

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: September 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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September 2025 Newsletter

Hello PICC Members,

A big thank you to those who provided items for the workshop at our September meeting and participated in some very creative image making. It was a lot of fun and I look forward to seeing the Trick Shots submitted for our challenge.

Another shout out to those who either joined us at Pyramid Rock or found other vantage points to capture the Total Lunar Eclipse. This was a spectacular event that produced some impressive images. It is worth noting that our trip to Pyramid Rock was suggested and planned by Annette Stewart. Our thanks to Annette for plotting the path of the moon and establishing the best viewing location for our excursion.

If you have an idea for an excursion, particularly if you would be willing to help organise the outing, please let us know. Suggestions from members will help us organise activities that are well received. Give it some thought and let us know if you come up with something.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“All photographs are accurate. None of them is the truth..” - Richard Avedon



DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 5th October 2025 - Trick Shot Challenge image submissions due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday October 6th - 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 October 6th - If you would like to have 2 or 3 images peer reviewed by South Gippsland Camera Club at their November meeting, please let me know and send the images to graeme.lawry@gmail.com. The review will consist of general comments only. This will not be a ranked critique as such, just opinions and general comments. We will be doing the same for South Gippsland images at our November meeting.

Wednesday October 29th - Seniors Festival 'Walk and Talk' at Cowes Library. 11am to 1pm. PICC and Cowes Myli are hosting a Senior's Festival activity. This will consist of a walk for those able. Those not able to participate in a walk will be catered for with a talk and activity in the library. If you are able to help on the day, please let us know via phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com or 0407092352

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		Happy with that One
10 th November AGM	Workshop /Presenter South Gippsland peer review.		Happy with that one		PICC
1 st December	Evaluation (4 image Portfolio) Maker's theme		PICC 2025 Images of PICC members during club outings or activities		

September Challenge -Alphabet Shapes

Thanks to all who participated in our Alphabet Shapes Challenge.

There were some inspired images showing natural and man made items that formed letters of the Alphabet. A quirky theme that made us stop and take notice of the world around us; always a worthwhile exercise for photographers.

A big thank you to Gary Parnell for producing the Slideshow of the creations. An outstanding job as always. Link below to the YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLVKO0dvDcU>

October Challenge- Trick Shots

In our Challenge for the September meeting, we are looking for Trick Shots

We had some fun in the September meeting, experimenting with different props and viewpoints. The water drops were a big hit and we saw some fun images created using mirrors and various backdrops.

Some ideas for trick photography may be ...

Zoom Effect - focus on an object and zoom the lens in or out during the image exposure.

Forced Perspective - objects are manipulated to appear larger or smaller according to the viewer's perspective.

Reflections - Use mirrors to create unique images or create illusions

Light Painting - Use torches or other light sources to create shapes or patterns

As always, don't get too caught up in the details; just experiment and have fun.

A couple of links below for you to look at and get some inspiration.

<https://photzy.com/trick-photography-a-short-guide/>

<https://www.discoverdigitalphotography.com/2016/top-10-photography-tricks/>

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 5th October at the latest; earlier is appreciated.

Have fun with this.

VAPS

Always worth reading.

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

[VAPS September 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.