



**DONCASTER  
Camera Club**

# NEWSLETTER

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### 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

## APRIL 2024

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## 1 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All DCC Members,

Well, we are fast approaching the first third of 2024 being done and dusted! Welcome to the April Newsletter. This month the club arrives at the 2024 AGM. There will be a lot happening at our next meeting; the AGM, presentation of Annual Awards and critiquing of our April Competition by Sam Mariani. As usual, there will be an enjoyable supper at the completion of proceedings. Just a reminder; if any member would like to join the new committee, simply fill out the nomination form and return to Pam Rixon prior to the meeting.

Following on from our very successful Macro/Close-up Workshop in February, I announced the committee's initiative to hold more workshops and presentations as was provided at our February meeting. At the last meeting, I requested people indicate to me whether they would prefer to replace competition evenings with this alternative or whether to schedule these activities on an additional night. I received several responses during supper which overwhelmingly indicated members would be happy to have additional presentations and workshops on an additional evening during a particular month. As such, the committee is negotiating with the Church other available evenings during each month when we may be able to schedule these activities. I will advise further once we have secured additional evening time.

Many thanks must go to Pam Rixon for organising the DCC Display at the Nunawading Library. The display was set up on Wednesday 3th, in pride of place inside the Library entrance. It looks great. Thanks, must also go to Authur Lilley for providing a variety of old cameras to compliment the display. Also, thanks to Adrian Lee for securing the stand for the photos and assisting in the setup. This is another great opportunity to advertise the club and get our name out there in the local community.

I have been advised by the VAPS Convention organiser no one from DCC has yet registered for this event. As a reminder, this year's annual VAPS Convention is being held at Federation University Australia, Berwick Campus from the 14th – 16th June. Conference registrations are now open, and information can be accessed via the VAPS website. The Convention is a great opportunity to meet like-minded individuals from photographic clubs across Victoria and listen to some excellent speakers that are engaged for the weekend. I would strongly recommend this activity to every club member.

As mentioned at our last meeting the club had been contacted by the Secretary of the Royal Australian Engineers Association to ascertain whether the club can assist with photographic duties, for them, on ANZAC Day. Thank you to everyone who put their hand up to undertake this activity for the RAE Association. An email has previously been distributed to all club members providing details of activities on the day. I will re-confirm this information at our next club meeting and ensure we have photographers, both at the form-up point and at the Shrine for the Group photographs.

Details of the club's Beechworth, Autumn Tones, weekend are now close to finalised. Many thanks must go to Margaret Walton for her diligence in researching and organising this weekend away. Margaret will shortly be distributing a schedule of activities for the weekend including activities and meet-up times and locations for gathering for a meal. Beechworth is a great place to visit a lovely part of this State and the photographic opportunities are fantastic. I, for one, am looking forward to getting up there and focusing my attentions on having a great photographic weekend.

A reminder that Peter Stone is well advanced on putting together a schedule for the club's weekend away to Portland. It is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in September so please check your diaries and consider have a great weekend away with the club.

Another reminder to all our social media aficionados, please ensure you "Like" any posts made by club members on any of our social media feeds. It helps the club become prominent in the social media environment.

The club has been advised that 16 of the images sent off to DCC UK will be displayed in their forthcoming exhibition. A least 1 image from each person who had images selected for exhibiting will be on show. We have requested and look forward to seeing our member's images on display once the exhibition opens.

The club is in negotiations with Eastsider News to conduct a competition later in the year. Again, this is an opportunity to get the club's reach out into the local community and possibly attract new membership.

Finally, I have been keeping in touch with John Smith and he continues to progress, albeit slowly. John is still very interested in what is happening in the club and is getting back into doing some photographic printing. John hopes to join the Mono SIG meeting on Tuesday evening, via Zoom, for a catch-up.

Kind regards and cheers,

Michael

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## 2 MARCH MEETING

March meeting was held in usual place of East Doncaster Baptist Church, with guest judge Mario Mirablie, From Caufield camera club. An interesting night with great feedback and a nice little presentation from Mario, Followed by an Audio-Visual presentation from Pam Rixon on the club outing to the city recently.

