



**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 1.30 - 4pm (Easter & Cup Day weekend exceptions)

**Website:** <http://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au>

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

**YouTube:** <https://youtube.com/channel/UCCPK8oUGGI0C2xRY2OhFOyg>

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## CALENDAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The following is a list of the proposed dates for Camera Club functions so that you can pencil them into your diary. Please check our Facebook page or your emails for any changes due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Date	Function	Date	Function
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Open images to Gary.	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Cadillac Canyon Excursion 6pm Please let Graeme know if you wish to attend.
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Black and White images for the Monthly Challenge due to Gary <a href="mailto:parnellg@yahoo.com">parnellg@yahoo.com</a>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Cape Liptrap Please let James know if you are interested in attending.
5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>General Meeting</b> at 1:30pm at Newhaven Yacht Club. Afternoon tea – BYO cup and gold coin donation. Lunch prior to meeting is at the Vietnam Vets Museum Café. RSVP to Lorraine by text 041 933 1630 or email <a href="mailto:tranlorraine@gmail.com">tranlorraine@gmail.com</a> by Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February.		



Wishing all Phillip Island Camera Club members a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you for the start of another enjoyable year at the February meeting in 2024.

## **AN END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As 2023 winds down, I would like to wish all PICC Members a Joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

It has been an event-filled year for the club. We have had a variety of successful outings and I thank all those that were involved and contributed to the events. I am always impressed with the level of participation in these excursions; they are a great way for members to interact and share our common passion.

We have also seen an inspiring response to our challenges on Facebook. I thank the members that put in so much time and effort to manage this forum. It is a tremendous outlet for our members to showcase their images and interact with others. Above all, I note that the interaction on this medium always epitomises our club motto '**Making Photography Fun**'.

A high point of the year was, of course, the Gippsland Interclub Competition. The result of First Place overall was gratifying, but more than that, it was great to see us participating in this competition after an absence of several years.

It has been a big year for me personally as I have taken on the position as President of the club. It is not a position I take lightly and I hope that I can live up to the faith you have shown in me. I love the spirit of the club and I look forward to sharing the next year with our many talented photographers.

Take care over the holiday period and enjoy your celebrations.

As always, have fun and Happy Snapping.

Graeme Lawry - President



*President Graeme Lawry at the recent South Coast Road, Phillip Island excursion. Image by Lorraine Tran.*

Editor's Note: A big thank you to Graeme for taking on the role of President of our club. We thank you for all you do for the club – organising judges, excursions and for leading the PICC Management Team as well as carrying out the role of Acting Secretary (Admin). We appreciate the huge amount of work that you do to keep the club running smoothly.

## **FAREWELL**

Farewell to George Holain, a member of the camera club for 15 years. Our heartfelt condolences to you on the recent passing of your wife. We wish you all the best for your move to Melbourne to live closer to family.

## **2024 PROPOSED SYLLABUS**

The proposed 2024 syllabus for PICC is shown below. The intent behind the syllabus is to provide a varied choice of topics that will, hopefully, encourage members to expand their photography skills. We have, within PICC, an incredible range of photographic skill sets that we would like to draw on and share. With that in mind, members are encouraged to participate in our challenges and share their personal photographic passions. Above all, though, enjoy your photography

Meeting	Topic for Evaluation or workshop	Monthly challenge	5 mins of fame	Challenge brief
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Open evaluation	Black and White		Seascape
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Self evaluation (EDI)	Seascape		Single colour
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Workshop – Portrait/Lighting	Single colour		Vegetable
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Reflections	Vegetable		Water drop
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Open evaluation	Water drop		The moon – <i>full moon</i> 22 <sup>nd</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Presenter – Peter Fogarty	The moon		Sunsets
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Animal Portrait	Sunsets		Balanced
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Workshop – Manual Mode	Balanced		Manual Mode
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Open evaluation	Manual Mode		Patterns
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Workshop - TBA	Patterns		PICC 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Portfolio	PICC 2024		

### **Black and White definition and references**

At its most basic, Black and White photography is the art of creating an image using varying shades of grey, from pure black to pure white.

The impact of the image will depend on the subject and the use of contrast, texture, lines and light. For our purposes, we will also be happy for you to include monotone images, which could include sepia images or other variations of this theme. The important thing is for you to experiment and participate in the challenge. We want to see your images.

