



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all DCC Members,

Well, we have reached the halfway point of 2025! Hasn't that gone quickly? Welcome to our July Newsletter.

We had a good turnout at our last meeting. The number of entries for our competition last month was smaller than usual, as often happens when a "different" style of photography is required to meet the "Set Topic" subject. However, there were wonderful entries from those who participated in the Long Exposure challenge. Our panel of internal judges, Ean Caldwell, Margaret Walton and Robyn Solum, did a great job in critiquing the images and providing concise and helpful comments to the author of each image.

This was followed by Alwyn Hanson, of Alwyn's Photo School, with a fascinating insight into "The Masters"; the history of Life Magazine Photographers (later called Time/Life Magazine). Alwyn's extremely engaging presentation revealed some of the old and famous images of the paparazzi of the day. Of special interest were the dress and attitudes of people through the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's. Thanks to Martin Lewis for recommending Alwyn, who is on our "To Return" list. The evening concluded with lively discussion about the history, a nice cup of tea or coffee, and Cheryl's wonderful homemade carrot cake.

A good weekend was had by all attending the recent Annual VAPS Convention in Castlemaine, including several of our members. The convention offered good presenters, and interesting and diverse workshop opportunities. Well done to DCC club member Adrian Donoghue, we all enjoyed Adrian's engaging commentary on his Photographic Journey.

Last chance! If you wish to join the 70th birthday celebrations on 20th July at the Blackburn Hotel, let us know NOW! With 40 members having confirmed their attendance, this will be a super event. Please let Pam or Margaret know this week if you will join us.

Peter Layton hosted a second, very well-received "not just portrait" lighting in August Now, another wonderful learning opportunity is in the planning. This practical afternoon at Schramm's Cottage will be of great value and enjoyment to all and will be held on a Sunday afternoon. Date TBA.

The Mono SIG group has been scheduled for late August. Since its inception, this group, under the stewardship of Graham Kay, has provided outstanding learning opportunities. It is certainly a great way to improve your monochrome photography, as well as composition and many other important photographic factors.

I am currently compiling a list of camera brands and types used by members. This will be a good starting point for a member's discussion group exploring the "Whys and Wherefores" of their specific camera equipment. Thanks to the many those who have already responded to my recent email. **Watch this space!**

A reminder to all members that the "Scavenger Hunt" is very much alive and kicking. Please submit your images to Peter Stone as they are taken, rather than bombarding him with hundreds of images for sorting at the end of the year. Submit your works or art to Peter as soon as you capture them.

The committee is very interested in hearing from any member who would like to run a single or multiple mentoring sessions for fellow club members. Read more in our [Upcoming Events](#) section.

Kind regards, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our July Meeting.

Michael

JUNE MEETING

The **JUNE** meeting was held at the EDBC. A presentation by Alwyn Hanson "The Masters-The Life Magazine Photographers" delved into the work of renowned Life Magazine photographers, exploring their techniques and the stories behind their iconic images.

Michael Walker presenting...



Adrian Donohue receives his Meritorious Award and Merit Certificates from VAPS. Adrian also received his 20-year Bar.



Ian Game received his 30-year Bar from VAPS.

... and welcoming three new members with their DCC Membership Certificates



Liz Clarkson



Fabio Panarese



Keith Tull

COMPETITION RESULTS

The judging of the **Long Exposure** competition this month was delivered by Ean Caldwell, Marg Walton and Robyn Solum. Well done to all entrants and thanks to our judges. We had some excellent entries.

