



NEWSLETTER

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Meetings

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

Visitors welcome



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, all DCC Members, and welcome to our August Newsletter.

There was a good turnout to our last meeting, and plenty of entries for our July “Open” subject competition. Our guest judge, Darryl Whitaker, did a fabulous job of critiquing the entries as well as having a strong interaction with the membership. Having Arthur Lilley stand and publicly laud Darryl’s judging efforts shows just how good Darryl was!

On the Sunday, following our Friday meeting, DCC celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the Blackburn Hotel. There were 38 members present for this wonderful milestone. From the feedback received, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food, the company and the day. Thanks must go to Ean Caldwell, Robbie Carter, Pam Rixon and Margaret Walton, as the organising sub-committee, for putting on a fabulous occasion for the enjoyment of everyone.

Of course, it goes without saying, it was great to have one of the club’s founding members, Lois Thompson and her support team, present for the celebrations and for us to have the opportunity to present Lois with her VAPS 70-year medallion. What a great and memorable day.

There is still plenty going on within the Club. In August there will be a Scenic Outing into the city for the challenge of street and architectural photography, while Modes of Transport is the topic for the Themes and Series SIG, early in September.

Peter Layton ran a follow-up practical session for those who attended his previous portrait/lighting workshops. This time, the group convened at Schramm’s Cottage, where I am sure everyone had a wonderful time and learned plenty about portrait photography and, particularly, lighting.

The next Mono SIG group is scheduled for 28th August. Members are encouraged to submit an image, download the collective and place their monochromatic interpretation on the offerings. Since its inception this group, under the stewardship of Graham, has provided outstanding learning opportunities for club members. It is certainly a great way to improve your monochrome photography as well as composition and many other important photographic factors.

Plans for an Astrophotography weekend at Heathcote are progressing well. Please let Peter Salter know of your intention to attend - accommodation arrangements need to be finalised.

I have completed a spreadsheet of camera brands and types used by members. My proposal is to send the spreadsheet out to members who can then identify fellow members using the same or similar equipment. This will give people the opportunity to catch up and collectively learn a little more about their equipment. I will expand on this at the August Meeting.

The committee are still very interested in hearing from any member who would like to run a single or multiple mentoring sessions for fellow club members. This might be as simple as advertising in the Newsletter that you are planning to take some photos in the local park, “is anyone interested in joining”, to undertaking some facet of post-production work that other members might find useful for their own workflow. Please put your hand up.

A reminder to all members the “Scavenger Hunt” is very much alive and kicking. Please submit your offerings to Peter Stone as they are taken. It is very difficult and time intensive to effectively manage a large volume of submissions received simultaneously.

That’s about all for this month. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our August Meeting.

Cheers and kind regards,

Michael

JULY MEETING

Michael Walker presenting...



Sharon Martenstyn receives her New Member certificate



Bev Dillon with her Meritorious Award from VAPS, for service to DCC



Bill Chan receives a Merit from VAPS (2025) for his Digital Image – Nightwalk

COMPETITION RESULTS

The judging of the **Open** competition in July was delivered by judge Darryl Whittaker. The feedback from our club members has been very positive. Darryl was interactive, constructive and fully engaged with each competition entrant. We will certainly invite him back.

Well done to all entrants and thanks again, Darryl.

SMALL PRINTS

	Title	Score-Award
Ros Osborne	Homeward Bound	13 M
Michael Walker	Baked Earth	14 H
Martin Lewis	One green bottle ...	11
Michael Walker	Days of Old	12 M
Michael Walker	Iconic Australian	11



