

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: November 2025



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

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November 2025 Newsletter

Hello PICC Members,

Welcome to the November 2025 Newsletter. It is hard to believe the Year is drawing to an end, with our December 'End of Year' meeting and Christmas itself just around the corner.

After our AGM on 10th November, we now have a full complement of Committee Members. My sincere thanks go to Kim Poole and Wendy Cook for joining our Management Committee; I very much look forward to their input in the coming year. Our Committee now consists of myself, Graeme Lawry, as President, James Millward as Treasurer, Gary Parnell, Jenny Skewes, Jon Hogan, Joanne Linton, Kim Poole, Wendy Cook as General Committee Members. The position of Secretary is still vacant; we will work on that during the year as this position is critical to the club's well being.

We still rely heavily on a few members, however, our club is now in a strong position, with a favorable community presence, some new members and a very positive outlook. I hope over the coming year, we can consolidate this position by drawing on the talent and resources within the club to set our group up for a bright future.

It is fair to say this has been a productive year for PICC, with many fun outings and some tremendous images, from birds and flowers through to midnight Auroras (what were we thinking !). Here's hoping 2026 continues the trend.

Thank You all for your support and enthusiasm in 2025; I look forward to seeing you at our December Meeting. For those who won't be able to attend on December 1st, I wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“The camera sees more than the eye, so why not make use of it?”

– Edward Weston



DATES TO NOTE

Sunday 30th November 2025 - 'PICC' Challenge image submissions due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday December 1st - PICC General Meeting Newhaven Yacht Squadron. Lunch at 12 noon prior to the meeting. Bring a plate to share.

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.

2025 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

November Challenge -Happy With That One

Thanks to all who participated in our 'Happy With That One' Challenge.

A wonderful selection of images that showcases the talent we have in the club. Well done everyone.

As usual, Gary Parnell has produced an outstanding Slideshow of the images. Our thanks for this. Link below to the YouTube Video. Sit back and enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cno4vYkHldg>

December Challenge- PICC

In our Challenge for the December meeting, we are looking for images of PICC members out and about in meetings or on excursions. Due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 30th November at the latest; earlier is appreciated.

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.

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

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

[VAPS November 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.