



**DONCASTER  
Camera Club**

# NEWSLETTER

## CLUB INFORMATION

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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

## NOVEMBER 2025

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, all DCC Members, and welcome to the November Newsletter.

Well, the year has flown, and before we know it Christmas will be upon us all!!

Albeit there were several apologies for our October meeting, there was still a good turnout.

Last month's competition was an OPEN theme and there was numerous quality images presented for critiquing by our guest judge Ian Coombs. At the completion of the competition, Ian displayed some of his work which was well appreciated by those present.

Members are reminded that on Wednesday 26th November Graham Kay has organised another Mono SIG meeting. These are excellent opportunities for members to pick up ideas on composition, monochrome tonality, what makes for a good monochrome image and much more. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, via zoom, for this very informative photographic session.

The next Image Development SIG workshop will be convened by Peter Layton at 7.30pm on Tuesday, December 9th on Zoom. Another very worthwhile investment of your time.

The committee has now finalised a set of criteria for introduction of a fourth competition section which will be called "Creative". It is intended that this new category will commence in the New Year, as will the new Creative SIG which will be convened by Peter Stone.

Thanks to our Club Secretary, Pam Rixon, the DCC 2026 calendars have now been printed, and the club has commenced distributing a free copy to each club member. As with last year, there are some additional copies available for \$10 per calendar, which members might like to purchase to give away to family and friends.

Nine of our members attended the weekend away to Heathcote to experiment with some Astrophotography skills. Everyone who attended agreed a great weekend was had by all. There were a series of presentations either given or arranged by Peter Salter's brother Gavin which gave everyone an excellent insight into the world of astrophotography. These were followed up with some practical work, shooting the moon, the Milky Way or shooting star trails.

It will be interesting to see what images appear in forthcoming competitions because of people's efforts over the weekend. A big thanks to Peter and Gavin Salter for all their work in organising a great and different weekend away.

All members are reminder our End of Year Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday 30th November at The Templestowe Hotel Bistro. Can you please let Pam or Margaret know by Monday 24th November if you are intending to come along to the luncheon to ensure we can appropriately book for the correct number of attendees.

Finally, all members are reminded that the "Scavenger Hunt" has been alive and kicking for some months now. Peter Stone will be closing the competition at the end of November to collate results and have them available for our End of Year meeting. Please make sure you have all your submission to Peter prior to the end of the month.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our November Meeting.

Cheers and kind regards,

Michael

## OCTOBER MEETING

The DCC Club meeting was held 17 October at the EDBC. Our Guest Judge was Ian Coombs. Ian also showed a collection of his own photography.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

Our thanks to Ian Coombs for his critique and informative feedback. Ian gave us an insight into his photographic judging journey. It is always interesting to note the unique perspective that judges bring to the role. Ian amused the group by identifying animal like faces that could be identified in the backgrounds of some images.

## SMALL PRINTS

	Title	Score-Award
Michael Walker	Lunchtime	12 M
Michael Walker	Old Tracks!	14 H
Michael Walker	Catch of the Day	11



Lunchtime - Michael Walker

## OPEN PRINTS

	Title	Score-Award
Arthur Lilley	The Tree Loppers	10
Michael Walker	Majestic Prowler	10
Pam Rixon	End Of The Road	13 M
Pam Rixon	Dunnotar Castle	14 H
Michael Walker	Kissy Kissy!	13 M

Felix Menke	Dresden Market Square	10
Richard Gay	Street Artist 2	10
Felix Menke	Harp Bridge ( a.k.a Samuel Becket Bridge)	9
Martin Lewis	Australia	10
Pam Rixon	Balephuill Rocks	14 H
Arthur Lilley	The Long Long Road	10
Michael Walker	On the Lookout!	10
Arthur Lilley	Lighthouse	13 M
Martin Lewis	Up, down and around	14 H