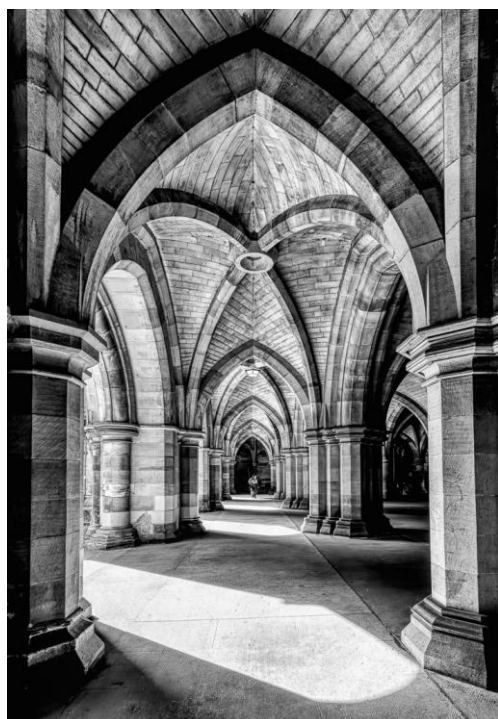
Baked Earth – Michael Walker. SP

Homeward Bound - Ros Osborne. SP



OPEN PRINTS

	Title	Score-Award
Martin Lewis	Aperitivo...?!	11
Martin Lewis	Vin Rouge 1	10
Felix Menke	Columbarium (1929) - Box Hill Cemetery	11
Michael Walker	Skimming Over the Water	13 M
Felix Menke	Near Banff - Canada	11
Marie Bartlett	Sparkling	13 M
Arthur Lilley	Web	12 M
Marie Bartlett	Future Model	11
Pam Rixon	Archway to Education	15 H
Marie Bartlett	Xanthorrhoea in flower	11
Michael Walker	Fish Eagle Take-Off	13 M
Richard Gay	Young Parrot Feeding	12 M
Arthur Lilley	Towards Kosciusko	10
Pam Rixon	Chimney Pots	14 H
Arthur Lilley	On High	11
Pam Rixon	Ice Voyage	12 M
Michael Walker	Dribbly Drink	14 H
Martin Lewis	Vin Rouge 3	12



Archway to Education - Pam Rixon. OP



Sparkling – Marie Bartlett. OP

DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

	Title	Score-Award
Marie Bartlett	The Purse	10
Liz Reen	Coorong Bush Track	11
Peter Stone	Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here	14 H
Don Stott	My Selfie	14 H
Peter Stone	Eye In The Sky	12 M
Darren McCracken	Look into My Eyes	12 M
Margaret Walton	Black Rock Sunset	11
Michael Walker	Fishing for Dinner!	11
Marie Bartlett	Mum's Budding Artist Crop again	10
Richard Gay	I'll go white	12 M
Michael Walker	Nasal Dexterity!	11
Liz Reen	Blue Hour at the Prom	11
Ros Osborne	A Meeting of the Clan	11
Martin Lewis	Seeing the light	12 M
Peter Stone	Crowded	14 H
Bill Chan	Looking up	13 M
Pam Rixon	The Sands of Coll	11
Don Stott	Footsteps	14 H
Liz Clarkson	The Art of Dying 3	11
Liz Clarkson	The Art of Dying 1	12 M
Pam Rixon	Look This Way	11
Liz Clarkson	The Art of Dying 2	11
Michael Walker	Bird on a Stick!	11
Felix Menke	Oculus Transport Hub - World Trade Centre	12 M
Pam Rixon	Village ON the Edge	12 M
Felix Menke	Portsea Beach Pier	11
Felix Menke	Magpie-Lark admiring tropical scenery- Bro	13 M
Bill Chan	Can't wait	13 M
Martin Lewis	Crepuscular rays	11
Darren McCracken	Frill-necked Lizard at Rest	12 M
Richard Gay	Migrant Luggage	12 M
Ros Osborne	Take Off	13 M
Ros Osborne	Across the Abyss	12 M
Marie Bartlett	Flowering gum	10
Ean Caldwell	Fast Train	12 M
Don Stott	Eye catcher	13 M

