



**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

JANUARY 2024

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1 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All DCC Members,

Welcome to 2024 and an exciting new year ahead. After an extremely wet start to the year, we are finally seeing a little warmth and sunshine.

We are planning for a busy year ahead. It kicks off with the Themes & Series SIG holding their regular meeting on Monday 15th, followed by the Mono SIG holding their regular zoom meeting on the following night Tuesday 16th commencing at 7.30 pm. All club members are most welcome to participate in these enjoyable SIG activities.

On the 21st of this month the Scenic SIG, compliments of Pam and Margaret, have arranged an outing into the Docklands area for some afternoon and evening photography. These are well organised events and prove most enjoyable; again, all members are encouraged to participate in this event. Details and notifications of the outing are detailed later in the Newsletter.

Our February club meeting will be a workshop focused on close-up/macro photography. This will replace our usual club competition evening. So be prepared to bring your cameras along to undertake some experimentation into this interesting genre of photography. You never know, you might take that "Wow" image that is a winner in a future competition!!

In April, the club will be organising an outdoor portrait photoshoot, facilitated by Peter Leyton a club member and professional wedding photographer. It is hoped this will provide members with some insight into getting those lovely portrait style images in an outdoor setting, without having to set up thousands of dollars of equipment and lighting, that flatter the model and look good in your portfolio.

This year the Committee are planning two (2) weekends away. The first, a trip to Beechworth to photograph the autumn colours, is being scheduled for the end of April. Marg Walton is finalising the details for this trip. In September, the club is looking to a weekend away to Portland; special interest will be in photographing the Gannet rookery as well as a variety of other interesting nearby locations. Peter Stone is working on this project for the second half of the year. These weekends away are a great opportunity to focus on photography, learn a variety of photographic techniques from team members as well as having an opportunity to socialise and "get to know" other members. I encourage everyone to keep these dates free in your diaries as we will be finalising dates for both events very shortly.

Next month a selection committee will be formulated to choose 20 images, loosely based on Australiana, to send to the Doncaster Camera Club UK for incorporation in their photographic exhibition.

Negotiations with the Manningham Council has seen the club being allocated a space in the Nunawading Library to display our craft and advertise our club to the community. This is scheduled to occur in April.

We are also pleased to welcome a new member to the club, Adrian Lee. Adrian recently signed up and we all welcome him to the club. Hopefully he will get to enjoy the camaraderie of club members as well as enhancing his photographic journey.

Finally, An update on John Smith; he is at home and progressing quite well. He is continuing to receive regular therapeutic treatment which is aiding him in recovery. John is progressing very well. John passes his best wishes on to all club members.

Cheers, Michael

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2 DECEMBER MEETING

Our final meeting for the year was well attended. Congratulations to the winners of the various End-of-Year trophies and thank you to Joseph Maher for attending on behalf of Eastern Suburbs Photographic Society for providing a commentary on a selection of the presented images.



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3 COMPETITION RESULTS

3.1 SMALL PRINTS PRINT OF THE YEAR

Ralph Petty Memorial Trophy

Name	Title	Score
Michael Walker	Weaver Bird	13 1st
Michael Walker	Trapeze Artist 01	12 2nd
Graham Kay	Comorant - drip Drying	12 3rd
Michael Walker	Spider at Work 02	12
Graham Kay	Red Wattlebird	11
Graham Kay	Bet Ya Think Im Cute	11
Liz Reen	Still Wearing Red	10
Michael Walker	I'm Talking to You	10
Graham Kay	Aaaah Brekky	9

3.22 OPEN PRINTS OF THE YEAR

Fred Schult Memorial

Name	Title	Score
Pam Rixon	New Holland Honey Eater	14 1st
Pam Rixon	Abandoned Bike	13 2nd
Pam Rixon	Which Way Now	12 3rd
Michael Walker	Japanese Macaque Alpha Male	12
Michael Walker	Jabiru on the Wing	12
Arthur Lilley	Viewed	12

Graham Kay	Sunset- Telegraph Hill - Wyndham	12
Michael Walker	Autumn Flames	11
Arthur Lilley	Tanked	11
Arthur Lilley	Garretted in Smoke-	11
Michael Walker	Big Yawn	11
Pam Rixon	The Shearers Shelf	11
Graham Kay	Murphy's haystacks	10
Arthur Lilley	Tuscany	10

