



**DONCASTER
Camera Club**

NEWSLETTER

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Margaret Walton, Peter Stone, Jason
Godfrey, Martin Lewis, Ean Caldwell

Meetings

The Club meets at 7:30pm,
3rd Friday of each month,
East Doncaster Baptist Church,
47-53 Tunstall Road, Doncaster East

Visitor's welcome



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello DCC Members,

Both Michael Walker and John Smith have undergone heart surgery in recent weeks. Both are in rehab and reportedly doing well as this newsletter comes to you. On behalf of the members, I wish them a full and speedy recovery.

The AGM was held at the April meeting. Members resolved to increase the number of Office Holders and Committee Members from nine to eleven.

The official voting for Committee yielded the following result:

President Michael Walker

Vice President Graham Kay

Secretary Pam Rixon

Treasurer Robbie Carter

Committee Members Ean Caldwell, Margaret Walton, Peter Stone, Peter Salter, Martin Lewis, Jason Godfrey.

Welcome back to the existing committee members and a warm welcome to the new members, Martin and Jason.

A big thanks to Joanne Mellor who has stepped down from committee. Joanna made a valued contribution to the committee and edited the newsletter for the past two years. Welcome to Merilyn Newnham who has taken up the role of Newsletter Editor. To assist in that role, Merilyn will be an observer at the Committee Meetings.

DCC recently received a donation of \$1,169.24 from the Eastern Suburbs Photographic Society (ESPS). ESPS ceased activities in September 2024. On closing, clubs are required to distribute their funds to 'not for profit' entities. ESPS have distributed their funds to local camera clubs, in proportion to the number of ESPS members who joined those clubs. DCC appreciated very much this contribution to our club.

Members are reminded of the VAPS Convention, June to 13 - 15 in Castlemaine. Several members are booked in, and we are looking forward to making this into a club weekend. Book at 'vaps.org.au'.

The DCC 70th Anniversary Lunch. The 70th anniversary lunch is looming large. It will be held in a private function room at the Blackburn Hotel, 111 Whitehorse Rd., Blackburn on 20th July commencing at 12.00 noon. Bookings are necessary. Members are requested to express their intention to attend this lunch by emailing Pam Rixon or Margaret Walton indicating the number attending the event. The closing date for RSVP's is 1st July.

Regards Graham

PS. I have an Epson P600 printer for sale, along with a Matmaster System 1060B matting system.

If you are interested give me call on 0403 199 713.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was held at the EDBC. The meeting commenced with the AGM which was followed by judging of the open competition and the Aggregate Awards for 2025.



2025 Projected Image Aggregate Award, 1st Margaret Walton, 2nd Peter Stone, 3rd Pam Rixon



2025 Open Print Aggregate Award, 1st Pam Rixon, 2nd Arthur Lilley, 3rd Michael Walker



2025 Small Print Aggregate Award, 1st Michael Walker, 2nd Ros Osborne



Michael Walker presents the 2025 President's Award to Peter Salter

COMPETITION RESULTS

SMALL PRINTS

Author's Informal Name	Title	Score-Award
Ros Osborne	Happy in the Veggie Patch	12 M
Michael Walker	Praying Mantis	12 M
Michael Walker	Pretty Red	11
Michael Walker	Young Shoot	11



Happy in the Veggie Patch - Ros Osborne



Praying Mantis

Praying Mantis - Michael Walker

OPEN PRINTS

Author's Informal Name	Title	Score-Award
Michael Walker	Out of Africa	13 M
Joanne Mellor	Calm	14 H
Richard Gay	Beach Phillip Island	11
Arthur Lilley	Little Bird, little bird-	10
Pam Rixon	Across The Bay	15 H
Arthur Lilley	Ruffled Heron	12 M
Pam Rixon	Tall Ships in the Derwent	14 H
Marie Bartlett	In the Tarkine	12 M
Pam Rixon	Tangle Of Rigging	14 H
Marie Bartlett	glowing Bells	10
Arthur Lilley	Butterflies	11
Marie Bartlett	Lunchtime Sunseeker	11
Michael Walker	Just Splashing About!	11
Michael Walker	Met this Cerval!	11



