

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: December 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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December 2025 Newsletter

Hello PICC Members.

I wasn't sure this would happen, but thanks to a Christmas Miracle, welcome to the December 2025 Newsletter.

Wrapping up a great year, was the December Meeting mixed with a social lunch. We had results of the 2025 Portfolios and wonderful slideshows of the PICC Challenge and Tooronga Falls outing. My thanks to everyone who made the day such a success.

I extend my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of PICC this year. We have had some memorable outings and produced some outstanding images. More importantly, we continue to uphold the club Motto ' Making Photography Fun'.

Please keep an eye on the Facebook Group, as there may be opportunities to get out together over the holiday period. Let us know if you are after company for a photo outing.

Stay Safe and enjoy the festivities.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“Great photography is about depth of feeling, not depth of field.” – Peter Adams



Image by Julie Oates

[DATES TO NOTE](#)

Sunday January 4th 2026 - 'Open' images for our February meeting due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Sunday February 1st 2026 - 'Lucky Dip Challenge' due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday February 9th 2026 - Photography Chat at Berninneit Library, 11am to 1pm. PICC are hoping to run a regular photography session at the Myli Library Cowes. Members are welcome to attend and contribute to the discussion. If you have a favourite genre you would like to talk about, or perhaps some tips and tricks you would like to share, feel free to join in. Let me know via 0407 092 352 or graeme.lawry@gmail.com if you would like to contribute.

Thursday February 26th 2026 - Lunch at Mon Dieu 97 Church St Cowes. 12.30pm RSVP Joanne Linton 0438 046 119

[2026 SYLLABUS](#)

Hopefully you all gained something from the 2025 syllabus. 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!

We are currently working on our 2026 syllabus and we will let you know details as soon as possible.

If you have a particular topic you would like covered in a workshop or talk, please contact Graeme on graeme.lawry@gmail.com

[December Challenge -PICC](#)

Thanks to all who participated in our 'PICC' Challenge. There were some wonderful photos of our members (though a couple seemed to be over represented 😊). Well done to all who submitted content.

Gary Parnell's Slideshow of the images can be found at the link below. Enjoy the show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YzAXp7l4MTM>





December Evaluation -Portfolio

What a wonderful selection of Portfolios we had for the 2025 December Evaluation.

There was some healthy discussion around the Judge's Critiques but that is all part of the process. Opinions and experience vary; there is no right or wrong. Having said that, I did overrule the decision on the ICM Portfolio, as it was obviously a genre the Judge was not familiar with, and perhaps should have reviewed differently.

Well done to all the makers and congratulations to those who received awards...

Highly Commended	Colleen Johnston	'A Mixed Bunch'
Highly Commended	Andrew Keir	'Raptors and Their Behaviour'
Commended	Lynne Cook	'Through the Fish Eye'
Commended	Ken Anderson	'Backlighting'
Commended	Graeme Lawry	'Feathers and Fur'
Commended	Phillip Johnstone	'Painted Desert Sunrise'
Commended	Karen Cashen	'Into the Jungle'
Commended	Julie Oates	'ICM'

The ever reliable Gary Parnell has created a Portfolio slideshow that can be found here ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnnrnkQB3Vk&pp=0gcJCSgKAYcqIYzv>

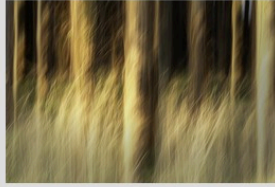
Our thanks to Gary for a wonderful presentation.

Image Highlights from the Portfolios below

PICC Portfolio 2025



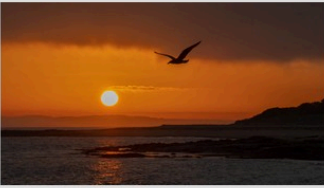
Mum and Bub



ICM



Architecture



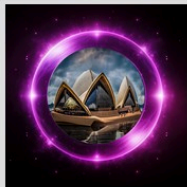
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Earth



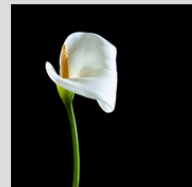
Feathers and Fur



Fisheye



Kati-Thanda



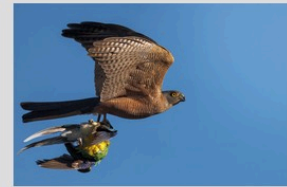
Mixed Bunch



Painted Desert Sunrise



PI Motor GP



Raptors



Wellbeing Walks

February 2026 Evaluation - 'Open'

Our February 2026 Evaluation topic is 'Open'.

Open, in this context means the subject matter is Unrestricted and can be of any topic. Image manipulation is allowed. The one binding requirement is that the maker must have created all aspects of the image.

Images are due to Gary Parnell at parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 4th January 2026.

February 2026 Challenge - 'Lucky Dip'

Hopefully you all picked a Topic for our February 2026 Challenge 'Lucky Dip' from the box of subjects.

As always, this is not about creating the perfect image. The aim is to encourage you to experiment and show off your creations.

If you could not attend the December meeting and would like to take part in the Challenge, let me know on 0407 092 352 or graeme.lawry@gmail.com and I will provide you with a topic.

Images are due to Gary Parnell at parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 1st February 2026.



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

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

[VAPS December 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.