Dunnotar Castle – Pam Rixon



Up, down and around – Martin Lewis



Lighthouse – Arthur Lilley



## DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

	Title	Score-Award
Margaret Walton	Rainbow Valley	13 M
Martin Lewis	Passerby	11
Martin Lewis	Bolte Bridge	11
Pam Rixon	Lonely Tree	15 H
Bill Chan	Eyes off the road	13 M
Richard Gay	Happy Bride	11
Felix Menke	Lawn Mower propelled by an electric drill. G	11
Margaret Salter	You Lookin' at me!	10
Michael Walker	African Vulture	10
Felix Menke	The Tin-Roofed Place – Warsaw, Poland	12 M
Michael Walker	Phone and Coffee Time	13 M
Richard Gay	Frogmouth stare	13 M
Peter Salter	What!	15 H
Martin Lewis	Trainspotting	11
Ros Osborne	Dive Bombing March Fly	15 H
Ean Caldwell	Abbey Road	15 H
Ean Caldwell	By the Left ...	12 M
Margaret Salter	A balanced diet	11
Ros Osborne	Summer in the Alps	14 H
Pam Rixon	Shetlands Coloured Houses	13 M
Don Stott	Easy Rider	13 M
Darren McCracken	An Incredible Hunter	14 H
Darren McCracken	Boyd's Forest Dragon	15 H
Don Stott	Tiger eye spy.	15 H
Peter Stone	The Wide-Eyed Wonder Of Youth	14 H
Anura De Saram	Where Timber Meets Trees	12 M
Peter Salter	Looking to Land	13 M
Margaret Salter	Shoo!	11
Darren McCracken	Stunning Colours	13 M
Michael Walker	Lunchtime for Kea	11
Bill Chan	Up she goes	13 M
Richard Gay	Old house	11
Mark Knudsen	Mangrove Twins	11
Anura De Saram	Forest Cascade	12 M
Mark Knudsen	Buller road	11
Bill Chan	Performing	14 H
Margaret Walton	High Key Trio	13 M

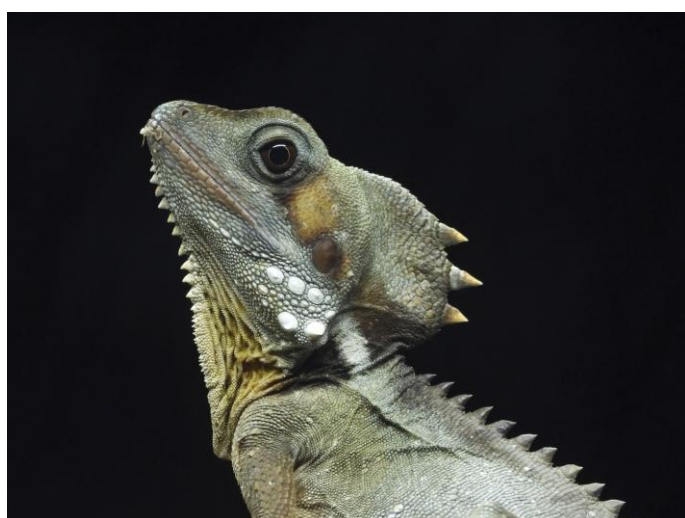
Peter Stone	Early Riser	12 M
Anura De Saram	Mossy Rocks and Flowing Waters	11
Pam Rixon	Tied Up	14 H
Peter Salter	The disappearing sparrow	10
Mark Knudsen	Cowra Stream	14 H
Felix Menke	Limestone Rock Formation – Dunedoo, NSW	11
Margaret Walton	Gantheaume Cliffs	11
Peter Stone	Sunset Flower	15 H
Don Stott	Balloon Boy	13 M
Ros Osbourne	Three of a Kind 1	15 H



Sunset Flower - Peter Stone



Three of a kind 1 - Ros Osbourne



Boyd's Forest Dragon - Darren McCracken



What? - Peter Salter



Abbey Road - Ean Caldwell

### THIS MONTH'S MEETING – NOVEMBER 21 ST

This month's meeting at the EDBC. The **SET** topic competition - Monochrome - will be judged by Tony Harding and we look forward to hearing more interesting perspectives and opinions.

