



**DONCASTER
Camera Club**

Q&A

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings

The Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the
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1 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello DCC Members

Our next club meeting is on Friday, April 21. The meeting will be our AGM. The AGM will be followed by judging of the Set Topic, Still Life. The judge is still to be determined due to a mistake by someone who will remain nameless (AKA Ean). Judging will be followed by supper.

This will be my last club night as president. I will take this opportunity to thank the committee and all club members for the warm support that I have received during my presidency. The club is in a very secure financial position and is well placed to focus on that most important aspect, growing the membership.

It will be time to submit your images for the May Competition. The topic is Open.

On Saturday the 22nd of April we will have a photo shoot at Alowyn Gardens in the Yarra Valley (close to Yarra Glen). See the attachment below. That will be perfect timing to get those shots for the hand-in in May - Set Topic - Autumn. See the definition below.

The VAPS weekend will be held in Colac from the 16th to the 19th of June. Please consider attending the VAPS conference. We already have half a dozen members booked in. I have attended the past two conferences and I can advise they make for a great weekend, with excellent presentations and lots of opportunities to socialise.

Please note that our club meeting for June will be held on the 4th Friday of the month - the 23rd.

Cheers

Ean

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2 MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the EDBC. The president welcomed the group and provided details about forthcoming club activities. He again reiterated the need for people to nominate for the Committee with the AGM occurring next month. He also gave extensive detail regarding the Photographic Exhibition commencing on the Friday in the Church Hall. Final details were provided which was followed up with Robbie Carter confirming volunteer duties for the weekend. Once the announcements were finished judging commenced with our special judge Rob Clark critiquing the submitted entries. Although Rob proved to be a tough judge, his comments were consistent throughout each competition section. Following the judging Rob gave a presentation of his trip to Africa, displaying about one hundred images of animals and life in Africa. Once the judging was complete, everyone enjoyed a nice cuppa and chat to finish off the evening.

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3 COMPETITION RESULTS

3.1 SMALL PRINTS

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
Michael Walker	Spider's Home	13 M	Michael Walker	Beautiful Bloom	8
Michael Walker	Busy Bee	8			

3.22 LARGE PRINTS

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
Michael Walker	Lake Eyre Mystery	14 H	Michael Walker	Citadel Wall	11
Michael Walker	Norfolk Island Coastline	13 M	Arthur Lilley	University Walk	11
Arthur Lilley	Beyond the Gap	12 M	Arthur Lilley	Museum	10

3.3 DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
Peter Stone	Observe. Analyze. Assess.	15 H	Liz Reen	In the Valley of the King	11
Liz Reen	Canberra Dragon	14 H	Les Armstrong	Delicate Pink	11
Margaret Walton	Johanna Wave	14 H	Ean Caldwell	Turtle Rock	11
Peter Stone	Sunset Rocks	13 M	Bill Chan	Just listen to me	11
Michael Walker	Norfolk Island Beauty	13 M	Koren Mitchell	Old Shearing Shed 1	10
Ean Caldwell	8A Arriving	12 M	Liz Reen	Just that Bridge	10
Phil Ryan	Crossing the line-Edit	12 M	Bill Chan	Keep coming	10
Phil Ryan	Distributed Architecture-Edit	12 M	Koren Mitchell	Old Shearing Shed 2	10
Margaret Walton	Currie Boats	12 M	Koren Mitchell	Take away food	9
Margaret Walton	Bunjil Points	12 M	Val Armstrong	Gliding In	9
Michael Walker	Lake Eyre Eyeballs	11	Ean Caldwell	Kooka Brothers	9
Michael Walker	Pretty Bird	11	Val Armstrong	Red on White	9
Les Armstrong	Kite flying	11	Les Armstrong	Aireys Inlet lighthouse	9
Bill Chan	The fall	11	Peter Stone	Reflections Of Murtoa	9
Val Armstrong	Swirling In	11	Phil Ryan	Yarra Valley View-Edit	8



“Lake Eyre Mystery” – Michael Walker



“Beyond the Gap” – Arthur Lilley



**“Observe, Analyse, Assess”
– Peter Stone**



**“Canberra Dragon”
– Liz Reen**



“Johanna Wave” – Margaret Walton



“8A Arriving” – Ean Caldwell



“Distributed Architecture - Edit” – Phil Ryan

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HAND IN ENTRIES FOR MAY “OPEN” COMPETITION

4 THIS MONTH’S MEETING – 21ST APRIL

This month’s meeting will be convened on our usual Friday evening. The Annual General Meeting will form part of our April meeting.

