



**DONCASTER
Camera Club**

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings

The Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the
East Doncaster Baptist Church, 47 – 53 Tunstall Road,
Doncaster East, 3109 at 7.30pm



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1 FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello All DCC Members,

Well, our February meeting was a different experience! An engaging workshop was organised by Ean Caldwell where 26 members had the opportunity to photograph a variety of interesting objects, either up close or at a macro level. The feedback from participants was very positive and, I got the feeling we could have continued the evening for considerably longer than having to wind up shortly before 10pm. Thanks must go to Ean for organising the evening; to Margaret Walton, Peter Stone and Peter Layton for helping set up the workstations for members to photograph.

It has been decided to hold several more of these evenings over the next 12 months and, to that end, members will be polled at the March meeting to determine whether they would like to have these evenings as a replacement to our normal club night structure or have an additional evening scheduled to convene either workshops or presentations from special guest speakers.

This year's annual VAPS Convention is being held at Federation University Australia, Berwick Campus from the 14th – 16th June. Conference registrations are now open, and information can be accessed via the VAPS website. The Convention is a great opportunity to meet like-minded individuals from photographic clubs across Victoria and listen to some excellent speakers that are engaged for the weekend. I would strongly recommend this activity to every club member.

The club has been contacted by the Secretary of the Royal Australian Engineers Association to ascertain whether the club can assist with photographic duties, for them, on ANZAC Day. The club has had a long association with this Organisation, and it is a great opportunity to practice your posed and impromptu portrait photography. To make it viable we need about 6 club members to undertake the photographic duties on the day. This would include photographing at the form-up in Flinders Street at approx. 8.15 am followed by some photography along the march and concludes with a group photo at the Shine at approx. 11.00. Please give this some consideration as I will be asking for number at the March meeting.

A reminder that the Beechworth, Autumn Tones, weekend will take place from the 26 -28 April. These events are always a great opportunity to get away and focus on all things photography and socialise with club members. You will need to book accommodation as the Bright Festival commences on the same weekend. For those that haven't been to Beechworth, it is a lovely part of Victoria with many attractions and photographic opportunities.

Ean Caldwell advised that he has updated the Club's Social Media sites. The Club has 11 different portals across various social media platforms. I would remind members that giving "Likes" to every DCC posting adds to the Club's profile and provides greater opportunity to reach out to additional potential new members.

The club has sent off 20 "large format" DPI images to DCC UK of which, we have been promised, at least 16 will be displayed in their forthcoming Exhibition. We look forward to seeing our photos on display.

The committee are finalising what resources and photos will be placed on display in the Nunawading Library. Albeit the space is rather small, it is a prominent area in the library and a good opportunity for the club to advertise our wares and potentially encourage new membership into the club.

Finally, I have been keeping in touch with John Smith and he continues to progress, albeit slowly. John is still very interested in what is happening in the club and is getting back into doing some photographic printing.

Kind regards and cheers,

Michael

2 FEBUARY MEETING

We had 26 members attend, which was a great turnout, and, hopefully, members came away from the evening with a few "different" images and some good learnings from the workshop experience. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Ean Caldwell for his excellent organisation of the evening. It was fantastic. Not only did Ean organise the evening, but he also brought along a variety of equipment and set it all up for members to use throughout the evening. We would also like to express our thanks to Peter Layton, for bringing along his equipment and his keenness to offer advice and his expertise to members. Thanks to Peter stone for setting up his light tents for everyone to have a go and thanks to Margaret for bringing along her equipment to help on the night. I would also like to thank Peter Salter for bringing along a box full of power boards and leads to ensure we had all the power and lighting organised.

Finally, thanks to all those members present who helped setting up, and afterward, pack up, as well as all the members who helped out with advice on cameras and settings and how to, hopefully, capture that great image.

It was a great night all round and the committee will be discussing future opportunities for organising and conducting further workshops.

3 COMPETITION RESULTS (NO COMP WAS HELD)

3.1 SMALL PRINTS

3.22 OPEN PRINTS

3.3 DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGES

HAND IN FOR APRIL is "OPEN" Competition

THIS MONTH'S MEETING – MARCH

March meeting will be held in usual place of East Doncaster Baptist Church, with guest judge Mario Mirablie, From Caufield camera club. Marios interested in all aspects of photography, an enjoyable night ahead.

5 NEXT MONTH'S MEETING APRIL

April meeting will be held in usual place of East Doncaster Baptist Church, it's always a very social meeting, And if you can't bring food, don't worry you are still welcome as there is always plenty. Partners, family and friends are also welcome at this meeting.

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6 NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

VAPS Convention 2024

The 2024 VAPS Convention will be held in Berwick at The Federation University Campus

June 14th -16th 2024.

Registration is due May 26th.

We would encourage all members to consider attending. As the convention is close to Melbourne it will not be the usual weekend away, so hopefully more members will be able to attend even for only one day.

DCC will submit prints and digital images and the displays of images are always excellent.

There are a range of speakers and workshops of interest and we usually have a DCC table at the Saturday night dinner.

The extensive program and information is available on the following link.

<https://www.vaps.org.au/online-registration-2.html>

Model Train Display

Sandown Racecourse

March 16th -17th

<https://www.trainandhobbyshow.com.au/>.

A short video of our February Workshop is now available online at our DCC YouTube Channel (yes, we have one) 😊. Click on the link below.

on the club's Facebook Group at:

doncaster camera club - melbourne

Cheers Ean

Printing

The Committee has decided that members entering prints in the monthly competition should not put their name on the back of the print. It is not necessary with Visual Pursuits, and it is always preferable for judges to judge the prints anonymously.