### NEXT MONTH'S MEETING – DECEMBER 19 TH

The December **OPEN** competition – will be judged by Caulfield Camera Club  
Calendars will be available... and we enjoy our special **End of Year** supper.

### 2026 DCC CALENDARS

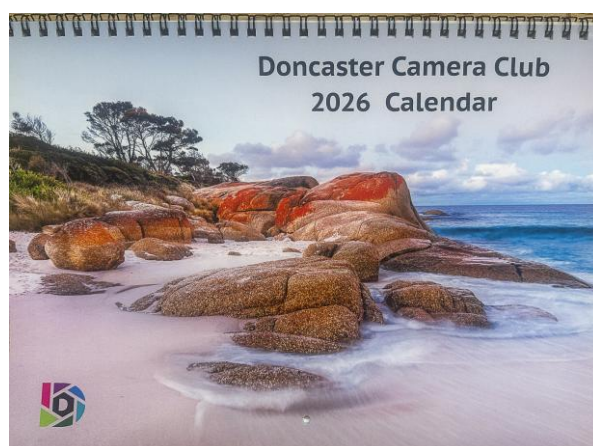
The 2026 DCC Calendars are now available and being distributed to members at our DCC meetings.

Each member will be given a calendar for no cost, courtesy of the Club.

There are extra Calendars which will be available at a cost of \$10 each at the next Club Meeting.

Anyone unable to be at the meeting and wishing to order extra calendars please advise:

Pam Rixon at [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com)







## DONCASTER CAMERA CLUB

### END OF YEAR LUNCHEON 2025

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 12:30PM

THE TEMPLESTOWE HOTEL BISTRO  
23 Parker St  
Lower Templestowe

All Members and partners are welcome.

We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

RSVP by Monday 24th November

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## UPCOMING EVENTS PROGRAM

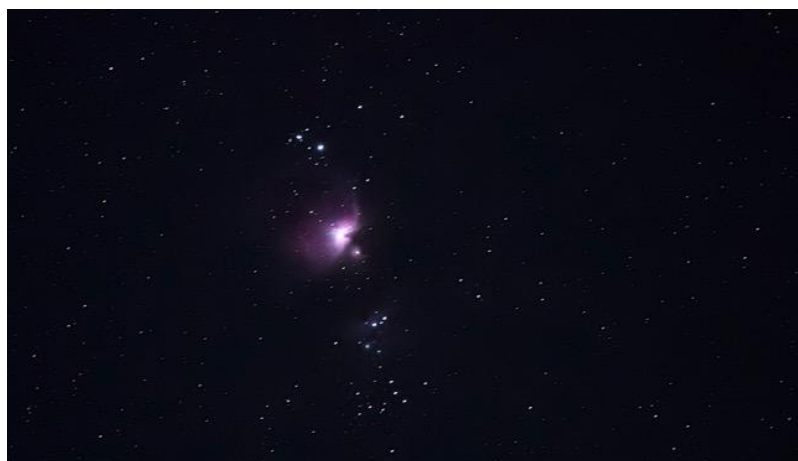
November 21	Friday	Club Meeting - SET topic - Monochrome - Tony Harding
November 26	Wednesday	Mono SIG – Zoom
November 30	Sunday	End -of-Year Luncheon, The Templestowe Hotel
December 03	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
December 09	Tuesday	Image Development SIG
December 09	Tuesday	Themes and Series SIG
December 19	Friday	End-of-Year Club Meeting and Competition– Caulfield Photo Society
January 7	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
January 16	Friday	Club Meeting – OPEN topic – Patricia McKeown
Jan/Feb	Date TBA	Scenic Photography Outing – Street Photography
February 4	Wednesday	Committee Meeting
February 20	Friday	Club Meeting – Workshop. Topic TBA

**Reminder: Scavenger Hunt.** Last opportunity; the closing date for the Scavenger Hunt submissions is November 30th. Images to Peter Stone; crooked paw@gmail.com

## PRINTING SERVICES

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

## ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND



Firstly, a big **Thank You** to Peter Salter and his brother Gavan for organising such a great weekend.

