



**DONCASTER
Camera Club**

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NEWSLETTER

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Caldwell, Peter Salter

Meetings

The Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the
East Doncaster Baptist Church, 47 – 53 Tunstall Road,
Doncaster East, 3109 at 7.30pm

JULY 2023

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1 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello DCC Members,

Hope you are all keeping well during this rather cold winter season. Our next club meeting is back on the 3rd Friday of the month, Friday, July 21.

Our camera club fared very well in the VAPS Competition. 2nd Place and a merit in the EDPI Section were awarded to Adrian Donoghue and Phil Ryan achieved 1st Place in the Open AV Section. Of the 78 VAPS registered clubs, DCC was placed 6th in the Prints section and 7th in the EDPI Section. Combining the results DCC came 3rd overall, an absolutely fantastic effort from our membership.

The club has been notified by The Grill'd Café that we have received \$100 for our efforts in the token drop campaign they conduct through their Doncaster outlet.

The mid-year lunch at the Box Hill RSL proved to be a resounding success with the majority of clubs members attending the day.

Ean Caldwell, Margaret Walton, Pam Rixon and Beverly and Carl Dillon attended the Reserve Forces Day held on Sunday July 2. There were not many reservists present however the club has handed approximately 180 images to the organising committee for their future use.

The City of Manningham are running a competition to select images for their 2024 Calendar. Members are encouraged to take some photos of the locality and submit them into the competition. Also, the committee are currently liaising with the Eastsider News with a view to possibly running a competition through their newsletter. It is all about getting the DCC name out there and into the community.

Members may be aware the Australian Photographic Judges Association conduct a series of training courses across 6 levels to facilitate people's learning in relation to judging photographic competitions. These programs also allow participants to study and learn more about photography in general which can lead to improving your personal experience in photography. I am more than happy to discuss this initiative with any member in thinking about ways to improve their photographic experience.

Finally, a reminder, our numbers are dwindling. If members have any ideas as to how we can attract more potential members into the club, please talk to any committee member who can forward your ideas onto the commit for action.

Cheers,

Michael

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2 JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was held at the EDBC. The president welcomed the group and provided details about forthcoming club activities. Competition for June was "Autumn", judged by Margaret Walton, Graham Kay and John Smith.

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3 COMPETITION RESULTS

3.1 SMALL PRINTS

Name	Title	Score
Michael Walker	Leaf of the Vine	12 M
Michael Walker	Autumn Grass	11
Michael Walker	Vine Leaf	10

3.22 LARGE PRINTS

Name	Title	Score
Michael Walker	Autumn Flames	14 H
Joanne Mellor	Leaf-Alone	13 H
Pam Rixon	Rows Of Gold	12 M
Pam Rixon	Autumn In A Glass	12 M
Joanne Mellor	Auburn	12 M
Michael Walker	Striking Garden Colours	12 M
Michael Walker	Chestnuts In Autumn	12 M
Arther Lilley	Autumnal Litter	11
Joanne Mellor	Mossy Sunshine	11
Arther Lilley	Leaf	11
Pam Rixon	Trea Of Fire	11
Arther Lilley	Waiting!!!	10

3.3 DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

Name	Title	Score	Name	Title	Score
Pam Rixon	Stages Of Autumn	15 H	Joanne Mellor	Glowing Red	11
Ean Caldwell	Autumn Spray	14 H	Koran Mitchell	Autumn In The Vines	11
Peter Stone	An Autumn Morning Canvas	14 H	Ean Caldwell	Sunset On Breakaway Bridge	11
Margaret Walton	Wanaka Gold	14 H	Con Douvitas	Autumn Tunnel	11
Margaret Walton	Autumn Stroll	14 M	Peter Stone	A Firework Spectacular	11
Liz Reen	April In McCormack's Lane	13 M	Pam Rixon	A Gust Of Wind	11
Margaret Walton	Old Store	13 M	Graham Kay	Autumn Day in Warburton	11
Michael Walker	Vineyard In Autumn	13 M	Michael Walker	A Row of Changing Colour	11
Pam Rixon	Tassie Fagus	13 M	Val Armstrong	Along the Road	11
Liz Reen	Autumn Under Mt Buffalo	12 M	Les Armstrong	Autumn Colors 1	11
Ean Caldwell	Golden Leaves	12 M	Les Armstrong	Autumn Color 3	11
Peter Layton	230518 Autumn 001	12 M	Michael Walker	Trees Changing Colour	11
Peter Layton	230518 Autumn 002	12 M	Val Armstrong	Waiting, Waiting	11
Graham Kay	Country Road	12 M	Con Douvitas	Autumn Leaves 1	11
Robbie Carter	Autumn Days	11	Koran Mitchell	Autumn Fruit	10
Graham Kay	Mother's Day On The Yarra	11	Les Armstrong	Autumn Colour 2	10
Peter Stone	Car Park	11	Val Armstrong	Autumn Bike Ride	10
			Con Douvitas	Grape Vine	10