Martin Lewis	The Boardwalk	12 M
Darren McCracken	All Eyes on Me	13 M
Liz Reen	Ferns and Water Falls	11
Bill Chan	Who is calling	15 H
Margaret Walton	Strand Arcade	11
Margaret Walton	The Station	12 M



My Selfie – Don Stott. DPI



Who is calling? – Bill Chan DPI



Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here. Peter Stone - DPI

THIS MONTH'S MEETING – AUGUST 15TH

This month's meeting at the East Doncaster Baptist Church
The competition topic is OPEN. We welcome Tuck Leong, our judge for this month.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – SEPTEMBER 15TH

Competition - Set Topic – Dawn and Dusk – Judging panel.

FROM... THE VAPS NEWS BRIEF

Doncaster Camera Club recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a well-attended Lunch in a private function room at The Blackburn Hotel.

Doncaster Camera Club was established in 1955, and DCC was very proud to have one of our original members, Lois Thompson present as a guest of honour. Lois is a Life Member of DCC and still enjoys attending Club functions.

At the recent VAPS Convention in Castlemaine, Lois was awarded a special medallion for 70 years Membership of VAPS. As Lois was unable to be at the conference in Castlemaine, her VAPSVAPS award was presented to her at the Doncaster Camera Club's 70th Anniversary Luncheon.



This 70-year Medallion was a first for VAPS, and was specially made for the occasion.

The 70th Anniversary was a very special day for Lois, and the award from VAPS was well deserved and much appreciated.

Bev Dillon – VAPS Meritorious Award

Bev Dillon has been a member at Doncaster Camera Club since 2006, with her name appearing on several of the DCC Club Trophies including – The K. McKay Trophy 2009 and The Ed Conway Memorial Landscape Seascape Trophy 2010.

Bev is a coordinator of DCC's Themes and Series Special Interest Group. An active participant in the Themes and Series group since it commenced in 2016, Bev has regularly participated in Club outings and weekends away.

For 18 years Bev Dillon has constantly supported and contributed to DCC. She is always there with a friendly smile, offering encouragement and assistance to both new and old members. VAPS acknowledges Bev's ongoing commitment to Doncaster Camera Club.

PRINTING SERVICES

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

UPCOMING EVENTS PROGRAM

Programs - Coming up.

August 10	Sunday	
August 15	Friday	Club Meeting – Open Topic
August 17	Sunday	Scenic Landscape Outing City – Street and Architectural Photography
August 21	Thursday	Winners of The Australian Cup announced. <u>Join in on Zoom</u>
August 28	Thursday	Mono Special Interest Group
September 02	Tuesday	Themes and Series
September 03	Wednesday	Committee meeting
September 17	Wednesday	Eastern Interclub Competition at North Ringwood Community House
September 19	Friday	Club Meeting - Set Topic – Dawn and Dusk

Reminder Images to be sent Peter Stone for the Scavenger Hunt as you take them, please.

ASAP Mentor Workshop. The committee is still very interested to hear from any member who would like to run a single or multiple mentoring sessions for fellow club members. This might be as simple as advertising in the Newsletter that you are planning to take some photos in the local park, "is anyone interested in joining", to undertaking some facet of post-production work that other members might find useful for their own workflow. Don't be shy, we can all learn from each other, and it is all about continuous improvement for all members.

Oct 31/Nov 1

Astro Photography Workshop – Weekend Away

DCC Members – please remember to express interest now, and book in for the Astro Photography weekend at the Astronomical Society of Victoria's Leon Mow Dark Sky Site (LMDSS) near Heathcote.

70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – JULY 20TH



Established in 1955, Doncaster Camera Club recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a well-attended lunch in a private function room at The Blackburn Hotel, on the 20TH July.

What a wonderful celebration! Thanks to all who joined us and for the part you played in making this event so memorable.

We were thrilled to have one of our original members, Lois Thompson present as a guest of honour, accompanied by her daughter Rowena.