This month’s Competition is a set subject Competition “Still Life”; the description which was detailed in last month’s newsletter. The judging for this month will be done by our internal judging panel of Peter Leyton, Liz Reen and Joanne Mellor. Once judging is complete the Club will hold the AGM. **It would be gratefully appreciated if people could bring a plate for the supper festivities after the Annual General Meeting.**

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5 NEXT MONTH’S MEETING – 19TH MAY

The May Competition is an Open Subject Competition. Our judges for this month will be Michael Walker, Ean Caldwell and Robbie Carter. As Ean has already alluded to, there was a technical hitch with the selection of a judge for this month, so a little shuffling around has occurred. We look forward to having Paul Robinson judge at some time in the future.

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6 NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

Printing

The Committee is trying to encourage more members to print photos and enter them in the monthly competition – large or small.

Small prints are an easier way for new printers to get started. But the members who regularly enter digital images may like to see their images as large prints. We realise that printers are expensive, and the process can be complicated.

Therefore, any member who would like to have images printed can contact either Pam Rixon or Arthur Lilley who have both offered their services.

Cost of paper and ink would need to be covered.

Winner of Exhibition Competition

It is with pleasure that I announce Robbie Carter's niece, Lily, won the people's choice award at the Club Exhibition in March. Robbie advised Lily was so excited when she was presented the print. It has been popped up on a shelf above her bed, ready for framing. She says a big thank you to the club. I am pleased to inform everyone Lily picked wisely. It is the Newsletter Editor's Print!! – "Alpha Male"



Upcoming Event Program

Program - Coming up

April 21	Friday	Club Night - AGM	Hand-in - Open
April 22	Saturday	Club outing - Alowyn Gardens - Yarra Glen	
May 10	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
May 19	Friday	Club Night	Hand-in - Set Topic Autumn
June 14	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
June 16/19	Friday/Monday	VAPS Colac	
June 23	Friday	Club Night	Hand-in - Open
July 12	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
July 21	Friday	Club Night	Hand-in - Set Topic - Urban Decay
August 9	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
August 18	Friday	Club Night	Hand-in - Open
September 13	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
September 15	Friday	Club Night	Hand-in - Open

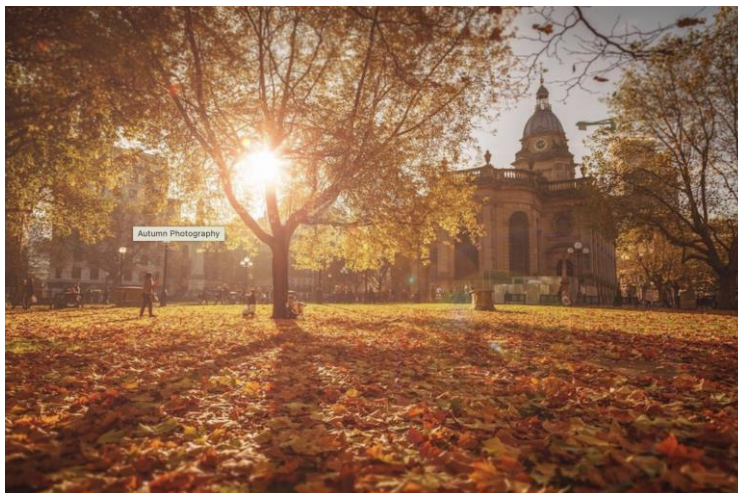
** Judges and presenters subject to change without notice

Autumn Set Topic Definition

Hand-in on May 19, Set Topic - Autumn

The days grow cooler, the sun sets earlier, the trees change colour and lose their leaves. Can you capture an image that speaks of Autumn.