3.3 DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES OF THE YEAR

Denis Thompson Memorial Trophy

Name	Title	Score			
Peter Stone	Observe, Analyse, Assess	13 1st	Koren Mitchell	Sharing	11
Margaret Walton	Ebony Xmas Rose	13 2nd	Graham Kay	The painted Desert	11
Koren Mitchell	Sword Bill	13 rd	Graham Kay	Barcelona Scene	11
Peter Stone	The Honeyeater from new Holland	13	Graham Kay	The Remarkables	11
Pam Rixon	Stairway To Heaven	12	Ean Caldwell	The old Tea Pot	11
Michael Walker	Irradiated River Patterns	12	Bill Chan	Taking Off	11
Liz Reen	Canberra Dragon	12	Bill Chan	Small Catch	11
Liz Reen	Old Time Unionist	12	Peter Stone	An Autumn Morning Canvas	10
Ean Caldwell	Autumn Spray	12	Pam Rixon	Stages Of Autumn	10
Ean Caldwell	Greeting	12	Michael Walker	Watching Both Sides	10
Ean Caldwell	Weighing Web	12	Margaret Walton	Arcade Dome	10
Peter Stone	Reflections of Murtoa	11	Margaret Walton	Jeff's Shed	10
Pam Rixon	Derelect Street	11	Liz Reen	Industrial Heritage Box Hill	10
Pam Rixon	Jetty on the Lake	11	Liz Reen	Enjoying the Rain	10
Michael Walker	Hot Work	11	Graham Kay	Country Road	10
Michael Walker	Saddle-billed Stork	11	Bill Chan	Good Catch Mate	10
Margaret Walton	South Wharf Angels	11	Bill Chan	Walk Through History	10
Koren Mitchell	Palm Sunday Worshiper	11	Koren Mitchell	Palm Sunday Best	9

Landscape/Seascape Prints

Ed Conway memorial Trophy

Name	Title	Score
Pam Rixon	Mulafossur Waterfall	13 1st
Michael Walker	Lake Eyre mystery	13
Michael Walker	Kimberly mangrove Patterns	12
Pam Rixon	Yorkshire Tea	12
Arthur Lilley	Beyond The Gap	11
Arthur Lilley	Alaskan Skies	10

Landscape/Seascape Projected Image

Ron Johnston Memorial Trophy

Name	Title	Score
Pam Rixon	On The Edge	13 1st
Peter Stone	Sunset Rocks	13
Margaret Walton	Johanna Wave	12
Liz Reen	Morning Mist Lake Wakatipu	12
Jason Rosewarne	Nitmiluk Gorge	12
Margaret Walton	Stormy Fishing	11
Jason Rosewarne	Pastel Sunsets	11
Michael Walker	Irradiated River Patterns	11
Michael Walker	River mangrove patterns	11
Liz Reen	Autumn Mists	10
Pam Rixon	Colours of the Peaks	10

Some top winning Images



NO HAND IN FOR FEBRUARY

4 THIS MONTH'S MEETING –JANUARY 19TH

It is always a very social meeting, and we ask everyone to please bring a small plate preferably with food for supper. And if you can't bring food, don't worry you are still welcome as there is always plenty. Partners, family and friends are also welcome at this meeting.

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5 NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Our February 2024 meeting will be a Practical Workshop 'Close Up and Macro Photography'.

We will set up several tables and photographic scenarios in our meeting room and in the foyer at the church. Accessories, such as light tables, light tents and lighting rigs will be available.

Bring your camera, tripod and any small-ish items to photograph.

To plan the layout for the evening please let me know if:

- 1 you have any studio equipment that we could borrow for the night.
- 2 there is a photographic process you could demonstrate on the night.
- 3 you have any items that would suit as subjects for close up and/or macro photography.

Please contact eanc@live.com.au or on 0408 808 870.

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6 NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

Judges Training Course - APJA

DCC is one of the very few Camera Clubs that encourages members to participate in club judging. We consider this is a valuable experience for members. The only training provided is learning from more experienced members as an observer on our judging panels.

