



DONCASTER
Camera Club

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

Visitor's welcome



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all DCC Members,

Welcome to our April Newsletter, the last before our Annual General Meeting next Friday. Remember, due to Easter, we are meeting on the second Friday in April to avoid Good Friday.

We had a good member attendance at our March meeting where many photographic entries were critiqued by our internal judges. Following the competition, everyone listened to an inciteful and entertaining presentation by club member Peter Stone articulating how many images, you might think are useless are, in fact, images that might have great creative potential. From the feedback, everyone enjoyed the presentation and, I am sure, took away some valuable learnings from the night.

Since our last meeting, the Mono SIG group had an enjoyable and interesting zoom meeting reviewing a variety of images that had been processed by members into monochrome masterpieces. Everyone learnt quite a bit from the evening's activities. The following evening the Scenic group convened, via zoom, to review a selection of submitted images taken by members at our Half Moon Bay, long exposure workshop. Again, there were many beautiful images prepared by members as a result of this outing.

The club is again featured on the charity gift list at Grill'd in Doncaster Shoppingtown. I encourage all members looking for a meal at Doncaster to visit, enjoy some nice food, and place a token into the Camera Club's jar.

As discussed at our last meeting, the club will be organising a photographic journey for anyone interested in attending the VAPS conference in June. It is anticipated that, on the Friday whilst travelling to Castlemaine, members will call into a number of places on the way for photographic opportunities before travelling on to Castlemaine for the conference weekend.

As members would remember, I mentioned Joanne Mellor, our current Newsletter Editor, has been forced to resign due to an overload of other family commitments. I highlighted this is an important communication medium for the club and we really needed a new editor to take over the role. I am very pleased to announce that Merilyn Newnham has put her hand up and offered to take over as Newsletter Editor. I wish to thank Joanne for her good work producing the Newsletter for the past two years and thank and welcome Merilyn to the role. As part of the changeover, I thank Ean Caldwell for undertaking this month's editing and assisting Merilyn in getting up-to-speed with the editing process.

The committee are very interested in hearing from any member who would like to run a mentoring session for fellow club members. This might be as simple as advertising in the Newsletter 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.

Thanks to Peter Stone, the "Scavenger Hunt" competition is now up and running. Remember to carry the list of topics around and capture to your heart's content.

The committee have finalised the venue for the 70th anniversary lunch. 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. 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 to pass on final numbers to the Hotel for catering purposes.

A reminder to all, the committee are looking to replace the current set of images on display in our club rooms. Anyone who would like to have their framed images or canvases on display is urged to contact a committee member and we will facilitate the changeover of the current images.

That's about all for this month. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM, Friday 11th April.

Cheers and kind regards,

Michael

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the EDBC. Open Images were judged by Marg Walton, Jo Mellor and Liz Reen (observed by Peter Salter). Peter Stone provided an excellent presentation titled Making the Ordinary Extra. The presentation was followed by supper.

Leonie Cann - New Member Certificate



Margaret Salter - New Member Certificate



Mark Knudsen - New Member Certificate

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GRILL'D RESTAURANT

For the month of April, DCC will feature as a Community Group in the Local Matters program at the Grill'd Restaurant at Westfield Doncaster.

This involves customers putting tokens in a jar. There are 3 Local Groups featured each month. At the end of the month the group with the most tokens in their jar receives \$300 and the other 2 receive \$100 each.

In previous years we have been awarded \$100 for Club funds which is always a successful result.

So, if any DCC Members are at Westfield Doncaster and fancy a hamburger in The Food Court, please consider Grill'd and put a token in our jar.

The hamburgers and chips are certainly very good and it's a great way to support the club.