Michael Walker "Autumn Flames"



Pam Rixon "Stages of Autumn"



Ean Caldwell "Autumn Spray"



Liz Reen "April in McCormack's Lane"



Joanne Mellor "Leaf Alone"



Margaret Walton "Wanaka Gold"

HAND IN ENTRIES FOR JULY “OPEN” COMPETITION

4 THIS MONTH'S MEETING – JULY 21

This month's meeting will be convened on our usual Friday evening.

This month's Competition is a set subject Competition “OPEN”, with guest judge Peter Belmont from Ivanhoe Photographic Society. Peter's interests include travel, close-up, digital, landscape & general photography. Once judging is complete the Club will hold super for all members and non-members to chat, laugh and learn. I'm sure this will be an interesting and fun night for all.

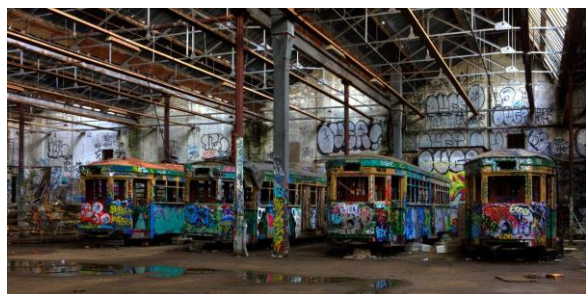
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5 NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – AUGUST 18

The set topic for August is 'URBAN DECAY'.

The definition is -

Urban decay is the process whereby a previously functioning city, part of a city or building that falls into disrepair. It's essentially the art of capturing beautiful photographs of a subject that is inherently not beautiful.

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6 NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

The Annual VAPS Conference in Colac is now done and dusted for another 12 months. DCC has 7 members attend the well organised conference with some very interesting speakers. Ean Caldwell and Glenn Mills were awarded their 10-year service bars whilst Judy Dunn and Margaret Walton were awarded 15-year service bars. 5 Meritorious Service Awards were presented to club members: Margaret Walton, Pam Rixon, Ean Caldwell, Graham Kay and myself.

Congratulations to all recipients.



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.

Upcoming Event Program

Program - Coming up.

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
October 11	Wednesday	Committee Meeting	
October 20	Friday	Club Night	

** Judges and presenters subject to change without notice

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/>

7 EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

SNAP AND WIN

All Club members should consider entering this competition. Manningham 2023 Photo Competition. Anyone can enter. Simply submit a photo taken in Manningham in the past 12 months. Shortlisted Photos will be included in the 2024 Community Calendar plus \$2400 in Westfield Gift Cards to be won.

Entries close Monday 4th September

www.manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition

Teds Camera Seasonal Competitions Run by Ted's Cameras, these competitions run quarterly seeking photos on the theme of autumn, winter, spring and summer. Prizes vary each quarter and, as an example, the Spring 2022 competition prize was a \$500 Ted's Camera Voucher. In 2022, Teds ran competitions on the themes of Yellow and Travel. Entry is free. Check their web site for details.

A likely September deadline: WMO 2024 Calendar Competition. This annual competition is run by the World Meteorological Organisation for "high-quality and artistic photographs of the amazing power and beauty of our weather and our natural surrounds." There is no cash prize, but winning photographs will appear in the 2024 calendar. Details of how to enter will be available on their website. The link for last year's competition was: <https://public.wmo.int/en/wmo-2023-calendar-competition>

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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7 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

The next meeting of the Mono SIG is on **Wednesday 19 July** at 7:30 via Zoom.