Tall Ships in the Derwent ~ Pam Rixon



Ruffed Heron ~ Arthur Lilley



In the Tarkine ~ Marie Bartlett

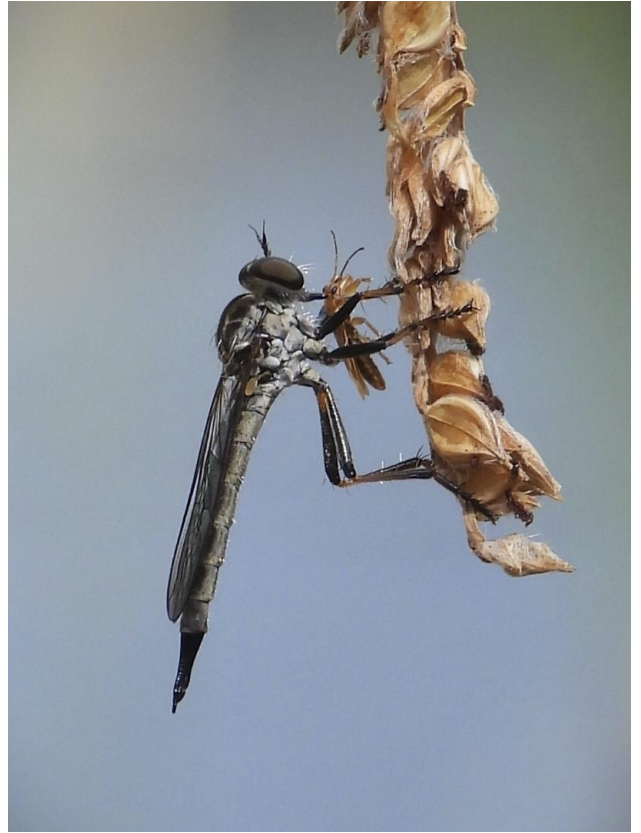
DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

Author's Informal Name	Title	Score-Award
Ros Osborne	Kiss of Death	13 M
Peter Salter	Pier-less	12 M
Felix Menke	Three-dimensional pedestrian crossing	10
Don Stott	The Crossing	11
Michael Walker	Blowing in the Wind	14 H
Bill Chan	Someone's model	14 H
Don Stott	Water Dragon	14 H
Ros Osborne	Is this bliss?	11
Leonie Cann	Frozen water landscape	11
Michael Walker	Steppe Eagle	14 H
Don Stott	Dip at Dawn	14 H
Bill Chan	Morning feast	11
Richard Gay	Tawny Frogmouth	11

Pam Rixon	The Colours of Table Cape	13 M
Michael Walker	Waterway Intersection	12 M
Margaret Walton	Bygone Days	13 M
Con Douvitsas	Black Moon Bay	11
Richard Gay	Melbourne Steam & Traction Engine Club	11
Pam Rixon	Yorke town's Pink Lake-2	14 H
Anura De Saram	Dragon wall V2	11
Anura De Saram	Hexagonal View V2	12 M
Anura De Saram	Bambarakanda Falls - El Niño V2	11
Darren McCracken	You Found Me	12 M
Liz Reen	The Light on the Hill	11
Pam Rixon	Beneath The Rainbow	12 M
Peter Stone	Bonnie	14 H
Peter Stone	Cheesy Grin	14 H
Margaret Salter	A Pile of Stars	11
Margaret Walton	Yarra Reflections	14 H
Margaret Walton	Bodie Door	12 M
Ros Osborne	A Star Attraction	12 M
Darren McCracken	The Curious Damselfly	12 M
Liz Reen	Who is Valda?	11
Con Douvitsas	Half Moon bay Sundown	10
Felix Menke	Sunset at Cable Beach- Broome W.A.	11
Con Douvitsas	Half Moon bay	12 M
Peter Stone	Yikes!	12 M
Mark Knudsen	Are you talking to me?	12 M
Felix Menke	Eastland Shopping Centre Ceiling	12 M
Darren McCracken	A Lethal Injection	13 M
Mark Knudsen	Side-eye	10
Bill Chan	Double me	11
Joanne Mellor	Splash	11



Water Dragon ~ Don Stott



A Lethal Injection ~ Darren McCracken



Bonnie ~ Peter Stone.



