

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: October 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>

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October 2025 Newsletter

Hello PICC Members,

Welcome to the October Newsletter. Please read it through and take note of the information on upcoming events. There is a fair bit of information here and you need to be across it.

I have had some favorable feedback after the October General Meeting. I was quite happy with it also; in particular I liked the interaction and input from Club Members. As well as having some fun and laughs, we also had some very constructive discussion about the images presented in the 'Open' Evaluation; this helps everyone.

We also had positive feedback about the excursion to Oswin Roberts Reserve after the meeting. With the warmer weather coming up, we will try to have more local outings. This may be at short notice, to work in with favorable weather. Keep an eye on the Facebook Page.

Hopefully you are all aware that our Annual General Meeting will be held at the beginning of our November meeting. You should all have received notification of the meeting, along with relevant documents. Please let me know via phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com if you have any questions or have not received your notification.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I’m going to take tomorrow.”

– Imogen Cunningham

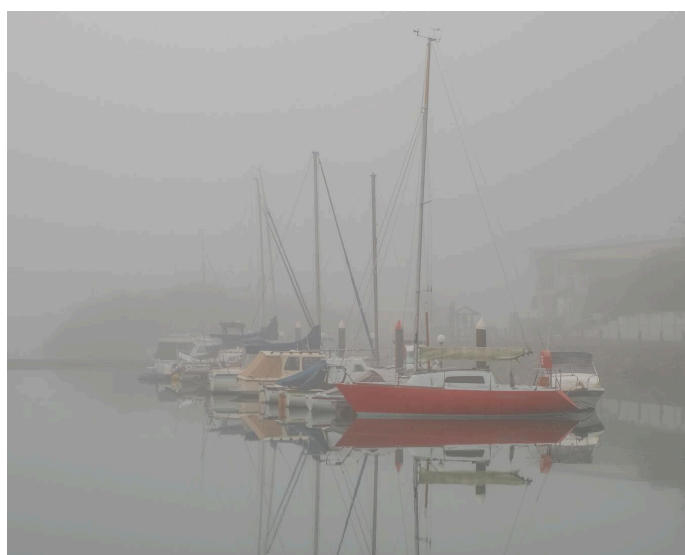


Image 'Foggy Marina' by Will Hurst

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday October 23rd - Social lunch, 12.30pm, at: "Mon Dieu" Cafe & Restaurant, 97 Church Street, Cowes.

Please contact Margaret Laurie on 0425 801 173 if you are planning to attend.

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 0407 092 352

Sunday 9th November 2025 - 'Happy with That' Challenge image submissions due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Sunday 9th November 2025 - Portfolio images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday November 10th - 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 November 17th - Tentative date for trip to Toorong Falls, with a couple of possible side trips.

2025 SYLLABUS

The 2025 syllabus 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. We are currently working on our 2026 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		Happy with that one		PICC
1 st December	Evaluation (4 image Portfolio) Maker's theme	Dave Summer	PICC 2025 Images of PICC members during club outings or activities		

October Challenge -Trick Shots

Thanks to all who participated in our Trick Shots Challenge.

An outstanding selection of very creative images. Hopefully everyone had fun with this. It is very heartening to see members experimenting and stretching themselves. Well done everyone.

As usual, Gary Parnell has produced an outstanding Slideshow of the images. Our thanks for this and so much more that Gary gives us. Link below to the YouTube Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhfVcwFA4bs>

November Challenge- Happy with That

In our Challenge for the November meeting, we are looking for images that you are happy that you took. It may not be a technically perfect image, but if it 'Speaks' to you and makes you happy, we want to see it.

Likewise, if you have an image that 'Sings', and you are proud of it, this is the time to show us. Sometimes an image has a strong appeal that is hard to decipher; you just look at it and say 'I like that'. If you have an image that fits the bill, we want to see it.

Hopefully this has clarified the brief for the challenge. Look through your catalogue and if you have an image you like, then we want to see it'. We are relaxing the time requirement for this challenge so dig deep and come up with the goods.

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 9th November at the latest; earlier is appreciated.

October Evaluation - Open

We had a great selection of images submitted for our October Open Evaluation. It was particularly pleasing to see some newer members submitting images. Well done to all.

Our Judge for the month, David Skinner has now retired from Judging, so we had the Honour of being his last official evaluation club. A charming man and a talented and insightful judge. We will miss his critiques and wisdom.

Congratulations to those who received Commended or Highly Commended recognition. There were a lot of wonderful images shown.

Recipients and awards are shown below.

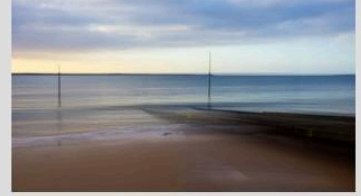
Commended-Highly Commended-Oct 2025



1st day at the beach - Gary Parnell
HIGHLY COMMENDED



Bath Time - Gary Parnell
COMMENDED



Boat Ramp ICM - Ken Anderson
COMMENDED



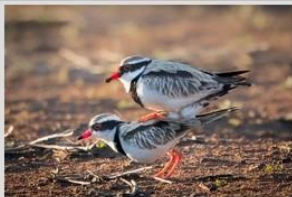
Eastern Yellow Robin - Julie Oates
COMMENDED



Egret - Graeme Lawry
COMMENDED



forgotten - Phillip Johnstone
COMMENDED



Get A Room - Andrew Keir
COMMENDED



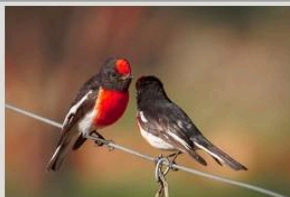
Heron - Graeme Lawry
HIGHLY COMMENDED



Mateus - Phillip Johnstone
COMMENDED



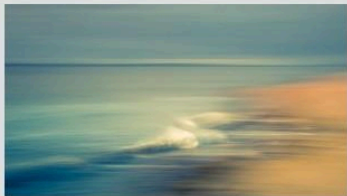
Passionfruit Flower - Colleen Johnston
COMMENDED



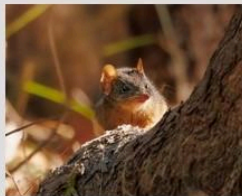
Pecking Order - Andrew Keir
COMMENDED



Spoonbill - Graeme Lawry
HIGHLY COMMENDED



Winter Beach ICM - Ken Anderson
HIGHLY COMMENDED



Yellow Footed Antechinus - Andrew Keir
COMMENDED

[December Evaluation - Portfolio](#)

Our final Evaluation for 2025 is the Annual Portfolio.

For those not familiar with this Evaluation Topic,

Members present a folio of FOUR images relating to one topic or photographic style. The style of presentation is an individual choice and may include a 5th Title image. Evaluation is on the Portfolio as a whole; individual images are not normally assessed.

This is your chance to be a bit creative and show your style. Bear in mind also that we are looking for images to include in our VAPS and Gippsland Interclub entries next year. If you have some outstanding Gippsland inspired images, now is the time to bring them out.

Last year's submissions can be seen at the link below if you need some inspiration or clarification.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAvVWk7thso&pp=ygUkUGhpbGxpcCBJc2xhbmQgQ2FtZXJhIENsdWlgcG9ydGZvbGlvOgcJCfwJAYcqIYzv>



Always worth reading, the VAPS Newsbrief keeps us up to date with VAPS information.

This month's edition has details on the upcoming VAPS AGM, the 2026 VAPS Convention and other interesting information.

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

[VAPS October 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.