See sample photo: -



Eastsider News

Thanks to Pam Rixon for her diligent work, the Club continues to get good coverage in this local “on-line” magazine. Pam has had published, in the latest edition, an article advertising the up-coming Photographic Exhibition. As this Newsletter has quite a wide readership, this advertising will go well for, hopefully, getting more people through the door and into the Exhibition. <http://www.eastsidernews.org.au/>

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7 EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Australian Cup 2023

Closing 28 May 2023

APS Approval 2023/04

Southern Cross National Exhibition

Closing 11 June 2023

APS Approval 2023/05

10th Queensland International Digital Circuit

Closing 19 June 2023

APS Approval 2023/06-09

APS Photobook Competition 2023

Entries open on 1st July, 2023. Entry is FREE and open to all APS members and camera club members.

For details follow this link: - [Memento Pro \(a-p-s.org.au\)](https://www.a-p-s.org.au/memento-pro)

Vigex International Digital Photographic Salon

Closing 2 July 2023

APS Approval 2023/10

Australian Photographic Society

The Australian Photographic Society has a webpage devoted to various competitions. These can be viewed by following this link. <https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/competitions>

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8 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS & WORKSHOPS

8.1 IMAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Coordinator Peter Layton – 0409 947 618 - peter@peterlayton.com.au

It is yet to be decided when the next Image Development Workshop will be however, watch this space ! when we look forward to seeing all our regular faces, and some new ones, in the group for 2023

Peter Layton

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8.2 MONO GROUP

Coordinator Graham Kay – 0403 199 713 - grahambkay@gmail.com

As the coordinator will be away until early May it is planned to have our next ZOOM meeting tentatively on Tuesday 16th May.

“SHARING A PASSION”- In the meantime, the next lot of images are available for downloading and processing. To be part of the fun please contact Graham for the link to the images. Graham Kay

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8.3 SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP

Coordinators: Pam Rixon – 0421 813 531 - pamrixon@gmail.com, Marg Walton – 0400 311 128, margw@australianscenics.com

The next Scenic Outing will be on April 22nd to Alowyn Gardens, Yarra Glen. We will meet at 10.30am and then spend time photographing in the gardens. Following this we will meet by 1pm for lunch at the Yarra Glen Café in Yarra Glen. During the afternoon we will hopefully find some Autumn colour to photograph at the local Wineries. See the attached flyer, at the bottom of the newsletter, for more detailed information. Please contact Pam or Margaret if you intend to attend this outing for the purpose of lunch booking.

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8.4 THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

Coordinators: Peggy Petty - 0405 730 651 - peacefulpeggy@outlook.com, Beverly Dillon - 0439 562 471 - carldillon@optusnet.com.au

Topic **Mystery**

June took mystery photos in her kitchen, reflections in a saucepan on the bench, a toy car on the kitchen sink, and looking down into glassware on the kitchen bench.

Bev found mystery signs in foreign languages from a previous overseas trip, some rust on a sign in an abandoned city in far East Russia and finished off with local vegetation including tree trunks, fungus, lichen, a caterpillar fungus.

Ean showed a variety of subjects, a narrow laneway and an interesting door in New Zealand, an unkempt grave on King Island, an old camera flash, a blood moon and an abandoned car and a window pattern of sunlight from Murtoa.

Peggy photographed wrapped birthday presents in various shapes, sizes and colours, intended for a one year old's

birthday. The next meeting will be convened on May 30th at 1.30 pm. The topic for that meeting will be **HORIZONS**.

More details from Peggy Petty peacefulpeggy@outlook.com or Bev Dillon carldillon@optusnet.com.au

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8.5 MENTORS & WORKSHOPS

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

Audio Visual Presentations – Phil Ryan 0417 105 868 & Pam Rixon 0421 813 531

Composition and Other Fundamentals - Peter Layton 0409 947 618

Colour Management/ Calibration/Windows Computer Problems - Glenn Mills 03 8669 0323

Photo Critiquing – Peter Layton 0409 947 618

Printing - TBA

Windows Computer Problems/Image Editing – Michael Walker 0412 252 387

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9 JUDGING & SUPPER SCHEDULE

Judges for the following 6 months are:

May	Paul Robinson	“Open Topic”	Presentation – Paul Robinson
June	M Walton, G Mills, J Dunn	“Autumn”	Presentation – Show & Tell – Peter Stone

Cannot make the date? Then you must advise the Judging Steward, Ean Caldwell on 0408 808 870, and the monthly coordinator [the judge first listed] as soon as possible.