Dip at Dawn ~ Don Stott

THIS MONTH'S MEETING – MAY 16

The May meeting will be held at the East Doncaster Baptist Church. Our guest judge will be Domenic LaRocca. Domenic will be judging the open competition and presenting some of his own works.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – JUNE 20

The judges for next month will be Ean Caldwell, Robbie Carter, Robyn Solum (Observer Peter Salter)
The topic is Long Exposure.

Long-exposure, time-exposure, or slow-shutter photography involves using a long-duration shutter speed to sharply capture the stationary elements of images while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements.



VAPS

The VAPS Convention 2025 – CASTLEMAINE 13 – 15 June 2025

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS (AND PAYMENT) - 23 May 2025

Single Day Registrations (Saturday or Sunday) are available.

The Program, Presenters Profiles and Local Area Attractions can be found in the Convention section of the VAPS website, as well as details of registration <https://www.vaps.org.au/convention.html>

Note DCC has prints and digital images on display at the Convention.

A number of our members will be receiving year bars and awards, including a special award for 70 years of Membership for Lois Thompson.

Plus, one of our members – Joseph Maher - is the 2025 Convention Co Ordinator.

Hope to see you at Castlemaine. **13th -15th June. *Save the date!***

We will be looking to combine the VAPS Convention with a Club weekend away.
For more information about the Program and Registration costs and details go to the VAPS website.

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

PRINTING SERVICES

For those members who would like to enter the prints competition Pam Rixon, and John Smith have kindly offered their services. Cost of paper and ink would need to be covered.

UPCOMING EVENTS PROGRAM

Program - Coming up.

May 16	Friday	Club Meeting - Open Topic
May 18	Sunday	Manningham Photography Competition
May 22	Thursday	Mono Group
June 4	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
June 13	Friday	VAPS Convention - Castlemaine - June 13-15
June 20	Friday	Club Meeting - Long Exposure
July 2	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
July 18	Friday	Club Meeting - Open Topic

July 20 Sunday DCC 70th Anniversary Lunch

70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday 20th July at 12 noon at The Blackburn Hotel.

We are planning to put together a slideshow of Photos from the Club showing members, outings and functions, and anything else of interest.

If you have any suitable photos, please send them to the Club email doncastercameraclub@gmail.com

Please advise Marg Walton margw@australianscenics.com if you are planning to attend the luncheon **by July 6th** - we need to confirm numbers with the Hotel. All members and partners are welcome.



MONO GROUP

Hi everyone,

As you are no doubt aware the next meeting of the Mono SIG is scheduled for Thursday the 22 May at 7:30PM (ZOOM). I bet you're excited :-). An invitation will be sent to your email to join the Zoom meeting.

Please see the link below to the images to be processed into Monochrome. All members are invited to try out their creative talents for review and comment by the members present.

Please get your masterpieces to me by the 17th May via WeTransfer to grahambkay@gmail.com.

One simple request to make life a little easier for me.

If you want to rename the files that you created, please use the original name as the prefix to the new filename e.g. "Graham 01 newname".

The OneDrive Link to the images is [DNG Files for editing by Members May 2025](#)

Should you have any issues please contact me direct at grahambkay@gmail.com

Or, Mob 0403 199 713

View at 'Mono Group - Doncaster Camera Club' or via the DCC website.

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

SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP

On April 27th a small but enthusiastic group from DCC met at The Royal Botanic Gardens.

Unfortunately, there was not much Autumn colour about, but we all enjoyed a walk in the gardens and managed to capture some interesting and colourful images.

The photography was followed by a pleasant lunch at the gardens Café.