Lois is a Life Member of DCC and still enjoys attending Club functions. At the recent VAPS Convention in Castlemaine Lois was awarded a special medallion for 70 years membership of VAPS. As she was unable to make the trip to Castlemaine, the VAPS award was presented to Lois at our 70th Anniversary Luncheon.

There has been much positive feedback from members who attended. The meal and service were good, the environment good, presentations and prizes all went well, and the Slideshow was a huge success.

Thanks to Ean for creating the 70th Anniversary video, which now also includes memories from the day.



WATCH THE VIDEO. IT'S EASY

[Click to watch the DCC 70th Anniversary Slide Show and Lunch on Youtube](#)





MONO GROUP

Mono Special Interest Group

Co-ordinator: Graham Kay - 0403 199 713 - Email grahambkay@gmail.com

Participation in the Mono Meeting, on Zoom is always a popular choice. Whether for inspiration, exploring your own creative talent, learning and observation, the opportunity for a thoroughly enjoyable evening is right there on your screen.

- The next Mono Meeting is planned for Thursday 28th Aug.
- Get your new raw unedited files to Graham by the 25th August
- Send to grahambkay@gmail.com via WeTransfer
- Large full-size jpg's may be sent to him via email.
- Graham will then make available all new images for you to process to Monochrome.

Any problems or queries please let Graham know - grahambkay@gmail.com or 0403 199 713

An email with the ZOOM link will be sent 1 or 2 days prior to the meeting to all members.

SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP OUTING

LAST CHANCE – MUST BOOK NOW!!!

Melbourne Street Photography and Architecture.

Meeting at **9.30 AM on Sunday 17 TH** in the Bourke St Mall Melbourne (opposite Myer). Or 10.30 AM at the Coffee Shop/ Tea Room in Block Arcade.

This will be a walking excursion to Federation Square, targeting Street and Architectural photography, and including a visit to the Leica Gallery in Little Collins St to view a Steve Mc Curry Exhibition.



**We will meet for lunch at Time Out Restaurant,
Federation Square at 1pm.**

MUST BOOK LUNCH BY TUESDAY 12 AUGUST!

Pam Rixon_0421 813 531 Marg Walton 0400 311 128



THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

The theme for JULY was “Nature”, an all-encompassing topic with 7 members contributing a great variety of images. These included birds, an eye-catching variety of flowers, native vegetation and scenery. Giraffes, rainbows, kangaroos, ducks and insects all added to the variety of our photos.

A quick look at the Themes and Series Facebook page or the DCC website will demonstrate our various interpretations of the topic.

NEXT UP... MODES OF TRANSPORT is our topic for the September session. The more obscure the better, but a four-wheel drive is also acceptable. Images need to be added to the T&S Facebook prior to the meeting.

We discuss our techniques where appropriate and give positive feedback, particularly if someone is attempting something new.

The next meeting at June's home in Mitcham, will be on TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER at 1.30 pm. June's address will be privately messaged to you when you confirm your interest.

We do hope to have more members join us, even if just to sit back, relax, and discover what happens.

Tea or Coffee, biscuits, cheese and camaraderie are included.

Check out 'Themes and Series Doncaster Camera Club' to or via the DCC website

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

MENTOR WORKSHOP

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IMAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

As a continuation of the popular Lighting theme, enthusiastic participants in the first two sessions had a further opportunity to participate in an exciting third session at Schramm's Cottage, on August 10th.

NOW for more good news! Peter Layton is again available to lead the **IMAGE DEVELOPMENT SIG**. This group involves members sending in images, which will then be presented to those attending - on Zoom - for discussion and suggestions on composition and editing processes. This SIG will be reconvening very soon.

If you are interested in participating in this Special Interest Group or want more information, please advise by email.

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

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

ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND

The Astro Photography weekend runs from Friday afternoon, 31 October, until your chosen departure on Sunday, 2 November.