Pam Rixon

COMPETITION RESULTS

SMALL PRINTS

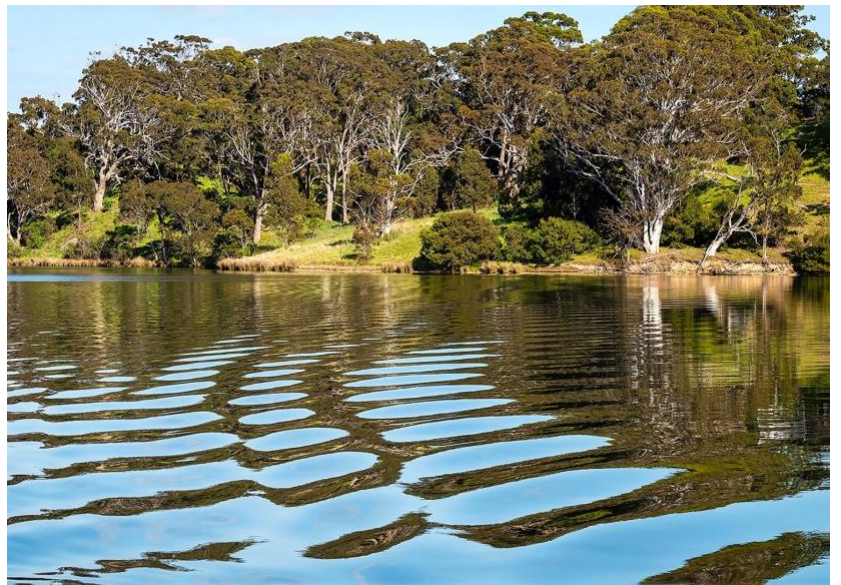
Author's Name	Title	Score-Award
Koren Mitchell	Torrent - fast	11
Ros Osborne	A Wake on the Lake	12 M
Martin Lewis	Lemon Splash	13 M
Michael Walker	Coastal Pool	11
Koren Mitchell	Torrent - slow	10
Michael Walker	Coastal Foam	9
Ros Osborne	Checking the Tide	11
Michael Walker	Emma Gorge	10
Martin Lewis	Just a drop	14 H
Koren Mitchell	Ripples	11



Just a Drop – Martin Lewis



Lemon Splash – Martin Lewis



A Wake on the Lake – Ros Osborne

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OPEN PRINTS

Author's Name	Title	Score-Award
Koren Mitchell	Bridge reflection	11
Joanne Mellor	A trickle	12 M
Martin Lewis	Dirty old river.....	12 M
Koren Mitchell	Over the edge	10
Martin Lewis	The "Phantom"	13 M
Pam Rixon	Pounding Cathedral Rock	14 H
Martin Lewis	Slaking the thirst	12 M
Michael Walker	Blue Lagoon - 01	13 M
Michael Walker	Blue Lagoon - 02	11
Koren Mitchell	Swirling surf	10
Michael Walker	Green Coloured Waters	11
Pam Rixon	Black Rock Sunset	15 H
Pam Rixon	Water into Water	13 M



Black Rock Sunset – Pam Rixon



Blue Lagoon - 01

Blue Lagoon – 01 – Michael Walker

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Pounding Cathedral Rock – Pam Rixon

DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

Author's Name	Title	Score-Award
Michael Walker	Water and Ice	11
Arthur Lilley	Bubbles (24417297)	12 M
Leonie Cann	Evening water colours	12 M
Koren Mitchell	Trees and rain	10
Margaret Walton	Crashing Wave	11
Liz Reen	Ruffey Reflections	11
Martin Lewis	Down to the waterline	12 M
Bill Chan	Rocks on the beach	11
Con Douvitsas	Waves	11
Graham Kay	Secret Fishing Spot - Lorella Springs	10
Anura De Saram	Waterlogged Courts at the Soggy AO 2025	10
Jason Godfrey	Pondering	11
Pam Rixon	Underwater World	12 M
Richard Gay	Fountain 2	12 M
Bill Chan	Waterfall	12 M
Peter Salter	Carlingford Falls	12 M
Con Douvitsas	Crying Bird of Paradise	11
Ean Caldwell	Rolling In	13 M

