

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: August 2025



Meetings: 1st Monday of the month 1.30 - 4pm (**Easter & Melbourne Cup Eve are 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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August 2025 Newsletter

Hello PICC Members.

My thanks and gratitude to our 3 brave judges, Jon Hogan, Karen Cashen and Ken Anderson, who participated in the Panel Judging of our August Evaluation, Landscape/Seascape. Some inspiring images were shown and I was impressed with the constructive discussions we had about the merits of the images. When we stop to ask, Why do I like that image? we get a much better understanding of the components of a Great Image. Well done to all.

I was equally impressed with the submissions for the 'Close Up/Macro' Challenge. My thanks go to Gary Parnell for his untiring support. Gary has, as always, compiled and posted videos of the entries for the Evaluation and Challenge. Links below; please enjoy the fruits of his labour.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POfHjpR5hoU&pp=0gcJCa0JAYcqIYzv>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wkVSXQ47-8>

Looking forward to the September 1st meeting; we will be trying some trick shots. We have suggestions of Mirror Photography, a Crystal Ball and some Zoom Photography and maybe some water drops. If you have a burning desire to try something, particularly if you are in a position to demonstrate, please let me know on 0407092352 or graeme.lawry@gmail.com.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“There are no bad pictures; that’s just the way your face looks sometimes” - Abraham Lincoln



Image by Karen Cashen

DATES TO NOTE

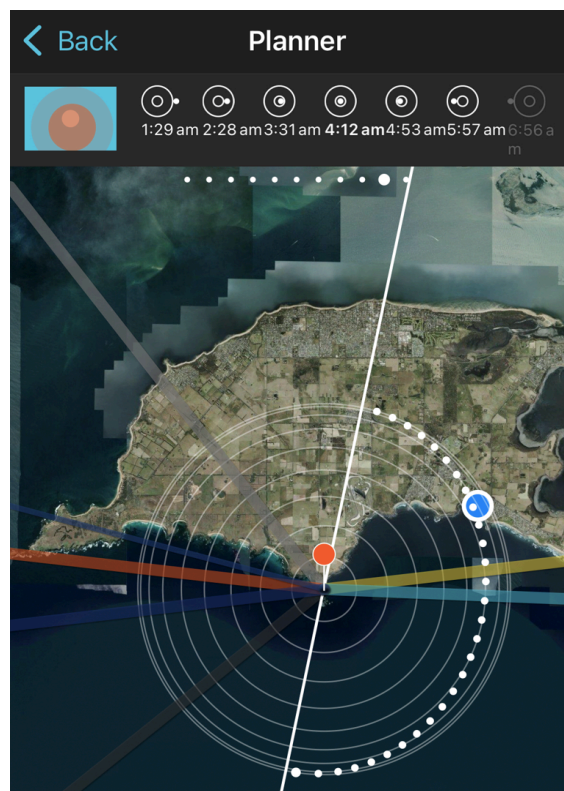
Sunday August 31st 2025 - All image submissions due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

These will include the 'Open' images for entry in the October Evaluation and also the images for our September Challenge of 'Alphabet Shapes' more info further on.

Monday September 1st - PICC General Meeting 1.30pm Newhaven Yacht Squadron. Lunch before meeting at 12 noon - Vietnam Veteran's Museum Cafe. RSVP to Margaret Laurie on 0425 801 173

Monday September 8th - Lunar Eclipse Excursion As discussed at an earlier PICC meeting, there is a Lunar Eclipse on the morning of September 8th. We are planning an excursion to capture this for those interested. We will go over more details at the meeting on 1st September, but some preliminary information below... My Thanks to Annette Stewart for a very comprehensive overview of the event.

- A Total Lunar eclipse will be viewable from the island early on the morning of Monday Sept 8.
- Totality is at 4:12am; the eclipse will start around 2:30am and run through to around 6am;
- Twilight will begin around 5am, with sunrise and moon-set at about 6:30am
- The eclipse will be viewable in the north-west direction, so any dark location with a clear view in that direction should work.
- Suggested location will be Pyramid Rock lookout, with the eclipse happening along the coast - the thin blue line in the image below shows where the moon will be located at totality (the thick blue line shows where the moon will set)
- We are planning to be at the Lookout from around 3am. If you are coming, please drive very slowly / around 20kph along the access road, to avoid grief for yourself and the wallabies.