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

OPEN PRINTS



BAY OF FIRES

Pam Rixon

FIRE WORKS

Richard Gay



RUSH HOUR

Martin Lewis

OPEN PRINTS

	Title	Score-Award
Richard Gay	Fireworks	14 H
Pam Rixon	Tangle of Trams	13 M
Pam Rixon	Bay of Fires	15 H
Arthur Lilley	Setting Sun	13 M
Arthur Lilley	Circles and Squares	11
Pam Rixon	Old Pier Bridport	14 H
Martin Lewis	Rush Hour	14 H
Arthur Lilley	Light Trails	13 M
Martin Lewis	Westgate Bridge	13 M

DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES



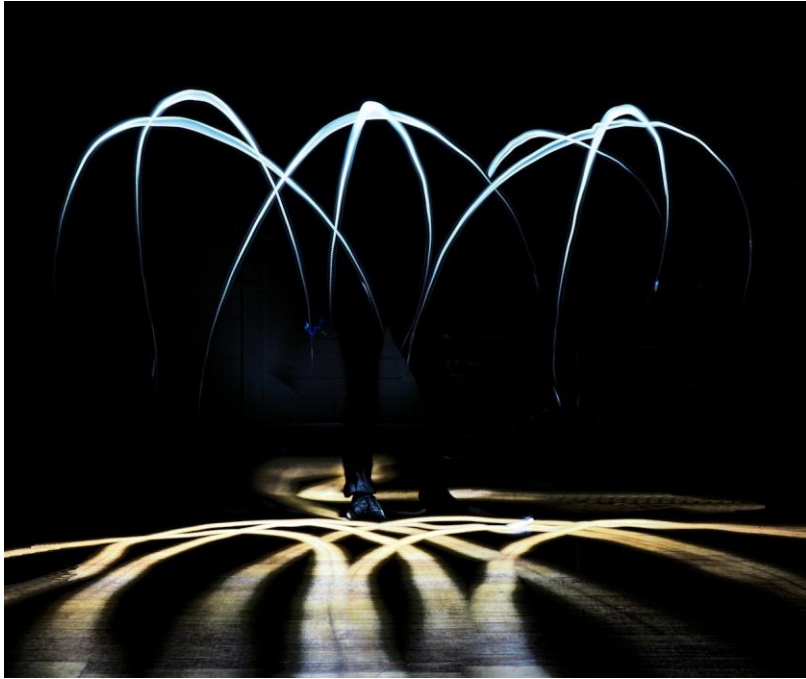
BOLTE BRIDGE

Pam Rixon

CITY DAWN

Margaret Walton



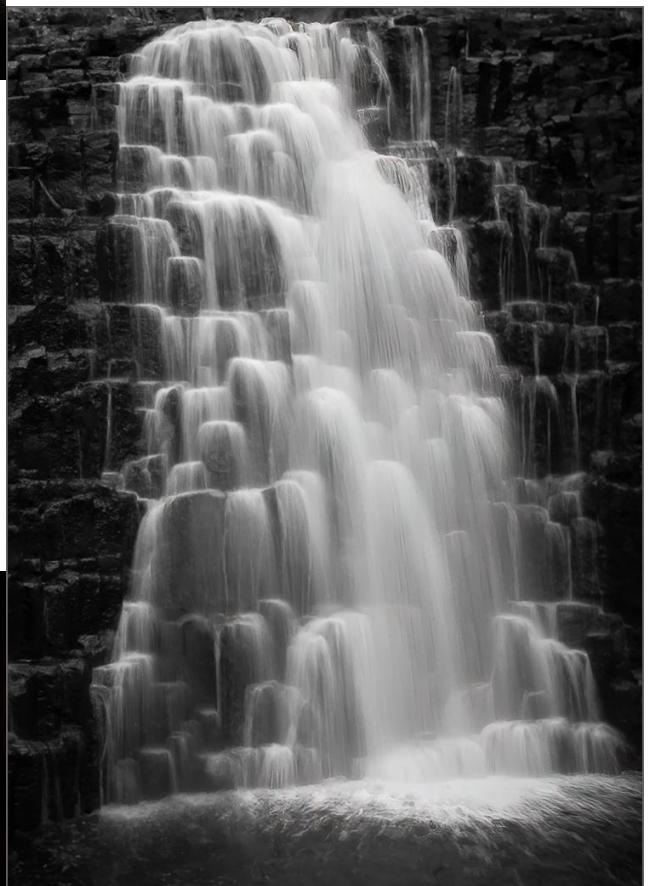


LIGHT TRAILS

Richard Gay

TASMANIA'S DIP FALLS

Ros Osborne



WHEELS ON FIRE

Liz Reen



DOWN RIVER

Peter Stone

DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGE

	Title	Score-Award
Richard Gay	Spinning Sparks	13 M
Liz Clarkson	Yarra Valley Moonlit sky	11
Margaret Walton	Hen & Chickens Merit	13 M
Anura De Saram	Night Moon's Blaze	10
Richard Gay	Light Trails	14 H
Liz Reen	New Year Bursting Out	13 M
Peter Stone	Downriver	15 H
Pam Rixon	Silent Sydney	13 M
Pam Rixon	Bolte Bridge	14 H
Margaret Walton	Breaking Wave	13 M
Liz Reen	Wheels on Fire	15 H
Don Stott	Cascade	10
Ros Osborne	Tasmania's Dip Falls	14 H
Liz Clarkson	Yarra Valley Sunrise	11
Anura De Saram	Tree	11
Liz Reen	Moonrise over the Apostles	11
Margaret Walton	City Dawn	14 H
Peter Stone	Whitewater Rock Group	10

Pam Rixon	Yarra Lights	11
Peter Stone	Golden Cascade	11
Felix Menke	Waves among the rocks	10
Felix Menke	Waterfall	10
Ros Osborne	In a Hurry	13 M
Anura De Saram	The Full Moon	11

THIS MONTH'S MEETING – JULY 18

This month's meeting at the East Doncaster Baptist Church. Our judge Darryl Whitaker.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – AUGUST 15TH

MEET THE MEMBER

Hello to **Bill Chan.**

What are your hobbies?

Golfing, fishing and photography.

How long have you been a member of the club?

Three years.

How did you get into Photography?