Anyone unable to arrive on Friday afternoon is very welcome on Saturday. Just advise at the time of registration. - Peret

All attendees will enjoy the opportunity to develop skills in astro photography using their existing camera equipment.

In addition, there will be additional activities during the daylight hours, including sessions in nightscapes, time lapse, star trails and lunar photography (number dependent). There will also be opportunities for birdwatching and photographing any local non-feathered animals and various flora.

A copy of the slide show presented at the July meeting, together with the registration form as a fillable Word document, is available on the club's website at <https://www.doncastercameraclub.org.au/Club/Downloads.aspx> under the category "Miscellaneous".

As numbers need to be confirmed for the activities to be booked, registrations must be confirmed by **15 September**. The slides and registration form contain all details; however, should you have any questions please contact **Peter Salter on 0419 484 839**, or email him on the following email reserved for the astro weekend psalter54@gmail.com

A red-light torch is a useful accessory to have as all white light is banned. Peter has details of where these can be obtained for around \$10-\$12 if you are interested.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

August - Tuck Leong. Tuck is interested in landscape, nature, macro/close-up photography

September – Peter Layton, Pam Rixon, Peter Salter

October – Ian Coombs, Waverley Camera Club. Interested in landscape, wildlife, B&W and motor sports.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING – AUGUST 15TH

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August	Koren Mitchell and Felix Menke
September	John Wu and Ros Osborne
October	Jason Rosewarne and Don Stott
November	Richard Gay and Liz Reen
December	Liz Clarkson and Marg Salter

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 EOY meeting in December.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Australian Photographic Society ... The Australian Cup!

Join us on Zoom for the results on August 21.

Doncaster Camera Club has again entered The Australian Cup com for petition submitting 20 of our best images. This competition is open to all Camera Clubs in Australia.

The Theme is “This is Australia” and our 2025 entries were shown at our Club meeting on 20th June.

Don't forget the **Winners** will be announced via Zoom on the **21st of August at 6.25 pm.**

You are encouraged to register for the Zoom gathering on the link below for registration.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/srH-QL8DS8KkFtyFi6-Jg#/registration>

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>

35th Eastern Interclub Competition

DCC has entered 12 images into the Eastern Interclub Competition - six colour and six black & white digital images. Approximately ten clubs enter this competition.

An evening showing the results will be held by the Maroondah Photographic Society at 7.30pm on the 17th September, in the North Ringwood Community House, 35-39 Tortice Drive, North Ringwood. Everyone is welcome to attend, and they always provide a lovely supper!

For any enquiries contact Marg Walton 0400311128 or margw@australianscenics.com

Title	Author	Ref
Colour EDI's 6		
Grey Crowned Crane	Michael Walker	ED 1
Night Walk	Bill Chan	ED2
Posing Proudly	Ros Osborne	ED3
The Upside of Centre Place	Peter Stone	ED4
The Curious Damselfly	Darren McCracken	ED5
Running Late	Ean Caldwell	ED6
Black and White EDI's 6		
Event Horizon	Adrian Donoghue	BW1
Highland Cow	Joanne Mellor	BW2
Passage or Prism	Pam Rixon	BW3
Dawn Mist at Cradle - Dove Lake	Leonie Cann	BW4
The Nightwatchman	Martin Lewis	BW5
Escalator	Margaret Walton	BW6

GENERAL INTEREST

The used camera sales program has been very successful in providing additional funds for the club.

To those who wish to donate, please note that it is easier to sell used equipment when it includes accessories such as:

- SD Cards
- Compact Flash Cards
- Batteries
- Battery Chargers
- Lens Caps, etc.

We often have those stray items in our kitbag. You know, the ones that make us wonder 'which camera did that belong to?'

Please check your camera bags, cupboards and draws for any such items and donate them to the sales program. Bring items to the club meeting for collection.

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

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 Steam Fest 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](#)