For me, as a recent member of the club, I had not considered Night Sky Photography. I really value the experience, the weekend, and the facilities provided to us by the Astronomical Society of Victoria. The Leon Mow Dark Sky Site was a revelation.

Given the opportunity again I would approach it with a greater insight as to what I could achieve.

It has raised an unknown area of interest, and while my attached photos are far from good, I'm pleased to have made the effort with my OM D1 Camera.

Thanks to everyone involved in an enjoyable weekend – Roger Godfrey

## IMAGE DEVELOPMENT SIG

### Image Development Special Interest Group

The next Image Development Group meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 9th on Zoom at 7.30 pm. All club members are warmly invited to take part and contribute images for discussion.

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

Coordinator Peter Layton - 0409 947 618 - [peter@peterlayton.com.au](mailto:peter@peterlayton.com.au)

## MONO SIG

The **Mono Special Interest Group** will meet next week, Wednesday, 26th November at 7.3 pm.

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.

Any problems or queries, please let Graham know - [grahambkay@gmail.com](mailto:grahambkay@gmail.com) or 0403 199 713

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

## SCENIC SIG

The March Club Competition is a set subject Street Photography - hand in February.

In preparation for this we will enjoy another outing to Melbourne CBD for Street Photography, sometime in January or early February.

We will keep you posted with the date and venue in plenty of time. Come along for another great day.

Pam Rixon and Marg Walton.

## THEMES AND SERIES SIG

The theme for October was "Steps and Stairs", a fun topic with 6 members contributing a great variety of images. Two members also joined via zoom.

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

Our Steps and Stairs images included images from holidays in Europe, Melbourne city scapes, local picnic spots, interior stairwells, and the **creative juxtaposition of persons on steps; *Do you recognise the subject/s?***



Ean showed us a creative 'blurring' technique, and we discussed further opportunities to improve our images, particularly in relation to subtle, and not so subtle, composition and cropping.



Marty talked us through the various 'Steps and Stairs' opportunities he found in the city, and his particular approach to the topic.

Our December topic is **"CIRCLES and SQUARES"** which will be a lot of creative fun and again, not too difficult to find subject matter. Our next meeting will be on TUESDAY 9th December at 1.30 pm at Marty's home, and on Zoom. We hope to see more members along, even to relax and observe. Tea or Coffee and biscuits and treats are included.

Peggy Petty - [peacefulpeggy@outlook.com](mailto:peacefulpeggy@outlook.com)  
Beverly Dillon 0439 562 471 - [carldillon@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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. Don't be shy, we can all learn from each other, and it is all about continuous improvement for all our members.

## JUDGING SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are.

November	Monochrome – Tony Harding
December	End of Year Competition - Caulfield Camera Club
January	OPEN – Patricia McKeown

## SUPPER ROSTER 2025

November	Richard Gay and Liz Reen
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December

Liz Clarkson and Marg Salter



- \* \* Following our EOY meeting on Dec 19th there will be a **Special Xmas Supper**.
- \* \* We invite all members to join us and please bring a small plate of food to share.

## 2026

January

Bill Chan and Peggy Petty

February

Roger Godfrey and Robyn Solum

If you are on the roster and cannot attend, please notify Pam Rixon: [pamrixon@gmail.com](mailto:pamrixon@gmail.com) or 0421813531.

## EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

### EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST

#### National Gallery Victoria

Women Photographers 1900 – 1975

A Legacy of Light celebrates the wide-ranging photographic practices of more than eighty women artists working between 1900 and 1975.

Open 28 Nov 25 - Closing 3 May 26

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/women-photographers-1900-1975/>

## JANUARY

### Maitland International Salon of Photography

Open 18 Oct - Closing 18 Jan

APS Approval 2026/01

## GENERAL INTEREST

**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.