<https://www.pixobo.com/20-essential-black-and-white-photography-tips-for-beginners/>

<https://shotkit.com/black-and-white-photography/>

<https://cameraharmony.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-black-and-white-photography/>

### **5-MINUTES OF FAME**

We hope to reintroduce this to our meetings next year. Please consider if you would be willing to ‘tell your story’! It’s a great opportunity to showcase your photography and for club members to learn how you came to be interested in photography and to understand the types of photography you are most enjoy. Please let Graeme or any of the Management Committee Members know if you would be prepared to present your 5-minutes of fame.

### **DECEMBER MONTHLY CHALLENGE – 10-MINUTE CHALLENGE**

Thanks to all who submitted 10-minute challenge images for the Monthly Challenge. A small selection of the images appears below. Thanks to Gary for putting together the 10-minute challenge images on a YouTube video that can be viewed at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR278anSGb09ovCuOdQpR6FJO8b1BaI9LO5Ws5hpHzws8haIWI483I2aD\\_A&v=I3nQMyzUCX8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR278anSGb09ovCuOdQpR6FJO8b1BaI9LO5Ws5hpHzws8haIWI483I2aD_A&v=I3nQMyzUCX8&feature=youtu.be)





## EXCURSIONS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The following excursions are in the planning stages. Dates and times to be confirmed.

- VAPS Annual Convention June 2024 to be held at Federation University, Berwick. It is hoped that a couple of representatives from our club will be able to attend.
- Gippsland Interclub (Warragul) June 2024 (10 framed print images taken in the Gippsland area will be required)
- Great Ocean Road October – November

## PICC 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

During 2024, PICC will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A celebration dinner, photography exhibition, launch of the Philip Island Photo Opportunities publication and the release of a commemorative polo shirt are in the planning stages. Stay tuned for updates. If you have any further ideas for our anniversary celebration, please contact Graeme or any of the other Management Committee members.

## EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS

### *2024 Leongatha Art and Photography Show*

The Art and Photography Show will be held over three weeks from Saturday 13 January to Saturday 3 February 2024. Now in its 47th year, the Leongatha Art & Photography Show, a major project of the Leongatha Rotary Club remains one of South Gippsland's major art and community events with substantial attendances, entries and sales.

The show is again being held at the Leongatha Memorial Hall, located in the center of the Leongatha and will be open daily from 10am to 4pm, from Saturday 13 January to Saturday 3 February 2024.

Entries are to be delivered to the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 9 January 2024 between 9am and 3pm.

Pick up of entries after the show is on Sunday 4 February 2024 between 9am and 12pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the show. If you have any questions please email me at [rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com)

## EVALUATION OF PORTFOLIO IMAGES

Thank you to judge Bert Hoveling, evaluator for the Portfolio topic. Well done to all who submitted images for evaluation. There were 7 Highly Commended and 3 Commended Awards.

AWARD	TITLE	PHOTOGRAPHER
Highly commended	Teddys big adventure	Lynne Cook
Highly commended	A Gift of Flowers	Colleen Johnston
Highly commended	At the Bird Bath	Jenny Skewes
Highly commended	Best Day Ever	Rhonda Buitenhuis
Highly commended	Phillip Island Weather	Gary Parnell
Highly commended	Birds in Flight	Graeme Lawry
Highly commended	Life Cycle of the white Jesebel Butterfly	Will Hurst
Commended	Water	Jon Hogan
Commended	Koala	James Millward
Commended	Tiny birds	Andrew Keir

A selection of images from the Portfolio which were awarded highly commended and commended appear below. Note that the Portfolios, rather than individual images were given the award. Some of the images have been cropped. Please go to the following YouTube link to see the Portfolio images at



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3OO3xR7zynColu-PJ-gOsChBwGDy\\_DqRBYulkX54MCuq03l01Xr18-HRs&v=6MMc0d0qC0A&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR3OO3xR7zynColu-PJ-gOsChBwGDy_DqRBYulkX54MCuq03l01Xr18-HRs&v=6MMc0d0qC0A&feature=youtu.be)

Due to the length of the judge's comments, they have not been reproduced in this newsletter. However, they are available on the PICC website.