VAPS, through the APJA, provides an intensive Judging course, which some of our members have already completed. Members who are interested in improving their judging knowledge and abilities should consider doing this course.

"This year the APJA is offering all VAPS affiliated clubs the opportunity to nominate one club member to receive free APJA training for one year. For 2024 the successful nominees will be able to attend an Image Evaluation workshop as well as APJA courses 1,3, and 5. All courses are presented on-line. On completion of the training, graduates will be offered one-on-one mentoring to assist with making a start as a judge. In nominating a recipient, it is recommended that clubs choose candidates who are experienced photographers who have demonstrated some ability to make presentations or conduct workshops within the club."

We would love for one of our members to take up this opportunity.

Any member who is interested in nominating for this course, or who wants more information. please contact Michael Walker or Pam Rixon.

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 or Arthur Lilley who have both offered their services.

Cost of paper and ink would need to be covered.

Upcoming Events Program

Program - Coming up.

January 19	Friday Club Night – Open Competition (Trish McKeown)
February 14	Wednesday Committee Meeting
February 16	Friday Club Night – Workshop – Close-up/ Macro
March 13	Wednesday Committee Meeting
March 15	Friday Club night (Open Competition)

** Judges and presenters subject to change without notice

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Eastsider News

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 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>

Here is a list of upcoming competitions and exhibitions list by the APS.

MARCH

Adelaide AV National
Open 12 Feb 2024
Closing 11 Mar 2024
APS Approval 2024/03

MAY

Outback International Photography Exhibition
Open 1 Feb 2024
Closing 11 May 2024
APS Approval 2023/02

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7 SPECIAL INTREREST 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 2024. Peter Layton

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8.2 MONO GROUP

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

The next ZOOM meeting of the Mono SIG is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Tuesday the 16th Jan.

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

There is a Scenic SIG Outing planned to Docklands on Sunday 21st January.

We plan to meet at 5.45 pm at Hooks At The Yarra for an early meal. Hooks is a Pizza/ Seafood restaurant which is situated right next to Webb Bridge.

At this stage we are targeting Webb Bridge, Docklands architecture and bridges, and maybe the Crown Casino flames at 9 pm. Sunset time will be 8.42pm and Last light 9.12 pm. Tripods will be very useful and bring filters if you have them.

All members are welcome to attend this outing.

Please advise if you wish to attend.

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

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8.4 THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 15th January** at 1.00 pm at Ean's home and on Zoom.

The theme is **REFLECTIONS**, an excellent topic for anyone wanting to join.

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

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

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9 JUDGING & SUPPER SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are: TBA

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 2023/2024

January 2024; Adrian Donoghue and Ian Game

February; Con Douvitsas and Robyn Solum

March; Peter Layton and Liesel Ingrassia

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10 GENERAL INTEREST

WHITTLESEA PRO RODEO 2024

After another sold out event in 2023, Whittlesea Pro Rodeo returns in 2024 with one huge night of non stop Rodeo action!

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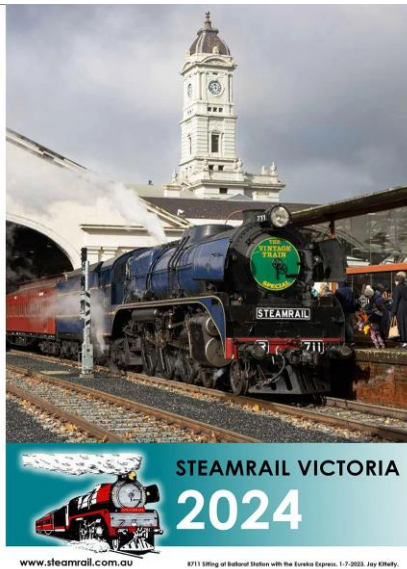
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A championship Rodeo Event with saddle bronc Bare-Back. Bull riding, steer roping steer wrestling, Team roping, steer riding, barrel racing & more!

Also check out other [Sports Events in Whittlesea](#), [Trips & Adventurous Activities in Whittlesea](#).

Check Out Steamrail Victoria for lots of interesting tours and dates, great photography opportunity.

info@steamrail.com.au



VAPS and VAPS Newsbrief - <http://www.vaps.org.au/>

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