Supper Roster

We are once again able to enjoy a supper following the AGM meeting. **Please bring a plate of food to share.**

Members are to contact Pam Rixon if they are unable to attend on their rostered day.

Supper Roster for 2022/2023

APRIL	John Smith and Adrian Donoghue
MAY	Peter Layton and Phil Ryan
JUNE	Peter Salter and Robyn Solum

Pam Rixon

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10 GENERAL INTEREST

Here are a few links to articles you may find interesting from the wonderful wide world of the internet.

5 compelling composition tools that are rarely discussed. [5 Compelling composition tools that are rarely discussed](#)

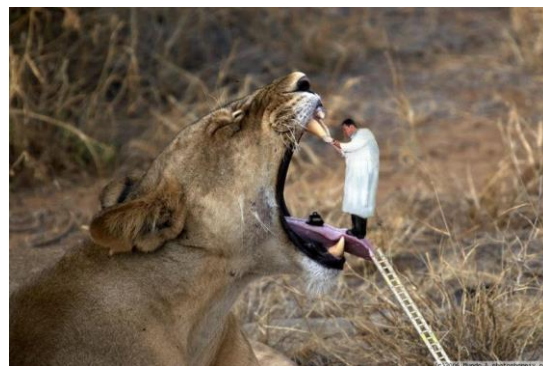
“It’s time for you to take the plunge and get off that Auto Mode safety net!” “Manual Mode is the ONLY shooting mode that you should be shooting!” How many times have you heard those two statements? I can imagine that newer photographers can become frustrated hearing those statements repeated in online forums and camera clubs. [Five Thoughts About Auto Mode Vs. Manual Mode That You Need to Know](#)

Reflections add depth and interest to an image and gives us a new perspective. Learn about the main types of reflections in photography and how to create them with better results. [Photographing Creative Reflections](#)

DSLR stands for, you may face difficulty with MILC, MFT or TTL. If terms like these have left you scratching your head, check out this guide. [Photography Terms and Acronyms Explained](#)

Most photographers can benefit by limiting their efforts to a group of concepts and mastering them before moving on to more advanced ideas. This guide teaches three key tools for no-fail compositions. [The Big Three: Focal Points, Leading Lines, and Frames](#)

Finally, Jo Plumridge has written this guide specifically for getting you started in macro photography by discussing potential camera settings, which is often a difficult concept to grasp. [Camera Settings for Macro Photography](#)



Funny Quotes/images taken by photographers!!

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: <https://www.vaps.org.au/index.php/news>. 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,

Michael

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SCENIC GROUP

Doncaster Camera Club

OUTING - Saturday 22th April 2023
ALOWYN GARDENS, YARRA GLEN



The next Scenic Meeting will be at —
ALOWYN GARDENS
1210 Melba Highway Yarra Glen
Meeting 10.30 am at the coffee shop inside the entry.
Entry Cost is \$15 for adults or \$12.50 for seniors.

The gardens have an interesting design and offer a variety of flowers, trees and garden structures to photograph. We are hoping for Autumn colour. A wide angle lens, a general purpose lens and macro lens will all be useful.

There is also a pleasant cafe for those in need of coffee and a break.

**We will then meet for lunch by 1 pm at Yarra Glen Cafe
7/36 Bell St Yarra Glen**

For the afternoon we hope to find some Autumn colour in the local wineries .

ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME



Please contact Pam or Marg for further information and please advise if you plan to attend by **Sat 15th April**
ANYONE WHO NEEDS A LIFT ALSO ADVISE.
There will be a follow up Zoom Meeting to discuss images and editing processes.

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