## 3 COMPETITION RESULTS

### 3.1 SMALL PRINTS

Name	Title	Score
Koren Mitchell	Holy Reflection	15 H
Koren Mitchell	Fur Seal	14 H
Michael walker	About to lock up	13 M
Michael Walker	Unusual Flower	12 M
Michael Walker	Snack Time	12 M
Koren Mitchell	All Wet	11

### 3.22 OPEN PRINTS

Name	Title	Score
Pam Rixon	Old boatshed	15 H
Pam Rixon	Yorkshire Dales	14 H
Joanne Mellor	Bee Spectacular	14 H
Michael Walker	Driving Along the Salt Pans	13 M
Koren Mitchell	Bridge with Pigeon	13 M
Michael Walker	Roads in the Salt Pans	13 M
Jason Warne	Sunshine Serenade	13 M
Pam Rixon	Seaside Village	12 M

Arthur Lilley	Mt Fields	11
Peter Salter	Bird on a Branch	11
Joanne Mellor	Delihias Delight	11
Peter Salter	Red Tailed Black Cocky	11
Arthur Lilley	CBD	11
Jason Rosewarne	Balinese Salt Farmer	11
Joanne Mellor	New York Sunset	11
Michael Walker	Useless Loop Salt Pans	11
Koren Mitchell	Namibia Desert	10
Arthur Lilley	Sarah island penitentiary	10
Koren Mitchell	Dust Bath	10
Jason Rosewarne	Leafy Encounter	9
Peter Salter	Bird on a Rock	9

### 3.2 DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

Name	Title	Score
Ean Caldwell	The Briefing	15 H
Peter Stone	The Kings Scrutiny	15 H
Margaret Walton	The Urn Wing	14 H
Martin Lewis	I Walk the Line	13 M
Jason Rosewarne	What a Cracker!	13 M
Joanne Mellor	Bubble Up	13 M
Michael Walker	Natures Eyeball	13 M
Jason Rosewarne	Just a man and his Rooster	12 M
Margaret Walton	Angles, Reflections & Shadows	12 M
Ean Caldwell	Running Late	12 M
Peter Stone	La Perir Obsolete	12 M
Bill Chan	City Sunset	12 M
Bill Chan	Mind their own business	12 M
Margaret Walton	Seaside Serenity	11
Michael Walker	Meandering River	11

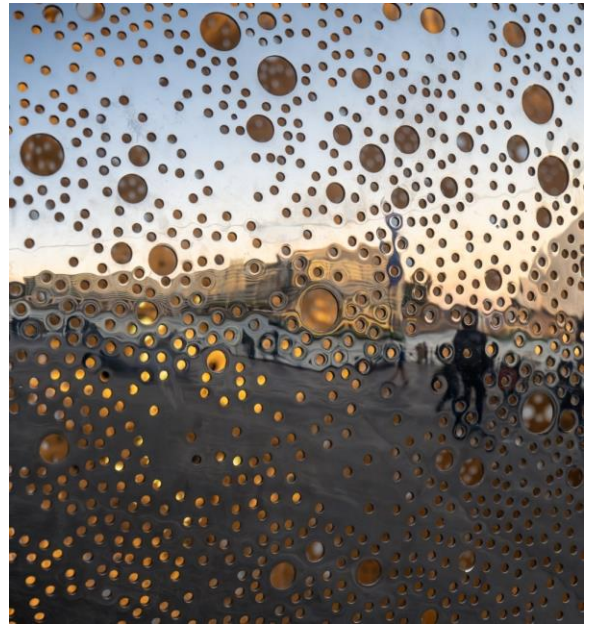
Name	Title	Score
Liz Reen	Above South Fiord	11
Peter Salter	Cart Without a Horse	11
Peter Salter	What's Back Here	11
Joanne Mellor	Reflections Galore	11
Peter Salter	This is MY food, Back off	11
Peter Stone	Turn Left at the Fork	11
Jason Rosewarne	Down by the Old Barn	11
Bill Chan	Private Getty	11
Martin Lewis	The Hurstbridge Express	11
Michael Walker	Lying Down	11
Martin Lewis	A Taste of Lavender	11
Koren Mitchell	Skeleton Coast Sunset	11
Liz Reen	Filling the Hole	10
Koren Mitchell	Seafarers	10
Liz Reen	Approaching Kepler Mountains	10
Koren Mitchell	Peeping	10

**Some top images from this Month**





**Pam Rixon – Old Boatshed**



**Koren Mitchell – Holy Reflection**



**Ean Caldwell – The Briefing**



**Peter Stone – The Kings Scrutiny**

## **HAND IN FOR MAY is “RAIN” Competition**

### **THIS MONTH'S MEETING – APRIL 19TH**

April meeting will be held in usual place of East Doncaster Baptist Church, our AGM will be held this month, so please feel free to bring along so supper to share. Hand in subject = **Rain**

Rainy day pictures require thoughtful and artistic compositions to convey the desired mood and message. Rainy photos may be reflections, raindrop falling, water droplets, on plants, Puddles, Rainbows, Water Splashes, Rain through Windows etc. Use the imagination.

## 5 NEXT MONTH'S MEETING MAY

May meeting will be held in usual place of East Doncaster Baptist Church, it's always a very social meeting, Partners, family and friends are also welcome at this meeting.

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## 6 NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

### VAPS Convention

Berwick – Federation University

June 14th -16th 2024, Registrations Due May 26th.