**Teddy's Big Adventure – The Adventure Begins:**  
**Lynne Cook**  
**Highly commended**



**Best Day Ever! Rhonda Buitenhuis**  
**Highly commended**



**A Gift of Flowers – Hibiscus: Colleen Johnston**  
**Highly commended**



**Phillip Island Weather: Gary Parnell**  
**Highly commended**



**Tiny birds – Eastern Yellow Robin: Andrew Keir  
Commended**



**Birds in Flight – Kookaburra: Graeme Lawry  
Highly Commended**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SUBMITTING IMAGES FOR EVALUATION DIGITAL IMAGES (EDI):**

- Images may either be created with a digital camera (including a mobile phone camera) or created with a conventional camera and scanned into electronic format.
- Images may be enhanced or manipulated using image editing software, but the original image must have been made by the entrant.
- As per VAPS specifications ([www.vaps.org.au](http://www.vaps.org.au)), maximum horizontal dimension is 1920 pixels and the maximum vertical dimension is 1080 pixels.
- Each image file must be in sRGB JPEG format and a maximum of up to 5 Mb in size (5000kb).

Name your data image with Title of photo and your Club member number, separated by an underscore, followed by the topic and month when the judge will present the images to the members at the monthly meeting eg: **Sunset on Woolamai Beach\_126\_Open\_Feb2022.**

Maximum of **three** entries in total either in PRINTS, EDPI or a combination of the two.

### **NOVICE CATEGORY REINSTATED:**

To encourage new members to participate in the monthly evaluation, it has been decided to re-instate a NOVICE section. This will be in the EDPI (Electronic Digital Projected Image format. We would like to emphasise that this is not a competition but a learning opportunity. If you need assistance to get started please speak to one of the Committee Members, who are only too happy to help. Maximum of three entries.

Label your entries NOV\_(Title of image)\_(PICC membership number)\_Topic\_Month2020

EDPIs can be forwarded to [parnellg@yahoo.com](mailto:parnellg@yahoo.com)

### **ARE WE HAVING PRINTS?**

Prints may be submitted for the evaluation topics in 2024. A total of **three** images only can be entered into the evaluation. **Three** prints or **three** EDPIs or a combination prints/EDPIs totalling **three** can be submitted. The exception to this is the Portfolio topic, where a combination of four prints or four EDPIs or a combination of prints/EDPIs can be submitted.

When entering prints, we ask that an EDPI of the print be entered also as our plan is to have the prints displayed but to show them in the slide-show so that everyone can see the detail on screen. It is important that print EDPIs be labelled with PRINT e.g. **PRINT\_Title of image\_Membership No\_Open 202\_Feb2022**

Please bring the actual print of the image along to the Newhaven Yacht Club Clubroom on the day of the meeting for it to be displayed for the judge's final perusal and for members to view.

### PRINTS

- Prints may be ANY size, up to a maximum of 40cm x 50cm (16in x 20in) when mounted.
- ALL prints MUST be mounted.
- Panoramic print formats are acceptable, but must fit on a 40cm x 50cm (16in x 20in) board.
- Prints mounted to a total thickness greater than 5mm will not be accepted.
- Please also include a digital image of the photo you send in labelled as for the EDPI, but starting with **PRINT: e.g. PRINT\_Sunset on Woolamai Beach\_126\_Open\_July2018**

Please note: If an image does not receive Highly Commended, it can be submitted into only one more club evaluation. This allows the maker to adjust the image following the judge's recommendations. **Please go to the PICC website for the judge's evaluation**

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you wish to contribute to the monthly newsletter, please send items to Lorraine Tran at [tranlorraine@gmail.com](mailto:tranlorraine@gmail.com)

Please help make this newsletter informative for everyone.

Judge's comments on the Portfolios are available at:

[https://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023\\_12\\_04\\_PHILIP-ISLAND-CC-Judges-Comments-Portfolio-BERT-HOVELING.pdf](https://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023_12_04_PHILIP-ISLAND-CC-Judges-Comments-Portfolio-BERT-HOVELING.pdf)

### 2024 PICC AND NEWHAVEN RESIDENTS GROUP CALENDAR

Thank you to all members who provided images for the 2024 calendar (Ken, Gary, Rhonda, Frank, Jenny Skewes, Graeme, Rob and Margaret.) Thanks also to those who purchased copies to assist in raising funds for our club. If you still wish to purchase a copy (@\$15), please contact Jeannie Chapman from the Newhaven Residents Group [jeannie.chapman.1945@gmail.com](mailto:jeannie.chapman.1945@gmail.com) and mention you are from PICC.