Anura De Saram	Ocean's Embrace	10
Koren Mitchell	Breaking wave - after	10
Pam Rixon	Tranquil Waters	12 M
Ean Caldwell	Splash	14 H
Marie Bartlett	At Toronga Falls	11
Felix Menke	Mirror Image	10
Liz Reen	Lady Bowen Falls	12 M
Felix Menke	I see a lake and the sea!	10
Koren Mitchell	Breaking wave - before	11
Michael Walker	Katherine Gorge	12 M
Richard Gay	Stevenson Falls	13 M
Con Douvitsas	Alone Again	11
Ean Caldwell	Watering	13 M
Liz Reen	Thornton Force	12 M
Ros Osborne	Dimboola Weir	12 M
Arthur Lilley	Falling-	13 M
Michael Walker	London Bridge has Fallen	12 M
Margaret Walton	Silken Wave	14 H
Bill Chan	What a kick	12 M
Marie Bartlett	River crossing	10
Joseph Maher	Blue Lake, Mt Gambier	10
Pam Rixon	Best Seats on the Lake	12 M
Anura De Saram	Step into Deep Water	10
Martin Lewis	Water's embrace	13 M
Marie Bartlett	Sticky Beaks	11
Arthur Lilley	Walking on Water-	10
Martin Lewis	Dam...!!	10
Ros Osborne	Wave Power	14 H
Ros Osborne	Beauchamp Falls	13 M
Jason Godfrey	Stricken	10
Margaret Walton	Wave Waterfall	14 H
Graham Kay	Birdsville Track reopened.	11
Jason Godfrey	Alhambra Palace	11
Felix Menke	Lake and Sea	11
Joseph Maher	Blowhole, Bicheno	11

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Splash – Ean Caldwell



Wave Waterfall~Margaret Walton



Wave Power – Ros Osborne

MEET THE MEMBERS

This month we get to know:

Adrian Lee



What are your hobbies?

Photography, golf, table tennis, listening to podcasts, walking,

How long have you been a member of the club?

About a year

How did you get into Photography?

Taking photos using my father's Contax S2 camera, since around 12 years old, quite a few years ago.

What Camera do you use and why?

Nikon D90, D810, 850, D5.

I bought the D90 years ago to take family photos. About 2 years ago, my senior pastor asked me to take photos in church, the D90 was not good enough in low light, so I bought the D810. But my good friend told me I should get the D850, as it is a better camera. The rest is a long story....

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

I did take some weddings photos for friends 30 years ago using film camera. They were pleased with the result. But I have lots more to learn, like taking good portraits, macro, scenic, and using editing tools. My current "strength" is a very keen desire to improve. And greatly appreciate help from our club members and our president.

What area would you like to improve?

All areas, including editing and printing. Printing is an art, that I am very keen to improve. Using Epson ET8550.

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

To improve enough to be an apprentice to a professional photographer on his or her professional job, to learn, {no charge}.

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

That I have a beautiful granddaughter.etc

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

Friendly and helpful, especially our president Michael.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING - APRIL 11

The April meeting will be held at the East Doncaster Baptist Church. First business for the evening will be the AGM and election of office bearers for the 2025/26 year. The aggregate awards for Small Print, Open Print and DPI images will be awarded, along with President's Award. The DCC Panel, Graham Kay, Peter Stone and Bev Dillon will judge the Open entries.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING - MAY 16

The judge for next month will be Domenic LaRocca. Dominic will also make a presentation of his works. The topic is Open

VAPS

The VAPS Convention 2025 will be held at Castlemaine 13 – 15 th June 2025. 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.

Apr 02	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
Apr 8	Tuesday	Themes and Series
Apr 11	Friday	Club Meeting - AGM - Open Topic
May 7	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
May 16	Friday	Club Meeting - Open Topic
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 DCC 70th Anniversary Lunch

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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.