It is possible to attend for the whole weekend or just for one day and/or plus the dinner on Saturday night.

The print and digital exhibitions are open to the public. This is a big exhibition with entries from many Victorian Camera Clubs. You do not have to register for the convention to visit the exhibition. We would encourage members to attend or view the exhibition if possible.

DCC has entered 15 prints from - Adrian Donoghue, Arthur Lilley, Graham Kay, Jason Rosewarne, Jo Mellor, Michael Walker, Pam Rixon and Peter Stone.

The 15 Digital Entries are from - Adrian Donoghue, Bill Chan, Ean Caldwell, Graham Kay, Jason Rosewarne, John Wu, Liz Reen, Marg Walton, Michael Walker, Pam Rixon and Peter Stone.

For more information about the Program and Registration costs and details go to the VAPS website.

<https://www.vaps.org.au>

Or contact Pam Rixon or Michael Walker. <https://www.vaps.org.au/online-registration-2.html>

### DCC Display Nunawading Library

As part of our ongoing Club Promotion in the local community we have put up a display at Nunawading Library. The display is for the month of April and includes some interesting old Cameras and small prints, as well as posters and brochures to advertise the Club. The small prints will be rotated during the month. Thank you to Arthur and Marg for the loan of their old cameras and to Graham, Koren and Michael for the prints, and to Adrian Lee for assisting Pam and Michael with the set up.

Club members are welcome to view the display which is in glass cabinets at the entrance to the library in Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.



### ***Printing***

**The Committee has decided that members entering prints in the monthly competition should not put their name on the back of the print. It is not necessary with Visual Pursuits, and it is always preferable for judges to judge the prints anonymously.**

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, Arthur Lilley or John Smith who have kindly offered their services.

Cost of paper and ink would need to be covered.

### ***Upcoming Events Program***

Program - Coming up.

April 19 Friday AGM/Club Night (Open Competition) – Sam Mariani

April 09 Tuesday Mono SIG Meeting

April ? TBA Outdoor Portrait Workshop

May 01 Wednesday Committee Meeting

May 17 Friday Club Night – Set Topic – “Rain”

June 05 Wednesday Committee Meeting

June 21 Friday Club Night – Open Topic

**\*\* Judges and presenters subject to change without notice**

## Eastsider News

DCC achieved excellent coverage in the March edition of Eastsider News,

Including photos taken at Docklands by some of our newer members – Martin Lewis, Roger Godfrey and Joanna Fu.

I would encourage all members to look at Eastsider News. It is a very informative Online Newspaper with some very interesting articles and local event information. Eastsider News has been published bi-monthly since 2020 and DCC has featured in almost every edition with an article and photos. The Committee are also in the Process of planning a photography competition in Eastsider News for later this year.

If there are any other members who would be prepared to write an article about Club activities for submission to future editions, please let me know. It is always good to have fresh and different approaches to these articles. The Eastsider News is published every 2 months and DCC has so far been published in every edition.

I recommend all members look at Eastsider News and subscribe to it, as it is full of interesting articles and information about the local area.  
<https://www.eastsidernews.org.au>

The newsletter can be viewed online at; <http://www.eastsidernews.org.au/>

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## 7 EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

### 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](mailto:peter@peterlayton.com.au)

It is yet to be decided when the next Image Development Workshop will be however, when we look forward to seeing all our regular faces, and some new ones, in the group for 2024.

Peter Layton

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### 8.2 MONO GROUP

Coordinator Graham Kay – 0403 199 713 - [grahambkay@gmail.com](mailto:grahambkay@gmail.com)

The Mono SIG once again had an excellent ZOOM meeting on Tuesday the 9th April.

The decision to only have 1 image per contributor enabled a greater discussion on the process of each person used to create their mono images – an excellent outcome.



The next meeting is planned for late May or early June (yet to be advised).

Once again, all members are welcome and encouraged to get involved with the group. Our meetings are always an excellent learning experience for all members, experienced and novice alike.

All members are welcome to try their hand at conversion to Mono

Once you have completed your conversion masterpieces All DCC members are encouraged to come along and get involved if they wish or simply observe and learn.

Doncaster Camera Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. All DCC members are invited to come along and join in the fun and discussion whether you contribute or just observe and comment, you are very welcome to attend.

Please let Graham know if you would like to be on the mailing list.

A Zoom link will be sent to all DCC members prior to the meeting.

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

Suggestions for our next outing are always welcome.

Conveners

Pam Rixon and Marg Walton.