Club Fees

This year's 2025/2026 Membership fees are now due as of the 1st July. The majority of members have already paid but if you are yet to do that, could you please complete the renewal forms. These are available to download from our website www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au

Membership is currently \$40.00 for the Year. (Life members are exempt from membership fees.) Direct transfer would be preferred, but of course payment by cash will be accepted.

Banking Details:

Phillip Island Camera Club

BSB: **633 000**

Account No: **162 977 730**

Description: Membership Fee 25-26

Ref: Member Number (if known) Surname

2025 SYLLABUS

The 2025 syllabus is largely set and 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!

Thanks to those of you who have contributed suggested evaluation/challenge topics via our Facebook page. These will be given careful consideration. There are still a couple of gaps in our 2025 syllabus. If you have a particular topic you would like covered in a workshop or talk, please contact Graeme on graeme.lawry@gmail.com

Date	Activity Main activity for the meeting. Evaluation, Workshop or Presenter	Judge (if applicable)	Challenge (image slideshow) Due in day before meeting at latest	Five Minutes of Fame	Brief for next month's challenge Explanation and discussion of next challenge
3 rd February	Evaluation - Open	Johanna Botman	Mobile/Tablet Global edits only		Structure
3 rd March	Workshop Matting		Structure		Sand Patterns
7 th April	Evaluation – Black and White	Jeffrey Nankervis	Sand Patterns		Blue Hour – 'Blue Hour' excursion during April
5 th May	Guest Speaker - Erin Marine Photography Talk		Blue Hour		Weather
2 nd June	Evaluation - Open	Trish McEwan	Weather		Abstract
7 st July	Workshop - Focus Bracketing		Abstract		Close Up/Macro
4 th August	Evaluation - Landscape/Seascape	PICC Panel 3 member panel	Close Up/Macro		
1 st September	Workshop/Trick Shots				Trick Shots
6 th October	Evaluation - Open	David Skinner	Trick Shots		
10 th November AGM	Workshop /Presenter South Gippsland peer review.				PICC

1 st December	Evaluation (4 image Portfolio) Maker's theme		PICC 2025 Images of PICC members during club outings or activities		
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August Challenge -Close Up/Macro

Thanks to all who participated in our Close Up/Macro Challenge.

It was great to see so many members get behind the challenge and submit some very creative images.

It is worth noting that some of the images were very impressive and could well be entered into evaluations. If you haven't dabbled with our evaluations yet, please give it some consideration. You can contact me on 0407092352 or graeme.lawry@gmail.com if you want to discuss this further.

September Challenge- Alphabet Shapes

In our Challenge for the September meeting, we are looking for 'Alphabet Shape' images.

The aim is to find and photograph items in nature, or maybe even man made, that resemble a letter of the Alphabet.

As long as you have not manipulated the item or arranged something yourself, it is a legitimate entry.

This is an unusual challenge but should be fun. Have a look at the link below for inspiration

https://www.theschoolofphotography.com/tutorials/alphabet-photography?srsId=AfmBOopY6p4wZ_tVw7HRZif_Yd76THD9DSUc4gJ_TbgImvw1OvJCeWc

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 31st August at latest; earlier is appreciated.

October Evaluation- Open

Our October evaluation is the ever popular 'Open' category.

This essentially means that you can submit images in your choice of genre. Images may be manipulated using software and can include composites, as long as the components and editing are your own.

Images should have been taken within the last two years. This keeps us motivated and producing new material.

We will be looking at these images for possible club entries in VAPS and the Gippsland Interclub Competitions in 2026, so if you have a great image just sitting on your hard drive, now is the time to bring it out.

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VAPS

Always worth reading.

The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (VAPS) August Newsbrief is available at

[VAPS August 2025 Newsbrief](#)

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), 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).

Images should be recent (generally taken within the last 2 years).

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. (Note that the December Portfolio comprises 4 images.)

NOVICE CATEGORY REINSTATED:

To encourage new members to participate in the monthly evaluation, it has been decided to reinstate 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

ARE WE HAVING PRINTS?

Prints may be submitted for the evaluation topics in 2025. 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_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

Images should be recent (generally taken within the last 2 years).

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.