The Committee is trying to encourage more members to print photos and enter them in the monthly competition – large or small.

Small prints are an easier way for new printers to get started. But the members who regularly enter digital images may like to see their images as large prints. We realise that printers are expensive, and the process can be complicated.

Therefore, any member who would like to have images printed can contact either Pam Rixon, Arthur Lilley or John Smith who have kindly offered their services.

Cost of paper and ink would need to be covered.

Upcoming Events Program

Program - Coming up.

March 13	Wednesday Committee Meeting
March 15	Friday Club night (Open Competition)
April 3	Committee meeting
April 10	Friday Club Night (set subject- Rain)

** Judges and presenters subject to change without notice

Eastsider News

If there are any other members who would be prepared to write an article about Club activities for submission to future editions, please let me know. It is always good have fresh and different approaches to these articles. The Eastsider News is published every 2 months and DCC has so far been published in every edition.

I recommend all members look at Eastsider News and subscribe to it, as it is full of interesting articles and information about the local area.

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

The newsletter can be viewed online at; <http://www.eastsidernews.org.au/>

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7 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>

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7 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS & WORKSHOPS

8.1 IMAGE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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 2024.

Peter Layton

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8.2 MONO GROUP

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

Our meeting in April. (I suggest Tuesday the 9th of April) The number of images per member has been reduced to one so that we can fit in some Lightroom training and more detailed discussions of process. Any extra images will be held over to May-June meeting.

All members are welcome to try their hand at conversion to Mono

Once you have completed your conversion masterpieces All DCC members are encouraged to come along and get involved if they wish or simply observe and learn.

Doncaster Camera Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. All DCC members are invited to come along and join in the fun and discussion whether you contribute or just observe and comment, you are very welcome to attend.

Please let Graham know if you would like to be on the mailing list.

A Zoom link will be sent to all DCC members prior to the meeting.

Our meetings are always an excellent learning experience for all members, experienced and novice alike.

Come and join the fun. Come and “Share the Passion”.

If you would like to turn your hand to creating Mono images for discussion, please contact Graham for a link to the images. Or indeed, any queries at all, please feel free to give Graham a call or email him.

“SHARING A PASSION”- In the meantime, the next lot of images are available for downloading and processing.

To be part of the fun please contact Graham for the link to the images.

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8.3 SCENIC LANDSCAPE GROUP

Suggestions for our next outing are always welcome.

Conveners

Pam Rixon and Marg Walton.

Coordinators: Pam Rixon –0421 813 531 - pamrixon@gmail.com, Marg Walton – 0400 311 128, margw@australianscenics.com

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8.4 THEMES AND SERIES GROUP

Themes and series meeting 15.1.2024.

Our topic was reflections, and we all approached the topic differently.

Ean found a variety of subjects, from boats reflected in water, tall buildings, silverware, glassware and some intriguing photos using a mirror.

Marty used a car's rear vision mirror, tall buildings, rivers in the daytime and with lights at night as well as a puddle reflection. Beverley found many different varieties of reflections in the Yarra River and elsewhere on holiday. June was given some small unripe pears which she reflected in surfaces in her kitchen. Peggy did a Myers window building reflection and various reflections on cars in the shopping centre car park.

Check us out on the Facebook page, new members always welcome. Inquiries Peggy Petty peacefulpeggy@outlook.com or Beverley Dillon carldillon@optusnet.com.au

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8.5 MENTORS & WORKSHOPS

Members are welcome to contact the mentors but please remember, it is the mentor's right to determine time and place.

Composition and Other Fundamentals - Peter Layton 0409 947 618

Colour Management/ Calibration/Windows Computer Problems - Glenn Mills 03 8669 0323

Photo Critiquing – Peter Layton 0409 947 618

Printing – Pam Rixon, Arthur Lilley and John Smith.

9 JUDGING & SUPPER SCHEDULE

Judges for the following months are: TBA

Supper Roster for 2023/2024

March - Peter Layton and Liesel Ingrassia

April - Bev Dillon and Martin Lewis

May - Bill Chan and Liz Reen

June - John Wu and Koren Mitchell

July - Jason Godfrey and Roger Godfrey

Cannot make the date? Then you must advise the Judging Steward, Ean Caldwell on 0408 808 870, and the monthly coordinator [the judge first listed] as soon as possible.

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10 GENERAL INTEREST

Doncaster Camera Club – Weekend Away

We are planning a club weekend away to Beechworth on the 26th to the 28th of April.

Beechworth is a very historic town with many wonderful old buildings from the 1800's. It is steeped in history from the gold rush era and will present many great photographic opportunities.

Timing should be in the prime of the autumn season, and nearby Bright are beginning their Autumn Festival that weekend. Because of this festival, accommodation may be in short supply so if you plan to come, please book your accommodation early!

More details will follow regarding meet up times for meals and a proposed program.

So please reserve the dates.

Enquiries to Marg Walton margw@australianscenics.com

0400 311 128

Also,

An exciting photography exhibition by a world-renowned photographer, Steve McCurry will be held at/on
The Exhibition is in Williamstown from 28th Feb to 19th May.

I have seen a Steve McCurry Exhibition, and I can recommend it as well worth seeing.

But you do need to book tickets.

For more information see the link below.

<https://seaworks.com.au/events/steve-mccurrys-icons/>

VAPS and VAPS Newsbrief - <http://www.vaps.org.au/>

The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies is the umbrella organization for all Victorian clubs. It publishes, on a monthly basis, a newsletter titled “News brief” and the latest edition can be found at: <https://www.vaps.org.au/index.php/news>. Note: Rather than log on to the website each month to read News brief you can, at no cost, sign up to have a copy e-mailed to you each month.



