

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: February 2026



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

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[February 2026 Newsletter](#)

Hello PICC Members,

It was great to see so many members at our first meeting of the year.

It was also a pleasure having Johanna Botman with us once again to judge the February 'Open' Evaluation. As always, there were some wonderful images. Congratulations to those who received either Commended or Highly Commended.

We have a fairly full year ahead, with the major project being our hosting of the Gippsland Interclub Competition and Exhibition. We are planning to hold this at Berninnet and are in the process of applying for funding grants to cover costs. We will share more information as it comes to hand. If you are interested in being involved in the organisation of this event, please let either myself or one of the other Committee Members know.

We also hope to hold regular excursions, as they are a wonderful opportunity to mix with other club members and increase your skills. We have had some great suggestions put forward for outing locations and will be looking at the logistics of these.

With several new members joining our ranks, we are also looking at opportunities to hold some 'Back to basics' sessions. A recent trial session on the beach was well received and will be repeated. Sessions in the Library are also a possibility.

In the meantime, enjoy your photography.

Happy Snapping – Graeme

“A good photograph is knowing where to stand” – Ansel Adams

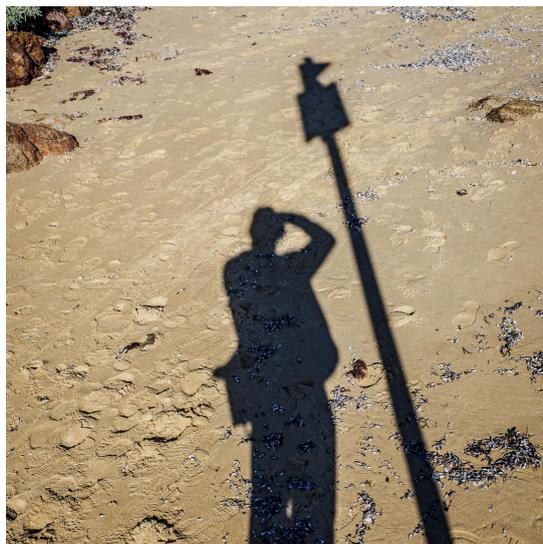


Image by James Millward

[DATES TO NOTE](#)

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

Sunday 1st March 2026 - March Challenge (Travel) images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm

Monday 2nd March 2026 - PICC General Meeting 1.30pm Newhaven Yacht Club, Seaview Street Newhaven - We will be looking at some camera basics. Bring your camera along with any questions you have. We will have a demonstration of Aperture control and hopefully a short talk by a guest speaker.

Sunday 6th April - May Evaluation images for the 'Story in 3 images' due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. We will discuss this further at our March meeting but give it some thought prior to the meeting. You might want to look at a Triptych Image or maybe three separate images. As long as the images, as a whole, tell a story.

Monday 13th April 2026 - PICC General Meeting 1.30pm Newhaven Yacht Club, Seaview Street Newhaven - Show and Tell, Prints and display.

The Challenge for April is '*Unusual Shapes*'. We tried this at a library Walk and Talk last year and it produced some great images. We will talk about it more at the March meeting.

Monday 4th May 2026 - PICC General Meeting 1.30pm Newhaven Yacht Club, Seaview Street Newhaven - 'Story in Three Images' Evaluation by judge Gary Smith.

Monday 1st June - PICC General Meeting 1.30pm Newhaven Yacht Club, Seaview Street Newhaven

[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!

The 2026 syllabus still has some gaps and we hope to have these filled within the next couple of weeks. 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

[February Challenge - Lucky Dip](#)

Thanks to all who participated in our 'Lucky Dip' Challenge. This was a fun challenge and I am sure we will repeat it. Well done to all who submitted content.

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

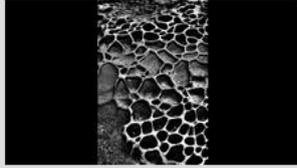
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxJA0qUAnyQ>

A few of the highlights are shown below

PICC Lucky Dip Feb 2026



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February Evaluation - 'Open'

There were some great images for this popular theme. It lets us explore our favourite genres and be a little creative.

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

Highly Commended	Julie Oates	'Forest Fog'
Highly Commended	Andrew Keir	'Dragonfly'
Highly Commended	Andrew Keir	'Swallow Fledgling'
Commended	Andrew Keir	'Black Shouldered Kite'
Commended	Gary Parnell	'Close Call'
Commended	John Hale	'Croc'
Commended	Graeme Lawry	'Diving Tern'
Commended	Gary Parnell	'Grantville Sunset'
Commended	Ken Anderson	'Nobbies Sunset'
Commended	David Cook	'Noojee Rail Trail'
Commended	Ken Anderson	'Orchid'
Commended	David Cook	'Pier'
Commended	James Millward	'Setting Sun Reflection'
Commended	Colleen Johnston	'Sunflower Brightness'
Commended	Ken Anderson	'The Beach'
Commended	Colleen Johnston	'Tulips Painterly'

The ever reliable Gary Parnell has created a slideshow of the evaluation images that can be found here ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7-FrwsID7U>

Our thanks to Gary for a great presentation.

Awarded images from the Evaluation below

PICC Open Evaluation Feb 2026



DRAGON FLY : ANDREW - HC



FOREST FOG : JULIE - HC



SWALLOW FLEDGLING : ANDREW - HC



BLACK SHOULDERED KITE : ANDREW - C



CLOSE CALL : GARY - C



CROC : JOHN - C



DIVING TERN : GRAEME - C



GRANTVILLE SUNSET : GARY - C

PICC Open Evaluation Feb 2026



[March 2026 Challenge - 'Travel'](#)

Our March Challenge is 'Travel'.

Please interpret this any way you see fit. Think transport modes, maybe holiday destinations; even local commutes. Quirky takes on the theme are always appreciated.

Images are due to Gary Parnell at parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 1st March 2026 at the latest. Earlier submission is appreciated.



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

The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (VAPS) February 2026 Newsbrief is available at

[VAPS February 2026 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_Feb2026**.

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

To encourage new members to participate in the monthly evaluation, we have a NOVICE section. This is in the EDPI (Electronic Digital Projected Image) format. Prefixing your image title with 'NOV' will indicate to the judge that you are new to submitting for evaluations and they will take this into consideration when reviewing your image.

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_Month2026**

ARE WE HAVING PRINTS?

Prints may be submitted for the evaluation topics in 2026. 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_Feb2026**

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_July2026

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.