MONO GROUP

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

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

Another excellent Mono SIG Zoom meeting was held on the 27th March.

A group of 14 members came along to contribute, observe and comment.

The many different interpretations of the images that the members were provided with was once again an excellent learning experience for all the attendees.

All members are urged to come and enjoy the fun and learning.

The next Mono SIG meeting is planned for Thursday the 22nd May and all members will be advised accordingly.

If you would like to have 1 or 2 images processed into mono by the group, and/or indeed join in the fun of processing all the submitted images, please send 1 or 2 full size, UNEDITED images to Graham via WeTransfer.com.

Please get any images to Graham before the 11th April."

Cheers

Graham



Photo by Richard Gay – Edited by Arthur Lilley



Photo by Liesel Ingrassia – Edited by Marg Walton

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Mono Group



Photo by Ean Caldwell – Edited by Michael Walker

SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP

View 'Scenic - doncaster camera club' or via the DCC website.

For more information, please contact Pam pamrixon@gmail.com or Marg margw@australianscenics.com

Scenic Group Report

Following the successful outing to Half Moon Bay in February we held a Zoom session in March. Members were able to present the images taken and discuss techniques, camera settings and Post production processes.

The outing was a valuable introduction for many members on the use of neutral density filters for longer exposures on waves and moving water. There was much experimentation and a variety of images taken. The Zoom session generated a lot more discussion on the use of filters and the results achieved.

The next outing is to be advised.

Pam Rixon
Marg Walton.

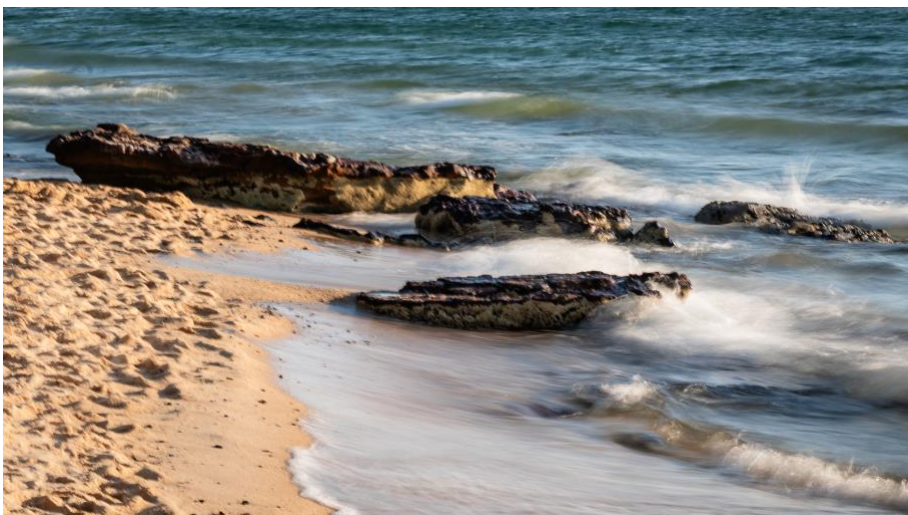
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Arthur Lilley



Con Douvitsas



Liz Reen

THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

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

The next Themes and Series meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th. The subject is 'Odd Couples'.

The meeting will be at Ean's and on Zoom.

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

MENTORS WORKSHOPS

The Mentors Program has been revised and updated. Mentors will offer small workshops from time to time. The workshop date, time and location will be set. Members should contact the mentor to book a seat for each workshop.

JUDGING SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

April	DCC Panel, Graham Kay, Peter Stone, Bev Dillon
May	Domenic LaRocca
June	DCC Panel, Ean Caldwell, Robbie Carter, Robyn Solum

SUPPER ROSTER 2025

April	Jason Godfrey and Roger Godfrey
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**](https://www.a-p-s.org.au/index.php/competitions)

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.

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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](#)

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