An invitation and link will be sent to all DCC members via email on around the 18th July to come join in on the fun when the processing skills of the Mono SIG'ers will be on display.

Come along and benefit from the learning process. The image development concepts are not isolated to Mono and are often applicable across the broad spectrum of image processing.

Our meetings are always an excellent learning experience for all members, experienced and novice alike.

Come and join the fun. Come and “Share the Passion”.

If you would like to turn your hand to creating Mono images for discussion, please contact Graham for a link to the images. Or indeed, any queries at all, please feel free to give Graham a call or email him.

“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.

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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

Sunday August 30th

There will be an outing to Melbourne CBD to photograph Laneways and Arcades plus some street photography. All members are welcome to attend. We will be meeting at **Doncaster Park and Ride** and catching the bus at **8.55 am**. So be there in time or meet in the city at Bourke St Mall outside the **Royal Arcade** opposite Myers at **9.30 am**. Lunch will be at Federation Square.



Please let Pam or Marg know if you plan to attend and if you will be catching the bus.

8.4 THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

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

Themes and Series meeting **July 11**

There were 4 present to look at and discuss our photos depicting Urban Decay.

June found decay in the house and garden, with a twig of 6 leaves from nice autumn colours to brown and decayed, 2 of flowers a bit past their best and a piece of brown banana on a very brown skin.

Peggy's photos were from a recent trip to Kangaroo Island, focussing on disused structures near the Kingscote foreshore. Some salt spray damaged metal pipe, a rusty hinge, grass in a shop spouting, an unused shop window and broken glass windows.

Bev focused on an unused, closed restaurant near her house taken from different angles, a closed petrol station and a house with a very untidy yard in Warrandyte and an old house a little further out.

Ean found a decayed garage with outdoor toilet and Hills hoist not far from home, a beautiful old, decayed building at the Abbotsford Convent which had signs painted to look old for a film set, an old building in the front yard near the beach and 2 buildings with ghost signs over-painted with other faded advertising and a nice rusty drainage grille in a wall.

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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:

June	M Walton, G Mills, J Dunn “Autumn”	Presentation – Show & Tell – Peter Stone
July	Peter Belmont “Open”	
August	Paul Lucas “Urban Decay”	TBA
September	Sally Rule “Open”	Sally Rule

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 for 2022/2023

JULY Bev Dillon and Phil Ryan

AUGUST Con Douvitsas and Ian Game

SEPTEMBER Liesel Ingrassia and Koren Mitchell

OCTOBER Liz Reen and Bill Chan

NOVEMBER John Wu and John Smith

DECEMBER Peggy Petty and Glenn Mills

Pam Rixon

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10 GENERAL INTEREST

Ballarat International Foto Biennale

26 August	ballaratfoto.org
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22 October	@ballaratfoto
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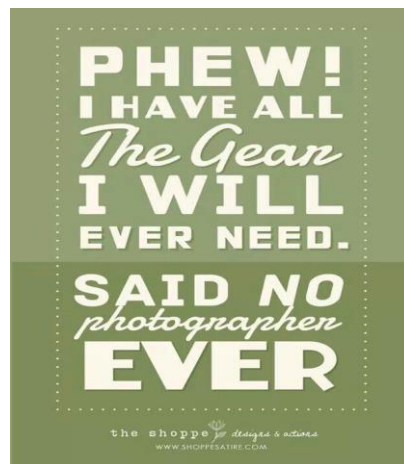
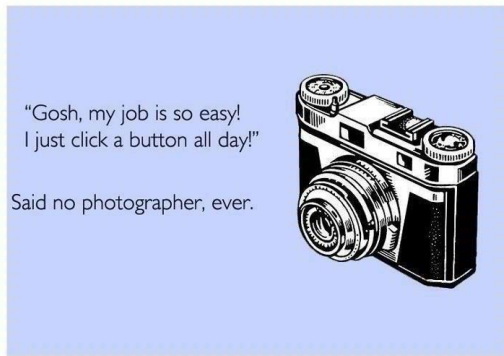
This is an interesting and great way to spend the day/weekend. Definately worth having a look.

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

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](#)

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 July 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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