I would encourage other members to visit the gardens at any time of year as there is always something of interest to photograph.



Taking A Punt – Peter Salter



Marg Salter



Richard Gay

THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

View 'Themes and Series Doncaster Camera Club' or via the DCC website. The theme for APRIL was "The Odd Couple", another fun topic with 7 members contributing a great variety of images. We welcomed Marilyn, her odd couple being a hen and a dog in a quite close relationship. Yes, a very odd couple. There were many other odd couples on show, shoes, dolls, cameras, wedding couple, yes quite odd, church donation machines (the modern and the old fashioned), birds, mugs, clocks and puppets amongst other ideas. Ships, large and small and graffiti added to the repertoire.

Please visit the DCC Website under Themes and Series to see the results of our endeavours.

It is not easy to describe the variety of ideas which evolved, but a quick look at the Facebook page or the club website will demonstrate our various interpretations of the topic.

Our next topic is "A Touch of Red" which will be lots of fun and will require some creative thinking, which is always a fun part of the exercise. As well we always give positive feedback on our techniques.

The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 27th May at 1.30 pm. We will let our members know the venue in good time and the meeting is always available on zoom as well.

We hope to see more members along, even to relax and see what happens. Tea or Coffee and biscuits and cheese and camaraderie are included.

Thank you Ean for our tasty repast on this occasion.

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

IMAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

View 'Image Development - Doncaster Camera Club' or via the DCC Website.

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, when we look forward to seeing all our regular faces, and some new ones, in the group for 2025.

MENTORS WORKSHOP

Mentor workshop date, time and location will be set. Members should contact the mentor to book a seat for each workshop.

Ean will run a Mentor's workshop on basic cloning skills

Maximum three participants

Date: 10 June 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location Ean's

Contact Ean to secure a seat - 0408 808 870

JUDGING SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

May Domenic LaRocca

June DCC Panel, Ean Caldwell, Robbie Carter, Robyn Solum

SUPPER ROSTER 2025

May Joanna Fu and Ian Game

June Adrian Lee and Adrian Donoghue

July John Wu and Sharon Martenstyn

August Koren Mitchell and Felix Menke

September Jo Mellor and Ros Osborne

October Jason Rosewarne and Don Stott

If you cannot attend, please notify Pam Rixon pamrixon@gmail.com or 0421813531.

DCC provides tea, coffee, milk and biscuits.

Members are asked to bring a small supper plate to the AGM in April and EOY meeting in December.

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>

Manningham Photography Competition

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your members' talent, with the chance for winners to be featured in our 2026 Community Calendar — plus some great prizes up for grabs!

We have two categories: 25 & Under; and 26 & Over, and we encourage people of all ages and skill levels to participate. The top three winners in each category will receive the following prizes, as voted by the community:

- First prize: \$400 Find Your Local gift card
- Second prize: \$300 Find Your Local gift card
- Third prize: \$200 Find Your Local gift card

We're looking for images that capture the unique people, places, and moments that make our Manningham Community special.

Entries close at midnight Sunday 18 May.

More information and entry at

<https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/manningham-photo-competition>

GENERAL INTEREST

Hall of Frame have sponsored DCC for many years and to show our appreciation we encourage members to go there for matting and framing needs. They do an excellent job.

Grill'd Doncaster

The month of April featured DCC as one of 3 Community organizations in The Local Matters, at Doncaster Grill'd.

As a result, Grill'd will be donating \$100 to the Club. We thank Grill'd for their generous donation, and to our members who supported the club with their Grill'd purchase.

National Steam Centre

One of our members has suggested that other members may be interested in visiting the National Steam Centre operated by the Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club.

It is open on the last Sunday of each month. Exhibits include Steam Engines, Blacksmith Shed, Model Railway and more.

Address: 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby.

They do hold a SteamFest each year in March.

We will consider holding a Club Outing at the Next Steam Fest 2026 if there is sufficient interest.

More information is available on their website [MSTEC National Steam Centre](https://www.mstec.org.au/)