In the past our members have been keen entrants and have enjoyed great success over the years.

There are some good cash prizes on offer that would defray some expenses?

All the details are at the above website or enquire from Pam Rixon, Marg Walton, Arthur Lilley and Val and Les Armstrong about logistics - they have all participated in the past!

**Note: Entries close on March 27th**

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### **Australian Bureau Of** **Meteorology – Weather** **Calendar Competition**

<http://www.bom.gov.au/calendar/contest/>

From the e-mail we received:

*"We're getting in touch because we thought you and your members might be interested in the Australian Weather Calendar photo competition. We're also running a live event on Facebook this Friday where you can ask questions about weather and photography— and you can read a blog article featuring top tips from previous competition winners.*

*Check out their amazing photos while you're there. Please pass this email to anyone you think might be interested—and happy weather snapping!"*

Follow the link for all the details [and the Terms And Conditions!!]

Everybody has some weather photos!!

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**ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?**  
**WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.**

## **National Digital Portrait** **Competition 2019**

<https://natportrait.myphotoclub.com.au/>

This is the e-mail [in part] that I received that may interest some members while involving a worthy cause. Follow the link above for full details.

*"I am writing to inform your members of a national photography competition they may be interested in. The National Digital Portrait Exhibition 2019 is a photography competition circuit with five judging panels. This means your entries go into five separate competitions for the one entry fee of \$34. This competition is now open for entries and closes on March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

***The exhibition is conducted in accordance with the recommendations and approval of the Australian Photographic Society (APS) with 60 APS medals, ribbons and recognition towards honours available to entrants.***

*This competition is informally titled "Portraits for Parkinson's", as 25% of your entry fee will be donated to aid Parkinson's Disease support groups in your state."*

### **Leader Newspaper's Offer** **To Publish Photographs**

[leadernews.com.au/manninghampics](http://leadernews.com.au/manninghampics)

Leader Newspapers have written to interested parties to advise that they are happy to accept reader's images for publication in the local newspaper.

I doubt they are looking for "fine art" and you could assume that your images of local news and events would have a better chance of publication! They will give you proper attribution by way of a by line.

The details are available at the above link which contains, as usual, the "Terms And Conditions" Do read the "Terms and Conditions" as I suspect that they will contain many conditions that, in the event of an award-winning photograph, might benefit the Leader more than you.

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### **Update On Ron Clark's** **condition**

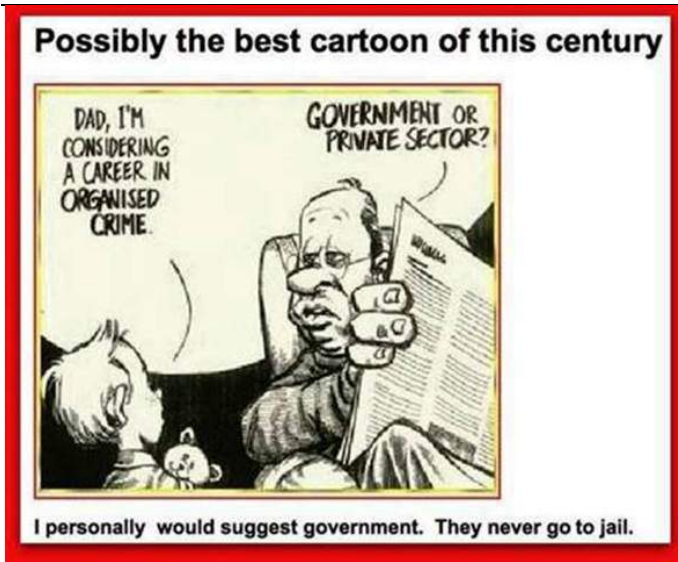
Ron has been discharged from hospital and is currently resting at home. He is undergoing chemotherapy so still has a way to go.

## **Ralph's In Hospital!**

Ralph Petty has also landed in hospital at the Donvale Rehab.

Peggy tells me it's nothing too serious but it requires medical supervision while he recovers – in about a week.

Get well Ralph



## **Special Interest Groups**

### Urban Landscape Group

*See now the entry under "Scenic Special Interest Group"*

### Themes and Series Group

[Coordinator: Kay Mack –]  
[Temporary Co-ordinator – Peggy Petty – 9842 1336]

Our current theme over a few months is letters of the alphabet, either something starting with each letter of the alphabet, or something in the shape of each letter. We are enjoying the challenge as it is making us think differently.

Beverley is focusing on taking hers in Ballarat, in particular the sculptures of past Australian Prime Ministers in the Ballarat Gardens. This is a challenge to get them in the correct lighting.

Val is photographing beautiful flowers from her garden, each starting with a different letter.

Les is looking for animals starting with each letter.

Judy found herself challenged to try new things in the printing of a number of photos on one large page, depicting Iran A – K for her first one. Peggy is looking for natural or man-made objects in the shape of each letter.

We are a small friendly group and happy to welcome any new members to join us, just speak to any of us for details.

Our next get together is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm. We talk about what we have taken, look at each other's work and finish with a cuppa.

*The group are keen to boost their numbers so, if you have an interest in photographing in "themes" and "series" I am sure you will gain [or give] some inspiration by involvement in the group!*

### Audio Visual Group

Coordinator: Phil Ryan - 9846 6644  
[avgroup@doncastercameraclub.org.au](mailto:avgroup@doncastercameraclub.org.au)  
[Repeat"]

*The most recent meeting was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*The meeting consisted of:*

*A review and discussion of the experience in using Audacity for sound editing as covered in our previous meeting. A number of members had applied some of the suggestions that had been made and related their results.*

*A discussion on suitable microphones available at a reasonable cost. Glenn offered to do research and make recommendations.*

*Each member present showed recent completed, or work in progress, AV productions and each was discussed and suggestions made.*

*Date of next meeting to be advised.*

### Expressions of Interest – Black And White Special Interest Group [SIG] [Repeat]

If any members are interested in starting a SIG solely for the purpose of improving our knowledge and producing Black and White images then please let Graham Kay or myself know.

Early stages yet as the format, focus and timing will depend on numbers.

Graham on 0403 199 713 or  
[grahambkay@gmail.com](mailto:grahambkay@gmail.com)

John on 9890 2957 or [johnsmith3941@gmail.com](mailto:johnsmith3941@gmail.com)

*We still have only four expressions of interest so far. I am beginning to think no one is interested in Black and White images?*

*There is still plenty of time to sign up but we do need numbers to make a "group"*

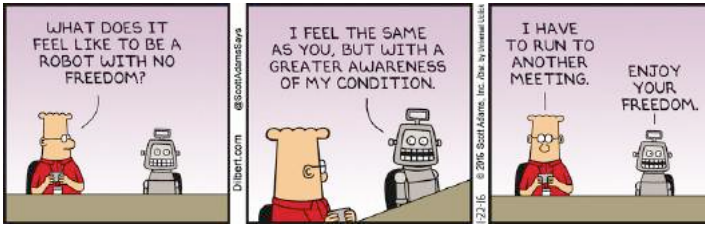
*Details of all DCC "Groups" and their meetings are on the website at:*

<http://doncastercameraclub.org.au>

[Menu bar -Special Interest Groups]

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## **"Just Briefly"**



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## **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.

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Sorry – nothing interesting or exciting came across my screen in the past month

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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, at no cost, sign up to have a copy e-mailed to you each month.*

Regards,

John