When I was in college, I was one of the photography club committee members. So, I got the key to the darkroom and every Saturday I spent hours in developing my own Kodak film and black and white photos.



What Camera do you use and why?

I am now using Canon R6. I started with 7D then 6D. Just my personal preference and no special reasons.

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

My strengths are I am willing to go out and shoot whenever I have time. I believe practise makes perfect.

What area would you like to improve?

Knowledge in Photoshop and Lightroom.

What is one goal you want to accomplish as a member of the club for this year?

Try to put in photos for every competition if possible.

What is something that DCC members do not know about you?

My wife and I have one son and one daughter. We have 3 grandsons and one granddaughter. Three boys from our son and one girl from our daughter.

What is your favourite part of being a member of the club?

It is my privilege to learn different aspects of photography from the club members.

VAPS

The VAPS Convention 14-15th June. Come and gone!

This year's most enjoyable annual event was held on the 14 & 15 June, in the historic town of Castlemaine.

The convention was well organised with some excellent presentations and workshops on Saturday & Sunday. One of our members - Adrian Donoghue gave a very comprehensive and well received presentation on his 'Photographic Journey'.

Congratulations to Bill Chan, whose image Night Walk received a merit in the digital image category. The displays of prints, digital images and Audio Visuals were all very impressive.

NIGHT WALK

VAPS Merit

Bill Chan



DCC came 13th out of 47 clubs in the DPI competition and 15th out of 43 clubs in the print competition. Well done members!

The Saturday night convention dinner was well attended and DCC featured strongly, with Meritorious awards being made to Bev Dillon, Liz Reen and Lois Thompson.

Year Bars were presented to John Wu (10 years), Adrian Donoghue (20 years), Valerie Armstrong (30 years), and Ian Game (35 years).

Lois Thompson received a very special award for 70 years of membership.