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

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### 8.4 THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

Themes and Series Group February meeting. The theme of “CHURCHES” was more interesting than we first imagined, with the five contributing members enjoying Bev's hospitality, while Marty joined in by Zoom. Please visit the DCC Website under Themes and Series to see the results of our endeavours. We each focussed on different aspects of church life with city landmark churches, country bluestone, and suburban places of worship all featuring. Mt Buller Chapel was also included. Peggy photographed the Doncaster Church of Christ where

her family are deeply connected. The photographers used creative techniques to enhance what we were looking at. The topic allowed for our reflection on the history of some of our chosen churches as well as the different techniques used. Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th April at 1.00 pm at Marty's home and on Zoom. We hope to see more members along, even to relax and see what happens. The theme is DOTS/DASHES/DIAGONALS, and this will require a little bit of thought.

Check us out on the Facebook page, new members always welcome. Inquiries Peggy Petty [peacefulpeggy@outlook.com](mailto:peacefulpeggy@outlook.com) or Beverley Dillon [carldillon@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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.***

**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** – Pam Rixon, Arthur Lilley and John Smith.

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

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## 9 JUDGING & SUPPER SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

April.....	Sam Mariani
May.....	Marg W, Robbie C, Peter J S
June.....	Rob Morgan
July.....	Lisa Law

### DCC Supper Roster 2024

Please make sure you check if you have been listed for Supper Duty. If you are on supper duty there is no need to bring extra food as the Club provides the tea, coffee and biscuits. On some occasions such as the AGM and EOY Meetings we do ask all members to bring a small plate of supper to share.

April Bev Dillon and Martin Lewis

May Bill Chan and Liz Reen

June John Wu and Koren Mitchell

July Jason Godfrey and Roger Godfrey

August Con Douvitsas and Robyn Solum

September Joanna Fu and Peggy Petty

October Ian Game and Adrian Donoghue

November Adrian Lee and Liesel Ingrassia

December Bev Dillon and Bill Chan

If you cannot attend, please notify Pam Rixon [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com) or 0421813531.

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## 10 GENERAL INTEREST

### **Doncaster Camera Club – Weekend Away**

Some details for our club weekend away to Beechworth on the 26th to the 28th of April.

Bookings have been made at the following places for meals. (do your own for breakfast on Saturday, Bakery opens at 6am)

Friday 26th Hibernian Hotel. 40 Camp Street - dinner at 7pm

Saturday 27th Beechworth Bakery 27 Camp Street - (not booked - casual catch up for lunch around 12.30pm if desired.)

Saturday 27th. Tanswells Hotel. 50 Ford Street - dinner at 7pm

Sunday 28th Moments & Memories. 34 Camp Street - breakfast at 9am

Beechworth is a very historic town with many wonderful old buildings from the 1800's. It is steeped in history from the gold rush era and will present many great photographic opportunities. Some of these buildings not to miss are:

Billsons Brewery, Powder Magazine 1859, Telegraph Station 1858, Court House, Post Office, Empire Hotel. The Chinese Gardens should be interesting with some autumn colour.

The Asylum – Its free to walk around the grounds but you will need to book a 90 min history tour to see inside. Tours most Saturdays & Sundays. \$48 or \$40 concession. Tour times are 3pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm. Later ones are Ghost tours.

The Gaol – 45 min History tours. \$28 or \$22 concession. Saturday & Sunday already booked out. Friday at 1.30pm still available so book soon if you are interested.

Michael has suggested a couple of interesting local drives – Gorge Road and the drive to Stanley.

Bright should also look good for their autumn festival. Mieke Boynton has a photography gallery in Bright at 102A Gavin Street.

Fingers crossed for great weather!

Enquiries to Marg Walton [margw@australianscenics.com](mailto:margw@australianscenics.com)

0400 311 128

**Also,**

An exciting photography exhibition by a world-renowned photographer, Steve McCurry will be held at/on  
**The Exhibition is in Williamstown from 28th Feb to 19th May.**

I have seen a Steve McCurry Exhibition, and I can recommend it as well worth seeing.

But you do need to book tickets.

For more information see the link below.

<https://seaworks.com.au/events/steve-mccurrys-icons/>

**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 "News brief" and the latest 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 News brief you can, at no cost, sign up to have a copy e-mailed to you each month.

### **NEW 'MEET THE MEMBERS' SECTION.**

Each month we will have a "get to know your members" section with little info and a photo of members,

**Full Name and photo:** Joanne Mellor

**What are your hobbies?** Photography, Running, Quilting & My boxer Dog Ava

**How long have you been a member of the club?** 12yrs

**How did you get into Photography?** My husband bought me a Nikon camera many moons ago, started playing with it and the rest is history!

**What Camera do you use and why?** Finally converted to Canon, I currently use 5D, which I love but not the weight, started doing homework on new camera.

**When it comes to photography, what do you consider your strengths?** Patience!!

**What area would you like to improve?** Image editing

**What is one goal you want to accomplish as a member of this team for this year?** This year is to submit images every month.

**What is your favourite part of being a member of the club?** Seeing and hearing judges feedback, monthly get-togethers.