Congratulations must go to our DCC member Joseph Maher who did an excellent job as the 2025 Convention Convener. Thanks to Richard Gay for stepping up as our event photographer.



Liz Reen receives her Meritorious Award.



Adrian Donoghue receives his 20-year Bar

Eight DCC members attended the convention, with some of us managing to make it a long weekend and include some extra social activities and photographic opportunities.

We met at Malmsbury on Friday morning to photograph the lovely old railway viaduct reflected in a pond on the Coliban River. After lunch and some more photography in Malmsbury, we headed to Castlemaine to catch the old steam train crossing the trestle bridge at Winters Flat.

On Monday morning a few members visited the old gold dredge at Porcupine Flat near Maldon. We met up with others in Maldon for lunch and some more photography of the quaint old buildings, then headed home very satisfied with an enjoyable weekend. Marg Walton and Pam Rixon.



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.

July 18	Friday	Club Meeting - Open Topic
July 15	Tuesday	Themes and Series
July 20	Sunday	DCC 70 th Anniversary Lunch
August 6	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
August 15	Friday	Club Meeting – Open Topic
August 21	Thursday	Winners of The Australian Cup announced. <u>Join in on Zoom</u>
August 28	Thursday	Mono Special Interest Group
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 for the Scavenger Hunt to be sent Peter Stone as you take them, please.
August	Image Development Zoom Workshop (date TBA) – Peter Layton Scenic Landscape – a winter outing is being planned. Further details soon – Pam and Margaret. 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 – Placeholder -keep free

70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON - 20TH JULY – THE BLACKBURN HOTEL.

REMINDER... WE CAN’T WAIT!!! Thanks to all those members who have advised they are attending. Fortunately, at the time of writing, we can possibly accommodate a few more. Contact Pam or Margaret [NOW!](#)

MONO GROUP

Mono Special Interest Group

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

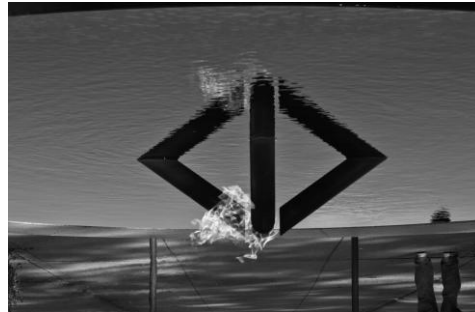
Participation in the Mono Meeting, on Zoom is always a popular choice. Whether for inspiration, exploring your own creative talent, learning and observation, the opportunity for a thoroughly enjoyable evening is right there on your screen.

- The next Mono Meeting is planned for Thursday 28th Aug.
- Get your new raw unedited files to Graham by the 16th July – Be Quick!!
- 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.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE... there are more than you think!



SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP

A Winter outing is being planned, and members will be notified soon.

THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

View 'Themes and Series Doncaster Camera Club' or via the DCC website.

Our topic for our meeting on Tuesday 15 July is 'Nature'. Send your images to Ean Caldwell by 10 July

Please join us for our next get together at 1.30 PM, at Bev Dillon's home. Don't be shy, all are welcome, even just to relax and see what happens. Tea/Coffee, afternoon nibbles and camaraderie are included. This enjoyable afternoon is also streamed on Zoom, for those unable to attend in person.

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

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

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.

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IMAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

As a continuation of the popular Lighting theme, more enthusiastic photographers have participated and enjoyed this excellent offering. Watch out for the date of the next workshop, in August at Schramm's Cottage. Date TBA

NOW for more good news! Peter Layton is once more 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

JUDGING SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

July	Darryl Whitaker – Topic - Open
August	Tuck Leung – Dawn and Dusk
September	DCC Panel, Peter Layton, Pam Rixon, Peter Salter

SUPPER ROSTER 2025

July	Jo Mellor and Sharon Martenstyn
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/joining/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>

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 belonged 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 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](#)